

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Cann – Present

Vice Mayor Wade – Present

Council Member Anthony - Present

Council Member Fowler – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin/Code Enforcement – Regina Foster – Present

MVFD – Squad Staff – Present

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTIONS –**

- New Hire Christopher Mateus was sworn in by Mayor Cann as a new crew member for the Public Works Department.
- Cope Crowder gave an oral presentation over Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Council Member Anthony, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2023 and the Work Session of November 14, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

- **Admin** – Mayor Cann read the written report from the Admin Office.
- **Police Dept** – Chief Stevenson provided an oral & written report. He also mentioned crime is currently at a high. Watch your surrounding and always be aware.

- **Code** – Code Enforcement Foster provided oral report and advised that our office has received several noise complaints about a new business, DaJerk House on Suitland Rd.
- **MVFD** – No report, left due to call for service.
- **Council Member Fowler** – No report currently.
- **Council Member Anthony** – gave an oral report and updated the Council on building maintenance such as the cleaning services, the doors and locking system and NTI Services.
- **Council Member Mullins** –No Report currently.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – No report currently.
- **Mayor Cann** –gave an oral report on his visit to William Hall Academy; Retirement Party for Mayor Craig Moe from the City of Laurel; Lobbyist Darryl Barnes; notified all that there will be no PGCMA meeting in December and thanked staff for their hard work on the new and upcoming Website.

The mayor opened the floor to the public and had no speakers at that time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- Council Member Fowler gave an update on the Halloween and the Senior Luncheon and both went well.
- They are working on the Christmas events including the Breakfast with Santa on December 9<sup>th</sup> and Families in Need of Assistance.
- They have contacted 3 local schools and requested 2 families from each school that may need assistance for this Holiday Season.
- A budget of \$2000.00 for Breakfast with Santa and \$1500.00 for Families in Need has been requested.

***Motion by Council Member Fowler, second by Council Member Mullins to budget \$3500.00 for both Christmas events. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **ICIVIL**

- Mayor and Council discussed the plan for the Woodland Rd. project and still had several questions about the moving of driveways, grading, and specs.
- Mayor Cann and Council Member Mullins think further conversation with Icivil is needed.

- Mayor Cann thinks a special meeting will be necessary with all residents impacted by this project.
- Mayor asked that this be placed on the December Work Session Agenda.

### **RED SPEED**

- Mayor and Council still have questions on where the camera placement will or should be, they will require more clarification.
- Administration will reach out and schedule a meeting to review placement.
- Mayor and Council are ready to move forward.

### **EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY**

- Mayor and Council discussed options on where to host the gathering, Dave and Busters and Topolino's are 2 possible locations.
- Date selected is December 16, 2023.
- Administration will gather additional information on budget and scheduling.
- Invitations will include all employees, Rec Committee, and a plus-one for each.

### **COMMUNICATION CALENDAR**

- FYI

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS TRUCKS**

- Council Member Mullins presented proposals for replacement of a new public works truck.
- Mayor Cann asked that the funds being used for the purchase of the truck come from the ARPA grant. Administration will verify that the grant will cover the entire cost of the truck.
- Council Member Mullins is also seeking estimates for an additional truck. He will follow up on that at another time.

***Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase a 2023 F-350 4x4 Ford Truck from Ourisman Ford of Manassas for the amount of \$82,733 but not to exceed \$85,000.00. Discussion: Vice Mayor Wade asked that the destination charge be removed and we pick up the truck. Mayor Cann called for a Roll Call and All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **HOSTING PGCMA MEETING**

- Mayor Cann would like to host either the 2024 February or March meeting.
- He will bring more information to the December meeting.

### **HOSTING POLICE CHIEF MEETING**

- Chief Stevenson would like to host an upcoming chiefs meeting and will bring more information when its available.

### **PAY BILLS**

*Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to pay the bills for October 18, 2023 through November 21, 2023 in the amount of \$66,118.50. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

### **OPEN FORUM –**

- No one signed up to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Foster  
Administration Associate