

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Agenda
January 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order by the Mayor

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

- 2. Prayer by Community Pastor

No pastor was present to provide a prayer for the meeting.

- 3. Pledge by Aldermen

The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Mayor Corbitt.

- 4. Roll Call

Mayor Corbitt – Present; Ald. Matthews - Present; Ald. Silver – Present; Ald. Spicer– Present; Ald. Wall – Present;
Quorum – Present.

- 5. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- 6. Approval of the Minutes from the December 14th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Matthews to approve the minutes. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **The December 14th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting minutes were approved.**

- 7. Welcome Visitors

Mayor Corbitt welcomed all visitors.

- 8. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

- 9. Public Hearings

- a. **Ordinance 23-20:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 8, Chapter 1 Intoxication Liquors Section 8-103 and Chapter 2 Beer Sections 8-207 and 8-208.

No one spoke for or against.

- 10. Communication from Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney, and City Administrator

All members of the Board and Mayor and Aldermen thanked the Public Services Department for their hard work to clear the roads during the snow and ice storms the previous week.

City Administrator Gerald Herman stated that the past week’s weather slowed progress on all outdoor projects including the Recreation Center construction. Mr. Herman noted that there were crews onsite today.

City Administrator Gerald Herman thanked the Public Services Department for working diligently this past week clearing snow and ice. Mr. Herman stated that in 2008 the City only had at most two trucks for snow removal. Mr. Herman continued that this past week the City had two-man teams running four trucks. Mr. Herman noted that the City also had purchased a snow blower last year that came in handy this past week to clear our sidewalks at city buildings. Mr. Herman discussed that the crews stayed on site 24 hours a day for the first few days. Mr. Herman mentioned that rest breaks were taken at the public works facilities where crew members slept on cots.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that last Tuesday one of our crew leaders received a call from a friend on Brinkly Lane. Mr. Herman stated that a young lady was having a medical emergency, and the family could not get their truck out to take her for care. Mr. Herman continued that two of our plow trucks responded quickly to clear the path out. Mr. Herman mentioned that the young lady was taken to our Fire Station where she was then transported by EMS to the hospital. Mr. Herman noted that the medical condition could have caused the loss of life if action had not been taken to help this young lady get the medical assistance she needed.

11. Acknowledge Reports

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| A. General Government | E. Fire | I. Library |
| B. Finance | F. Public Services | J. Municipal Court |
| C. Human Resources | G. Planning & Codes | |
| D. Police | H. Parks & Recreation | |

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to acknowledge reports and order them filed. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

12. Consideration of the Following Resolutions:

- a. None

13. Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 23-20:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 8, Chapter 1 Intoxication Liquors Section 8-103 and Chapter 2 Beer Sections 8-207 and 8-208. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Matthews, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Corbitt; Ald. Matthews – aye; Ald. Spicer – aye; Ald. Silver – Aye; Ald. Wall – aye; Mayor Corbitt - aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 23-20 was approved on Second Reading.**

- b. **Ordinance 24-01:** An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to provide an amendment to Article IV, 4.170 Residential Agriculture Uses. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Silver to deny. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 24-01 failed on First Reading.**

- c. **Ordinance 24-02:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2 Library Board Section 2-210 Schedule of Fines, Services and Damages. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Matthews, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 24-02 was approved on First Reading.**

14. Purchasing:

- a. To approve or reject authorizing the City Attorney Valerie Webb and City Administrator Gerald Herman to proceed with condemnation of a portion of two (2) parcels for rights-of-way and easements for the Southern Force Main Phase 4 project. The City Administrator recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Matthews to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- b. To approve or reject City Administrator Gerald Herman to acquisition by purchase or condemnation of an easement and right-of-way of a portion of land owned by Michael Mosely at 218 Sage Road for the Southern Force Main Phase 4 project in the amount of \$38,107. The City Administrator recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

15. Other Business:

- a. To approve or reject the results of the financial audit completed by KraftCPAs for the year ending June 30, 2023. The Finance Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- b. To approve or reject subdivision infrastructures and street acceptance for Fields of Oakwood Phase 1 and Phase 2.1. The Planning and Codes Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- c. To approve or reject subdivision infrastructures and street acceptance for The Reserve at Palmers Crossing Phase 1 and 2. The Planning and Codes Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

16. Discussion Items:

- a. Transportation

Mayor Corbitt stated that this item was added to the agenda by Alderman Matthews, and that he can start the discussion. Alderman Matthews stated that an ad hoc transportation committee was formed and had good discussions and meetings with various engineering firms that provided good information. Alderman Matthews discussed that the committee was dissolved in December. Ald. Matthews noted that the Comprehensive Plan references the City's population to be an estimated 14,000 by 2040, but the City is already well over that number. Alderman Matthews requested the City to conduct a Comprehensive Traffic Study with an updated transportation plan with the increase of population.

Alderman Spicer mentioned that the issue should to be discussed, but each developer has a traffic study that has been turned in to the Planning and Codes Department. Planning and Codes Director Ceagus Clark stated that the City currently has an intern named Sean Pfalzer through MTAS that has access to tools that can help identify traffic concerns within the City.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that the transportation committee was formed to help determine what Alderman Matthews envisioned for possible traffic issues in the City. Mr. Herman noted that the City knows where the hot spots are. Mr. Herman stated that the City has six projects out of 23 that are deemed high priorities. Mr. Herman continued that out of the 23 projects, some are already being completed by private developers, such as the improvements in front of Publix. Mr. Herman discussed that three of these projects are shovel ready and three are still in design phase. Mr. Herman noted that there will be a study session next month to discuss these projects and how to fund them. Mr. Herman mentioned that there are options on how to fund the transportation projects, and a possible referendum has been brought up as an option. Mr. Herman stated that if a referendum is requested that it should be on the November ballot since it will cost the City nothing, but will cost if a special election is needed. Mr. Herman thanked Alderman Matthews for bringing transportation up for discussion. Mr. Herman mentioned that there was a transportation committee in 2002 but was also eventually dissolved.

Alderman Matthews discussed that he follows other local cities that have a Transportation Committee and appreciates good planning. Alderman Matthews continued that he would not want the City to do a road project and then a few years later it be torn out because the right fix was not implemented.

b. Additional Board Appointments for Aldermen by the Mayor

Mayor Corbitt stated that this item was added to the agenda by Alderman Wall, and that he can start the discussion. Alderman Wall discussed that he knows there are ordinances in place for each Board and Committee to determine its memberships. Ald. Wall continued that there was no definite wording that a member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have to serve on an additional Board or Committee. Ald. Wall stated that the City has a Personnel Manual for the City and that there needs to be something similar for the elected officials to determine responsibilities like required trainings and events to attend. Ald. Wall noted that he is fortunate to serve on three additional Boards as well as being an Alderman, but there needs to be clear expectations for elected officials.

Mayor Corbitt discussed that expectations for elected officials come from their own judgements on how involved they want to be as a public servant. Mayor Corbitt stated that he is not in favor of mandating someone to show up at an event if they do not want to attend. Mayor Corbitt continued that he does see Ald. Wall's point about additional appointments and expectations for members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Ald. Spicer questioned if the ordinances should state if appointments should go to a current member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen since they only mention the word "Alderman". Mayor Corbitt stated that he believes Ald. Wall wants it to be a requirement that all Aldermen serve on at least one other Board or Committee.

City Attorney Valerie Webb discussed that the City may not be able to mandate that requirement. Mrs. Webb continued that such a mandate would need the City's Charter to be changed. City Administrator Gerald Herman noted that the City's Charter cannot be changed since it's a General Law Mayor-Alderman Charter by the State. Mr. Herman discussed that the authority is given to the Mayor to appoint members to Boards and Committees. Mr. Herman stated that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have additional training requirements since it is the City's Utility Board for wastewater as well.

Ald. Wall stated that he did not want the authority taken from the Mayor and was just looking for clarification. City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that ultimately the voters are where the expectations come from. Mr. Herman continued that the public would make sure they are satisfied with your service by the way they vote.

17. Other Information:

- a. None

18. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.



John Corbett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Derek Watson, City Recorder