

Maryville City Council
Regular Scheduled (Postponed) Meeting
December 28, 2016

The Council of the City of Maryville, Missouri, met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at City Hall, 415 North Market Street, in said City at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDowell and roll was called by the City Clerk, with the following present to-wit: Mayor Jason McDowell, Council Members, Rachael Martin, Jerry Riggs and Tim Shipley. Councilwoman Renee Riedel was not present. Others present were City Manager Greg McDanel; Asst., City Manager Ryan Heiland and City Clerk Sheila Smail.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The pledge to the flag was led by Mayor McDowell.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilman Shipley.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor McDowell requested any changes needed to the agenda, be noted at this time. No changes were noted. Motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Riggs, that the agenda be approved as presented. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Councilman Shipley, yea; Councilwoman Martin, yea; Councilman Riggs, yea; Mayor McDowell, yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor McDowell welcomed citizens and stated this the time for persons to address the Council on items not on the agenda. Any persons wishing to speak were requested to stand and state their name and address for the record.

No persons appeared to be heard.

MIRMA GRANT AWARD TO MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, BY JEFF ARP

Jeff Arp, Loss Control Consultant with Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA), presented to Mayor McDowell a certificate acknowledging that the Maryville Public Safety Department has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of three thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$3,150) for the purchase of a dash mounted camera for a police car.

The use of dash mounted cameras assists officers in documenting the actual happenings of traffic stops and other calls, and therefore can reduce liability on the City.

FY'2017 BUDGET DOCUMENTS

City Manager Greg McDanel provided newly published 2016-2017 Budget document to Council Members and staff that was adopted by the Maryville City Council on September 28, 2016.

The budget document was submitted to the Missouri Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) to be considered for the Missouri Distinguished Budget Award.

The budget document has been posted to the City's website to provide transparency of city finances.

DISCUSSION: MOZINGO LAKE RECREATION PARK YOUTH CAMP

Mozingo Lake Recreation Park consists of an area known as the Youth Camp. This area has five (5) primitive cabins, containing bunk bed sleeping for a total of sixty-four (64). Youth Cabin No. 5 sleeps sixteen (16) and Youth Cabins one thru four (1-4) sleep twelve (12) each. Nearby the Youth Cabins there is a centralized bathhouse which is shared by campers.

Currently, Youth Cabins No. 1- 4 are rented for thirty dollars (\$30) per night and Youth Cabin No. 5 rents for forty dollars (\$40) per night for youth groups. For family use Cabins 1-4 rent for fifty dollars (\$50) per night and Cabin No. 5 for sixty dollars (\$60) per night. Family use is only available if regular cabins are unavailable during requested timeframe and no other groups are using the facility. Priority is given to youth groups up to thirty (30) days before the rental date.

Another structure known as the Multi-Purpose building contains a commercial kitchen and a gathering space that seats one hundred (100) people. This facility also includes two (2) restrooms (man/woman).

Currently, the Multi-Purpose building rents to youth organizations at fifty dollars (\$50) the first day and twenty dollars (\$20) a day for each consecutive day following. Non-profit organizations are able to rent the multi-purpose facility for one hundred dollars (\$100) per day, while others can rent the facility for one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per day. A deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200) is required by all groups.

Records show that the Youth Cabins have been rented only fourteen percent (14%) of the year and the multi-purpose building has been rented sixteen percent (16%) of the year. Staff would like to revisit the policies of the Youth Camp area to consider expansion of use of the area.

By expanding the “bump” period for the rental of the youth campground area from thirty (30) days to six (6) months was one of the ways that staff thought would increase the rental of the area. Staff also suggested that the cabins be marketed as rustic cabins. The youth cabins can be used as an alternative to tent camping with a fire ring, picnic tables. The youth camp area has another benefit of being located near trail heads.

Council Members agreed that Staff should review policies to recommend changes to increase the use of the Youth Camp area. Recommendations will be reviewed by the Mazingo Lake Recreation Park Advisory Board, then taken to the City Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION: CTRIP REZONING

City Manager McDanel explained that the current zoning in the College Town Overlay area is not compatible with the original intent or the comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan shows medium density residential, single family residents. Few homes are owner occupied in this area.

The area between 6th Street and 7th Street and Walnut Street and Mulberry Street is zoned R-2 Single Family Residence. In order to construct a duplex, the property must be rezoned to R2-M.

Staff approached the City Council requesting to approach property owners in the area to find out if they would be receptive to rezoning a small portion of the area to R-2M, as a test location, at no cost to the owners, from R-2 Single family zone to R-2M to broaden the capabilities of re-development. Council Members agreed to allow staff to have discussions with property owners to inquire about their interest in rezoning their property to R-2M to allow for the redevelopment. After having conversations with property owners, staff will report back to the City Council on the outcome.

DISCUSSION: SIGN CODE

Asst., City Manager Heiland explained that Staff would like to review Chapter 555: Signs and Advertising, to strengthen sign codes for the future. Photos of the various signage throughout Maryville were provided as visual examples of the wide array of signs used currently.

Changing sign codes would determine the outlook of the future signage but would not require the current signage to be changed unless they met certain criteria addressed by the code. Staff would like to address four (4) points of the sign code:

1. Size – restrictions on size according to the dimensions of the building.
2. Style – type allowed for consistency, pole signs, monument signs, LED signs, changeable copy channel letter, panel signs and/or awning signs.
3. Quantity – the number of signs allowed per property.
4. Location – Placement of signage on property, including “off premises” signage.

Upon changes made to the sign ordinances, current signage would be “grandfathered” until redevelopment or sale of property occurred. Other considerations may include abandonment of signs, business moves or abandons property, or if signage is damaged and requires replacement or partial replacement.

Staff requested the City Council’s approval to review sign code for suggested updates. Council Member’s approved of staff’s review of Chapter 555: Signs and Advertising, to update codes to strengthen sign codes for the future and to esthetically improve the appearance of signage in the city. Staff will recommend to the council changes to the sign code by providing an ordinance for consideration of the suggested changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was then made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Shipley, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Councilman Riggs, yea; Councilman Shipley, yea; Councilwoman Martin, yea; Mayor McDowell, yea. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jason McDowell, Mayor

ATTEST

Sheila Smail, City Clerk