

October 28, 2019

The City Council of Lenoir City met in a Public Hearing on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. The purpose of the hearing was for Ordinance establishing (i) a separate utility department of the City named the Martel Utility Department and (ii) a related advisory committee to said department named the Martel Utility Department Advisory Committee. Following the public hearing, Lenoir City Council met in its regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Tony Aikens and the following Council Members were present: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon. Council Johnson was absent. Jim Wilburn, Maggie Hunt, and Gregg Harrison were also present.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

Mayor Tony Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items on the agenda.

Mayor Aikens requested adding an item to the agenda as item #10 for consideration of approving funds to purchase pool dome, contingent to receiving the balance of donations. A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to add the item to the agenda. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

Mayor Aikens requested adding an addition to agenda item #1 for consideration of filling the unexpired term of Robert Robinette on the Industrial Development Board. A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Wampler to add the addition to Agenda Item #1. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Shields to approve Mayoral Appointment Cissy Chapman to fill unexpired term of Porsche Shantz (Group A, expiring March 1, 2022) on the Industrial Development Board. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Wampler to approve Mayoral Appointment Jack Swann to fill unexpired term of Robert Robinette (Group C, expiring March 31, 2020). The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Brandon to approve Quit Claim of Property to Robert Kendrick, owner of Loudon County Rentals and include that the City of Lenoir City is giving up any right to the property. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Hines to approve reappointing Jim Shields to serve as the Lenoir City Representative on the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Shields **ABSTAINED**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Simpson to approve closing City Hall at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, December 23, 2019 and giving all employees two extra hours for the Christmas Holiday. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Hines and seconded by Shields to approve the cancellation of the December 23, 2019 City Council Meeting. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Wampler to approve the City Administrator's recommendation to continue the service contract with Cooks Pest Control. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Hines to approve annual \$50.00 Christmas Bonus for City Employees. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Brandon to approve the permanent full-time employment for Jason Smith after satisfactorily completing this six (6) months probationary period. (effective November 2, 2019). The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Hines and seconded by Wampler to approve an Ordinance establishing (1) a separate utility department of the City named the Martel Utility Department and (ii) a related advisory committee to said department names the Martel Utility Department Advisory Committee. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.  
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A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Brandon to award the Purchase of a Pool Dome to Arizon Companies in the amount of \$105,641.00. The City Council amended the 2019-2020 budget to purchase the Pool Doom, contingent upon all private donations being received. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler, and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Simpson to approve all bills and accounts to be paid when properly approved and funds available. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens concerning an item/items not on the agenda

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Wampler to adjourn the October 28, 2019 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Hines, Shields, Simpson, Wampler and Brandon voting **AYE**. Johnson was **ABSENT**.

  
James W. Wilburn III, City Recorder-Treasurer

  
Tony R. Aikens, Mayor