

CITY COUNCIL
JEFF REESE, MAYOR
GIL MCDUGAL, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
VERLAND BEST
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COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Jeff Reese, Mayor Pro Tem Leslie McPherson, Councilman Verland Best, Councilman Danny Carter, Councilman Gil McDougal, and Councilwoman Shirley Marchman.

Invocation (Councilman Verland Best)

Councilman Verland Best led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor & Council)

- Corporal Drew Fowler was recognized by Chief Mansour and Captain Shaddix for saving a life.
- Councilwoman Leslie McPherson, Councilman Danny Carter, and Councilman Gil McDougal were sworn in by Mayor Reese.
- Mayor Reese presented his State of the City Report.

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman, to adopt the agenda as written.
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, Marchman, Best, McPherson, McDougal

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson announced that she is working with the Carroll County Commissioner's Office to make changes to ordinances that are under animal control for leaving pets outside during frigid weather conditions.

Public Comment (We ask that you sign in for Public Comment before the meeting begins. Please state your Name and Address for the record and limit your comments to three minutes)

Six citizens came forward to make a public comment.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is a single item that encompasses all things the City Council would normally approve with little comment. Each of these items was discussed at the Thursday, January 4, 2018, Council Work Session, and it was the unanimous consensus of the Governing Body to place the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. ESE Networks, LLC Agreement
2. Emergency Purchase of Barracuda Backup Solution – Jim Chambers, IT Manager
3. Application for Lighting on Both I-20 Interchange Bridges
4. Applicant Tracking Provider Change
5. Resolution Requesting Authorization of Redevelopment Powers
6. Emergency Repairs to Edge Road Lift Station – Charles Davis, Deputy Public Works Director and Dean Zeigler, Wastewater Plant Manager
7. Downtown Development Authority Board Appointment

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman, to approve the Consent Agenda
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, McPherson, Marchman, Best, McDougal

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Mayor Pro Tem for 2018 Calendar Year

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman, nominated Gil McDougal There were no other nominations from the Council.
AYES:	Carter, McPherson, Marchman, Best, McDougal

2. Mayoral Standing Committees for 2018 Calendar Year

Mayor Reese announced his Mayoral Standing Committees for 2018:

Recreation:	Shirley Marchman, Danny Carter, Leslie McPherson
Housing Authority:	Gil McDougal, Shirley Marchman, Leslie McPherson
Library:	Gil McDougal, Leslie McPherson, Shirley Marchman
Public Safety:	Verland Best, Shirley Marchman, Danny Carter
Finance/Audit:	Danny Carter, Gil McDougal, Verland Best

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- a. Monthly Meeting of November 7, 2017.
- b. Special Called Meeting of November 9, 2017.
- c. Monthly Meeting of December 5, 2017.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman, to approve all three minutes.
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Carter, Best, McPherson, McDougal

4. Override Veto of Pay Parity Increase

Councilman Verland Best made the motion to direct the City Manager to come up with no more than \$45,000 for the Pay Parity for the individuals on the lower end of the pay scale not including part time employees.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to override the veto and take care of the lowest paid out of all our employees in the city. Councilman Gil McDougal seconded the motion to override the veto.

RESULT: VETO STANDS
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Gil McDougal, Councilman
OVERRIDE VETO: McPherson, McDougal, Marchman
OPPOSE OVERRIDE VETO: Carter, Best

City Attorney stated that he has some concern that the motion is not specific enough for the City Manager to implement it accurately. The Charter does ask us to put motions in writing whenever possible. Because this is such a specific motion, it would be good to put it in writing so the City Manager knows what to do.

Councilman Verland Best rescinded his motion and will get in touch with the City Manager to get it in writing and bring it back to the Council.

5. Proposed Charter Change – David Mecklin, City Attorney

City Attorney David Mecklin presented the Proposed Schedule for the Charter change. The schedule would allow the Council to get the Charter change to the State Legislators so they could act on it in the 2018 session.

6. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Steering Committee with 12 members and all have confirmed their availability and interest.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman, to approve the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: McPherson, Marchman, Best, Carter, McDougal

7. Carroll County Inmate Work Detail Agreements

Two Agreements that include the statement that has been added from the Work Session that each vehicle can only be used for the purposes of the agreement, and also added Crew #1 and Crew #2 to the language that identifies the two agreements separately. The effective date has been changed to January 1, 2018.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman, to approve Crew # 1 and Crew #2 for Carroll County.
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: McPherson, Marchman, Best, Carter, McDougal

8. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments:

1. John Hannabach, Appointed by Gil McDougal, Ward 4
2. Christina Tidaback, Appointed by Danny Carter, Ward 5
3. Tom Flowers, Appointed by Leslie McPherson, Ward 3

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman, to approve all three appointments to Wards 3, 4, and 5 of P&Z.
SECONDER: Gil McDougal, Councilman
AYES: McPherson, McDougal, Best, Marchman, Carter

B. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. Financial Update: November 2017

City Manager Tom Barber presented the November 2017 Financial Update.

2. Insurance Comparison

City Manager Tom Barber reviewed the Health Insurance Comparison Report between United Healthcare and Self-Funded Insurance for the last three months in 2017.

C. Human Resources (Stephanie Rooks, Manager)

1. Wellness Program Recommendation

Stephanie Rooks and Wendell Strickland with Strongside Solutions, presented the proposal from AIMM for the City's Wellness Program.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman, to approve after attorney receives two small changes and authorize City Manager to sign contracts.
SECONDER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES: Carter, McPherson, Best, Marchman, McDougal

D. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Revision

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Gil McDougal, Councilman, to approve the ordinance as presented by the Community Development Director
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: McDougal, Carter, Best, Marchman, McPherson

E. Economic Development/Main Street (Christopher Pike, Director)

1. 2018 MILL Amphitheater Entertainment/Band Contracts

One adjustment from the Work Session is the replacement of the Kiss Tribute Band. The replacement band and the contract will be presented at a later date for approval.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Carter, McPherson, Best, McDougal

E. Public Works (Pete Zorbanos, Director)

1. Roadway List for 2018 LMIG Improvements

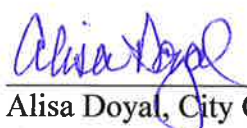
RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Verland Best, Councilman, to accept the list of roads presented
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	Best, Marchman, Carter, McPherson, McDougal

City Manager Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber presented his report.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Danny Carter. Vote: 5/0. The vote was unanimous.


Jeff Reese, Mayor


Alisa Doyal, City Clerk