

City of Drakesboro
Monthly Council Meeting
September 16, 2019

Mayor Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jones.

Citizen Roger Frazier led Council in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mike Jones, Frank Schmautz, Chadd Davis, Tex Allen, Joe Studer, Larry Shrodes, and Scott Newman present.

Karen Ward gave the Financial Report.

Samantha Nasielski read the meeting minutes from August. Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept the minutes. Scott Newman made a motion to accept the minutes, Frank Schmautz second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Citizen Tony Duvall requested that the Council approve an adjustment to his sewer bill for power-washing his home. Mayor Jones called for a motion to allow an adjustment to the sewer bill two times per year per household for power-washing. Frank Schmautz made a motion to allow a billing adjustment two times per year for power-washing. Joe Studer seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Citizen Carolyn Orange expressed her concern over OSHA shutting down a job site.

Citizen Carolyn Orange asked the council to allow a craft fair to be held as a benefit for underprivileged children for Christmas. Mayor Jones directed Ms. Orange to come to City Hall to discuss this matter.

Citizen George Humphry expressed his concerns regarding the boil advisory.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jones thanked Frank Schmautz for creating the city website.

The financial update provided by Karen Ward was addressed.

Council was reminded of the Occupational Tax Ordinance.

The Mayor introduced a new pamphlet that will be available from the Drakesboro Fire Department regarding burning laws.

As the request of citizen Rose Johnson, the Mayor presented information to Council requesting that an undeveloped section of Christian Street be paved.

Council was informed of the RFQ committee selection of Abacus Engineering for future gas projects.

Mayor Jones called for a motion to hold a special meeting on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to sign a resolution naming Abacus Engineering as our gas project firm, and to sign resolutions naming our sewer and water engineers who will be chosen on the morning of September 20, 2019. Larry Shrodes made a motion for a special meeting. Frank Schmautz seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Council was invited to attend a meeting with PADD on Friday, September 20, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to interview engineering firms for future water and sewer projects.

The need for a Strategic Planning Committee was addressed. Kathy Garrett spoke about the need for this committee so that the City can obtain Grants.

Mayor Jones addressed the council regarding the Kentucky Utilities franchise fee of 3% for residents of Drakesboro. This issue has been tabled for future discussion.

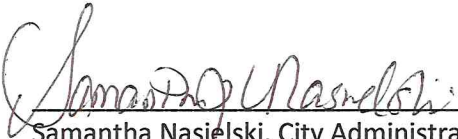
Council was invited to attend a meeting between the chicken house owners, the gas supplier, and the City on October 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss gas rates.


Council was provided with a copy of the new Employee Handbook for review. Council agreed to revisit this item during the next regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Jones requested a motion to enter in to closed session. Larry Shrodes made a motion to enter in to closed session, Scott Newman second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Jones requested a motion to enter back into open session. Larry Shrodes made a motion to enter back into open session, Scott Newman second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Jones requested a motion to adjourn. Scott Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Studer second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


Samantha Nasielski, City Administrator


Mike Jones, Drakesboro Mayor.