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CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Peden called the Regular Meeting to order.
INVOCATION	Moment of silence.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Peden.
ROLL CALL	Mayor Peden, Deputy Mayor Crouch, Councilwoman Jones and Councilman McCrillis, Councilman Witosky
ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA	None.
PRESENTATION	Leah Carter of Titusville Renaissance made introductions for the Creative Placemaking presentation. Rural Rocks Program through Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative. The project will be working on Downtown Revitalization, Housing Action Plan, and Public Art, Branding and Marketing.
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/AUTHORITIES	<p>Zoning Hearing Board – Joe Covell</p> <p><i>Motion by Mr. Crouch, second by Mr. Witosky and carried unanimously to appoint Joe Covell to the Zoning Hearing Board.</i></p> <p>Shade Tree Commission – Associate Members – Bob Dahle, Mike McNierney, James Come, Kevin O'Neil, Bret Johnson, and Lynn Cressman</p> <p><i>Motion by Mr. McCrillis, second by Mrs. Jones and carried unanimously to appoint the above named as Associate Members to the Shade Tree Commission.</i></p>
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	<p>Minutes from June 29, July 7, July 13, and July 21.</p> <p><i>Motion by Mr. McCrillis, second by Mr. Crouch and carried unanimously to accept the minutes as presented and place on file.</i></p>
OPERATIONAL REPORTS MANAGER'S REPORT	<p>City Manager Neil Fratus updated Council on CDBG-CV funds, the Bank Street property demolition, City Hall renovations, and the Building Inspector position.</p> <p>Titusville Hospital had already received \$3 million in CARES Act funding and the money allocated to them through the City's CDBG-CV needed to be re-allocated. A 50/50 split of the \$32,000 allocation would go to the emergency pod and individual assistance.</p> <p><i>Motion by Mr. McCrillis, second by Mr. Witosky and carried unanimously to re-allocate \$16,000 to the emergency pod and \$16,000 to individual assistance from the \$32,000 allocated to the Hospital.</i></p> <p><i>Motion by Mr. Witosky, second by Mrs. Jones and carried</i></p>

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	<p>unanimously to accept the manager's report.</p>
<p>MINUTES OF BOARDS/AUTHORITIES</p>	<p>Benson Memorial Library – July 21</p> <p><i>Motion by Mrs. Jones, second by Mr. Crouch and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Benson Memorial Library as submitted.</i></p>
<p>COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS</p>	<p>Fire and Police Pension Boards – Mr. Peden and Mr. McCrillis Planning Commission – Mrs. Jones Redevelopment Authority – Mr. Peden and Mr. Witosky Airport Advisory Board – Mr. Crouch Civil Service Commission – Mr. Witosky Board of Code Appeals – Mr. Crouch Board of Health – Mr. McCrillis Housing Authority – Mr. Peden Library Board – Mrs. Jones Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Crouch Shade Tree Board of Appeals – Mr. Crouch, Mr. McCrillis, Mrs. Jones Zoning Hearing Board – Mr. McCrillis</p> <p><i>Motion by Mrs. Jones, second by Mr. McCrillis and carried unanimously to accept the Council Committee appointments listed above.</i></p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>James Elliott – 306 N. Franklin St. – What is the City doing with the cut stone at the Diamond Street site? It will remain there.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS DIAMOND STREET SITE</p>	<p>City Manager Neil Fratus stated that the tear down of the building had been completed but that the archways and sidewalls still needed to be completed as well as topsoil and grass seed for the lot.</p> <p><i>Motion by Mr. Crouch, second by Mr. Witosky and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to secure architectural/engineering advice to determine how the arches need to be secured as well as sealing and capping the bricks on the sidewalls in the form of a bid package.</i></p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>John Frye – 214 Overlook Dr. – Does the Shade Tree Ordinance refer to the entire ordinance or the \$300 fee to residents? Both.</p> <p>Adam Orr – Orr's Brewery – spoke about his event and what he wanted to do.</p>
<p>SHADE TREE ORDINANCE</p>	<p>Discussion on changing the ordinance on Shade Tree: Number of members from 9 to 5: this had already been done in 2013, ordinance book had the wrong insert Council wished to give the Shade Tree more money this year to cover the additional trees and for any emergencies that would come up in the amount of \$5,775 and would like to increase the</p>

budget the following year and not charge residents to pay for a portion of the tree. Mrs. Jones was opposed to not charging residents. They should be able to apply for an exemption to pay if they aren't able. The Shade Tree Commission also did not want Council to do away the residents paying. They felt that more residents would want their trees taken down if they didn't have to pay for it, creating more work for the Commission. Ultimately, they decide which trees come down so that would limit the amount but they would still have to go out and look at all requests.

Motion by Mr. McCrillis, second by Mrs. Jones and carried unanimously to increase the Shade Tree budget for 2020 by \$5,775 to cover additional trees and emergencies.

Motion by Mr. Witosky, second by Mr. McCrillis to amend the current ordinance for 2021 to remove the fee for property owners for shade trees. Vote as follows:

Mr. Crouch, Mr. Witosky, Mr. Peden – Yes
Mr. McCrillis, Mrs. Jones – No

**SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION
SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERTS
IN THE PARK**

Adam Orr – Orr's Brewing Company – 109 S. Franklin St. presented to Council his idea to have Saturday Night concerts in the park (Scheide Park) which would be similar to Monday night concerts except that there would be alcohol served.

Discussion followed and it was stated by the Solicitor that alcoholic beverages could not be sold or consumed on City property. The ordinance would need to be changed in order for Council to allow such events. A special meeting would be held for the first reading that Friday.

James Elliott asked why the park? It is a central location and the gazebo has plug and play for bands.

Leah Carter mentioned that Renaissance had asked for an amendment to the open container law in 2009 and had been denied such request. Mr. Peden suggested changing the Special Event form from 60 day advance application to two weeks.

Motion by Mr. McCrillis, second by Mrs. Jones to deny the Special Event application as presented. Vote as follows:

Mr. Witosky, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Jones, Mr. McCrillis – Yes
Mr. Crouch - No

Motion by Mr. Crouch, second by Mr. Witosky and carried unanimously to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, August 7 for the purpose of amending the park ordinance.

PUBLIC INPUT

Leah Carter – Washington Street – one of our nicest streets in town is Washington Street because of the trees; she feels that Council should give the Shade Tree money to plant trees

James Elliott – Can the City Manager waive the \$300 fee for Shade

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Tree removal like he can with the fire escrow? We will check ordinance
Special event form time frame? 60 days in advance. What was the date of application for Orr's Brewing event? July 27

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. McCrillis apologized to the Brewery and the Chamber for not being able to have events in the park but they will work on fixing it. The Diamond Street property looks fantastic with the building down. Mr. Witosky welcomed Mrs. Jones as he hadn't been there for her first meeting.
Mr. Crouch thinks there needs to be discussion about downtown being more pet friendly and possibly signs could be installed for pet waste bags.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Jones, second by Mr. McCrillis and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

THIS 18th DAY OF Aug., 2020


Mayor Dennis Peden

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of City Council of August 4, 2020.


Heather Stewart
Recording Secretary