

Cabot City Council Work Session
Veterans Parks Event Center
May 4, 2020
6:30 p.m.

In response to the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic and restrictions placed on social distancing by the Centers for Disease Control, the City of Cabot moved the monthly Work Session to the Veterans Park Event Center, 508 N. Lincoln, as advertised. This allowed for ten feet of spacing between chairs, as suggested. The meeting was both open to the public and an online meeting with video through the web-based video conferencing tool Zoom. The event was successfully streamed through YouTube.

Council members present via Zoom were: Ed Long, James Reid, Damon Bivins, Kevin Davis, and Matt Webber. Doug Warner attended the meeting in person. Norma Naquin and Ron Waymack were absent. Others present: Mayor Ken Kincade, City Attorney Ben Hooper (via Zoom), City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom, and Roger Self, IT Director.

Municipal Services Committee Business: (Members are: Long, Reid & Webber)

As Chairman, Ed Long, opened with discussion on an amendment to the Animal Services Code regarding chickens. Spencer Dunlap, founding Pastor of Renew Community Church addressed the council in support of allowing chickens within the City Limits of Cabot. He would like to train people in raising chickens as one way to help solve hunger. There were three others in attendance in support of allowing chickens and voiced their agreement with Pastor Dunlap's remarks. Phil Robinson voiced his opposition to allowing chickens inside the City Limits due to chicken related diseases and other concerns. Discussion. Motion to send this legislation to full council in May by Long, second by Reid. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0. One person, via YouTube acknowledged support of this legislation.

Budget & Personnel Committee Business: (Members are: Warner, Webber & Naquin)

As Chairman, Doug Warner, stated there was nothing on the agenda for tonight. However, he would like to report on the revenue numbers next month. Mayor Kincade and others voiced their hope that Cabot would be fine and not suffer great loss in sales tax due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent business closings.

Police & Fire Committee Business: (Members are: Bivins, Waymack and Long)

As Chairman, Damon Bivins opened with discussion on the MEMS interlocal agreement. Discussion. It was determined the City is no longer contractually obligated to respond to medical calls and the contract no longer will have a subsidy clause in it. James Reid asked that MEMS use our local hospital as much as possible. Motion to send this legislation to full council in May by Damon, second by Ed. Motion passed with a vote of 2-0. Chief Boswell asked the council to consider the expense of refurbishing a fire

engine that was purchased in 2005. Due to timing issues of the vendor the payment would not have to be managed until July or August of 2021. Discussion.

Community Development Committee Business: (Members are: Davis, Bivins and Naquin)

As Chairman, Kevin stated there was nothing on the agenda for tonight. He reminded all that Amy Williams, President/CEO Cabot Chamber of Commerce has already provided the first quarter report on economic development to the council via email.

Military Affairs Committee Business: (Members are: Waymack, Warner, Reid)
Chairman Ron Waymack was absent – no action

Mayor Kincade announced - Mitch Ward donated a 2018 fifteen passenger van to The PEAK Center.

Phil Robinson thanked all for the continued work it took to successfully stream this council meeting.

We, the undersigned Council Members and City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Cabot, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the proceedings of the City of Cabot Work Session held on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Ed Long, Chairman

Tammy Yocom, City Clerk & Treasurer

Doug Warner, Chairman

Damon Bivins, Chairman

Kevin Davis, Chairman

Ron Waymack, Chairman