

City of Ashville
Council Meeting
February 5, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm on February 5, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin, Councilmembers Adam Abernathy, Shirley Smith, and Denise Williams were present. Mayor Derrick Mostella and Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve the final meeting agenda. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the final meeting agenda; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2024, Council Meeting. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2024, meeting; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Commission Candidate James McGowan spoke to the audience.

Commission Candidate Charles Ford spoke to the audience.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin opened the public hearing at 6:24pm related to the Hinds/Isbell rezone of property on Deitrich Road from AG to M1 for the purpose of placing a RV and Boat Storage. The recommendation of the Planning Commission is to rezone the property. Hugh Abernathy spoke with concerns related to a natural barrier between his property and the Hinds/Isbell property. See attached opposition letter. Nathan Hinds spoke regarding Mr. Abernathy's concerns stating that they will not be altering any waterways as that is controlled by the Army Corps and they have hauled away some of the "dump" area. Regarding the buffer, the ordinance states there must be a buffer between M1 and AG properties. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin closed the public hearing at 6:48pm.

Mayor Prop Tem Robin Bowlin introduced and gave a first read on Ordinance 2024-003 Rezone Hinds/Isbell Property on Dietrich Road from AG to M1.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin opened the public hearing at 6:49pm related to the Gargus Rezone of property at 38277 Hwy 231 from B1 to B2 for the purpose of operating a retail business with an included restaurant. The recommendation of the Planning Commission is to rezone the property. Mr. Gargus spoke stating they have leased the property out for a restaurant and sales. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin closed the public hearing at 6:50pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to suspend the rules of order and consider Ordinance 2024-004 to Rezone 38277 Hwy 231 property from B1 to B2. Denise Williams made a motion to suspend the rules of order and consider Ordinance 2024-004 to Rezone 38277 Hwy 231 property from B1 to B2.

Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Councilmember Shirley Smith voted yes, Councilmember Denise Williams voted yes, Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin voted yes, Councilmember Adam Abernathy voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-004 Rezone 38277 Hwy 231 property from B1 to B2. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-004 Rezone 38277 Hwy 231 property from B1 to B2; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-002 Business License Moratorium. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-002 Business License Moratorium; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement for Randy Thompson. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement for Randy Thompson. Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 F150 4x4 in the amount of \$41,902 from Stivers Ford Lincoln (State Bid List Vendor). Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion purchase of a 2023 F150 4x4 in the amount of \$41,902 from Stivers Ford Lincoln (State Bid List Vendor). Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; Councilmembers Shirley Smith, Denise Williams, and Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin voted yes; Councilmember Adam Abernathy voted no. Motion approved via majority vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle with lights and sirens (mostly equipped) and 70K miles for police department using \$26,000 of drug seizure funds and \$3,000 of general funds. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle with lights and sirens (mostly equipped) and 70K miles for the police department using \$26,000 of drug seizure funds and \$3,000 of general funds. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to approve the purchase of premium red infield material for the softball/baseball fields in the amount of \$1,885. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of premium red infield material for the softball/baseball fields in the amount of \$1,885. Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to allow McKay Construction to re-tape the ridge cap and remove old screws and install new screws in the metal roof of the senior center due to a water leak last week. The estimate is \$2,725.00. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to allow McKay Construction to re-tape the ridge cap and remove old screws and install new screws in the metal roof of the

senior center due to a water leak last week. The estimate is \$2,725.00. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to allow Mike Barry to solicit bids for a new fire truck. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to allow Mike Barry to solicit bids for a new fire truck; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to pay the bills due. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the bills due. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion, all Councilmember voted yes; motion approved.

Announcements:

- McCain Memorial Public Library's Father/ Daughter Dance is Saturday, February 10 from 6-8pm
- City Hall will be closed February 19, 2024 for the President's Day Holiday
- The next City Council meeting will be February 22, 2024
- A Public Hearing will be held at the March 4 meeting regarding the SRF Application.

Mayor Pro Tem Robin Bowlin asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Derrick Mostella, Mayor

Chrystal St. John, City Clerk