

*Town of Bethlehem
Council meeting
Feb. 6, 2023*

Present: Mayor Sandy McNab; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Ashlie Franklin, Eric Dailey, and Scott Morgan; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorneys Ron Bennett and Brian Dempsey
Visitors: Jerry and Sharon Johnson; Andrew and Taylor Franklin; Lauren and Samantha Williams Shawn and Chance Williams, Morgan Ervin with the Barrow Journal,

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. when Attorney Ron Bennett swore in new councilmember, Ashlie Franklin.

Bennett next explained the new franchise agreement with Comcast. Scott Morgan made the motion to sign the agreement, Eric Dailey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The clerk explained the Chamber of Commerce rebranding as a marketing strategy to attract economic development to the area. She thought the cost to the county was \$80,000 and to our city, \$3,000.

The council looked over the Christmas decorations estimate from Great Escapes Landscaping. The total estimate was \$13,573.20 and included: city hall and pavilion roof lights; lighting the fence and the large cedar tree; city hall column and bale wreaths and pavilion garland and bows and timers for all the lights. To place the telephone pole lights would be \$200 per pole. Further action was tabled.

The Mayor had an estimate for the work on the Computer Store building from Robert Stinson for a total of \$7,086 which included repair the wheelchair ramp, pressure washing the building, repairing rotten fascia board and siding, caulking cracks, rescrowing and painting the roof, repairing the attic door and the back door and painting the entire building. He was trying to get 2 other estimates on the exact same work.

The Mayor asked for approval of January minutes. Scott Morgan made the motion to approve, Eric Dailey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor informed the annual Arbor Day celebration including planting 2 trees in the playground and dedicating one to Bryan Bell would be Feb. 18 at 10 a.m.

Bennett said there were no new updates on 151 Star Street and agreed to send a certified letter as a citation to move the dumpster off the right of way. Marshall Stacy Taylor would also hand-deliver the letter.

Bennett announced he was quitting the attorney's office and taking a job as assistant city manager for John's Creek. Brian Dempsey would take over his Bethlehem duties.

At 7:40 Tommy Buchanan made the motion to adjourn.