



*Town council work session
Feb. 24, 2025*

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Eric Dailey, Doug Koestel, Sally Brown, Clerk, Kathy Bridges and Attorney Jack Samuels

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Scott Morgan, Kandi Bugg and son

The meeting opened at 7:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for a motion on Feb. 3 and 21st minutes. Sally Brown made the motion to approve Feb. 3 minutes, Doug Koestel seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Tommy Buchanan pointed out a mistake in Feb. 21 minutes-riff raff was actually riprap. Eric Dailey made the motion to approve with the change, Doug Koestel seconded, and Buchanan voted yes. Sally Brown was absent from the meeting and abstained from the vote.

The Mayor said the tree work was nearly complete. The remaining work was on Harrison Mill to 316 and some on Gifton Thomas. He said the road work had been delayed due to rain, but currently the work at Joseph Street was progressing. He said the work on McElhannon will be done next and the concrete patching on both roads will be done afterward. The price will be a bit higher due to having to use additional concrete but less than \$3,000. Doug Koestel made a motion to allow the Mayor to authorize a \$3,000 additional expense for the concrete, Sally Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor said it would be 3 weeks before the work at the 4-way stop at Star and David would begin.

The Mayor moved on to 2025 road projects. He said CPL could assist with the specifications and bid process. The Shepherd Street project includes widening the road, adding sidewalks and making the road one way from the pavilion to Star Street. He said most of the roads in town needed restriping. McElhannon needs repaving, he noted and Harrison Mill and E. Star needed patchwork. Lelle recommended CPL assist in specifying the projects and the bid process and he would have the cost to consider at the next meeting.

The council moved on to the playground discussion. Doug Koestel agreed to research additional playground equipment.

The Spring clean-up date was set for April 28.

The council discussed having a spring festival and the Mayor was to contact citizens interested in assisting with the planning. He also said he would like to stage a Star lighting festival in December.

Sally Brown reported the state would decide on the library becoming a passport facility after March 1 and she was working on researching parking prices for RVs during UGA games.

The Mayor gave an update on the code violation letters. The next step would be taken for the violators who did not respond, including 151 W Star, 128 Gifton Thomas and 29 W Star. Attorney Samuels said the town could seek conjunctive relief through the courts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44.