

**CITY OF NORTHWEST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024
6:00 PM**

ASSEMBLY

The Northwest City Council held their regular council meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:00 PM, at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present: Sheila Grady, Mayor; Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy, and Councilwomen Alexis Clemmons and LaKrystal Bowen

Also present: Donna Strickland, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

Mayor Grady called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to adopt the agenda as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernest Fields stated that he thinks the work in the park is too slow.

Wayne Perkins thanks Councilman Ballard and all of Council for working on the drainage near him and the entire City.

Noris Corbett stated he commends Council on the work that is being done with the drainage in the City. He also stated that he has heard nothing but good. Mr. Corbett stated that the dump trucks that fly on the City roads are still a problem.

Margaret Fields stated that she would like to have a Gospel Concert in the park on July 20th.

Foster McKoy stated he would like to commend the Council for their service. He would also like to commend the City Clerk for the work she does. Mr. McKoy also stated that he has a concern that the Railroad crossing signal on Blue Banks Loop Road is going down too fast once the lights come on. He stated on two occasions he had seen the arms come down at the same time the lights started blinking and it was luck that prevented the arms from hitting a vehicle. Mr. McKoy stated that he has seen our new Officer, Officer Perkins, out in the community and stopping speeders on Blue Banks Loop Road close to his house. Mr. McKoy stated that he is also happy to see that the Planner that is assigned to Northwest attends our meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- **Extension of Park Renovation Project**

It was the **CONSENSUS** of Council to table until the Liaison Reports for Park

Equipment, Buildings & Grounds.

- **Code Enforcement – 3854 Judy Lane**
Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to work with NFOCUS to perform code enforcement on 3854 Judy Lane. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **Budget Message – Fiscal Year 2024-2025**
City Clerk, Donna Strickland read the budget message for 2024-2025.

- **Set Public Hearing For Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – June 25, 2024**
Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons to have the public hearing for the 2024-2025 budget on June 25, 2024. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

LIAISON REPORTS

Annexation & Emergency Management

Councilman Charles Carroll

Nothing to report.

Park Equipment, Buildings & Grounds

Councilman Sylvester Ballard

- **Park Project**

Councilman Sylvester Ballard stated that there is a potential for litigation with the Park Project.

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to go into closed session at 7:25 PM to discuss the potential for litigation. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to go back into open session at 7:35 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilman Sylvester **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons to extend the contract with Champ Express for 30 days. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilman Sylvester Ballard stated that Council feels like with the contract change possible litigation has been averted.

Police & Information Technology

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons

* Police Report

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Sylvester Ballard to adopt the Police Report as submitted. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons stated that she and the City Clerk have been working with Pioneer Strategies to keep the webpage updated.

Roads

Councilman Michael Troy

Councilman Michael Troy stated that the road next to the Northwest Road sand mine needs to be cleaned off due to the sand on Northwest Road.

Councilman Charles Carroll stated that he can have the road cleared within the week if he can get the Police to stop traffic on the road.

Councilman Michael Troy **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons to have the Police Department assist with traffic to have the sand on Northwest Road swept off. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Marketing & Recreation

Councilwoman LaKrystal Bowen

Councilwoman LaKrystal Bowen stated that at the Founders Day Celebration there will be a variety of vendors, 50/50 tickets, bingo and door prizes. Councilwoman Bowen also stated that there is a 4H program starting and the ages are from 5 to 18 years old. Lastly, we are still working to offer the GED and computer classes. She stated that we only must have 5 people to offer the classes and to let the City Clerk, Donna Strickland, know if you or someone else would like to participate.

Administration, Human Resource, Finance and Grants

Mayor Sheila Grady

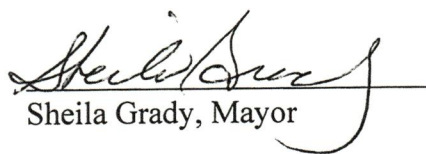
Mayor Sheila Grady stated that we continue to look for grants and that many of the grants want matching funds.

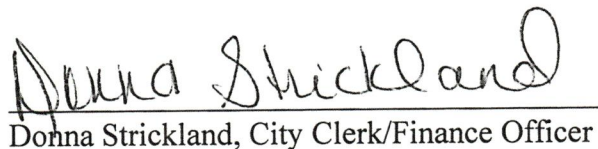
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sheila Grady updated citizens on events within the City and to come and bring someone with you.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.


Sheila Grady, Mayor


Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer