

**CITY OF NORTHWEST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

ASSEMBLY

The Northwest City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present were: James Knox, Mayor; Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy, Aaron Perkins, Haywood Miller and Councilwoman Sheila Grady

Also present was: Donna Strickland, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Haywood Miller gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

1. UPDATE – AUDIT

Donna Strickland, City Clerk, stated that the City of Northwest's audit has begun. Mrs. Strickland also stated that last week we began providing information to the auditors through a program called sharefile. Mrs. Strickland stated that two auditors were here on site and they were Matt McLean and Tara Spivey. The auditors were complimentary in that they could tell a great difference in accountability and financial records.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to approve the audit update. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2. UPDATE – GRANT

Donna Strickland, City Clerk stated, that the City of Northwest has been awarded a grant for \$298,950. She also stated that \$217,630 of that is for payroll obligations and once the money has been received there will be no need for a Fund Balance appropriation. The remaining money is for a commercial generator, heavy-duty pick-up truck and trailer to transport the mini - excavator to locations within the City.

Donna Strickland, City Clerk stated that the City has been granted the opportunity to amend its original application. Mrs. Strickland explained that the amendment would provide funding to solicit bids from qualified contractors to clean out ditches and culverts, allowing water to run off roads, enabling the water to run off the streets into the ditches or swells.

Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that he was working with the City Clerk, to send out a bid package so we can move forward on procuring a contractor to do the work on our roads and drainage problems.

Councilman Haywood Miller **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Aaron Perkins to approve the Grant Update. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

3. POLICE BODY CAMERAS

- AXON CAMERA & SOFTWARE

Donna Strickland stated that below is the information for body cameras and software.

LAW ENFORCEMENT’S #1 CAMERA, NOW WITH REAL-TIME TECHNOLOGY CLEARER EVIDENCE | REAL-TIME AWARENESS | AI-POWERED WORKFLOWS

- Axon Body 3 is not just a camera, it is a rugged communications beacon front-and-center on every call. Featuring new Axon Aware technology and an LTE connection that enables real-time features like live streaming, Body 3 empowers officers with more support in the moment. Coupled with enhanced low-light performance and reduced motion blur, that means clearer evidence in the now, more efficient AI-powered processes after the fact, and most importantly, safer communities in the long run.
- **WHAT IS TAP?**
The Technology Assurance Plan (TAP) is a service plan that combines warranty coverage on your Axon body cameras with automatic refresh units every 2.5 years. Minimizing the chance that an officer goes on duty without a camera, TAP includes on-site spare units, as well as an extended warranty at no additional cost through the life of the agreement. TAP not only protects your agency today—it ensures it will stay protected in the future.

Councilwoman Sheila Grady **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to approve the purchase of Axon Cameras & Software and that the Cameras will automatically turn on when the blue lights come on. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

BUDGET AMENDMET – 2020-2 (POLICE)

Introduced by: Councilman Charles Carroll

Date: October 27, 2020

**ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020**

BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION I: That the following appropriations are hereby made to the General Fund and has a fund balance appropriation of 4,000 dollars.

APPROPRIATIONS

Equipment Purchase	4,000
Total Appropriation	4,000

REVENUES

Appropriated Fund Balance	4,000
Total Revenues	4,000

SECTION II: That a copy of budget amendment 2020-2 shall be given to the City Clerk/Finance Officer.

James A. Knox, Mayor

Sheila Grady, Finance Liaison

Donna Strickland, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

Councilwoman Sheila Grady **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to approve the budget amendment to enter into a contract with Axon Cameras & Software for the purchase of the Axon Body Cameras and software. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

LIAISON REPORTS

- Administration.....Councilman Haywood Miller, Jr
Nothing additional
- Annexation.....Councilman Foster McKoy
None
- Park.....Mayor James Knox
None
- Police.....Councilman Charles Carroll
 - Police Report
None
 - Sheila Williams Update

After discussion,

It was the **CONSENSUS** of Council to have Councilman Charles Carroll meet and discuss with the developer of Northern Lights the damage that was done to Mrs. Sheila Williams new vehicle due to the developer burning trees close to Mrs. Williams home.

- Roads.....Councilman Michael Troy
Councilman Michael Troy stated that he will begin spraying the roads for weeds. Councilman Troy stated that he would be using his personal 4-wheeler. It was brought to Council that the Police Department has been cracking down on 4-wheelers being driven on City streets.

It was the **CONSENSUS** of Council to have City Clerk, Donna Strickland contact the City Attorney, Santana Miller, and have her to research if the City can ride a 4-wheeler on City owned roads.

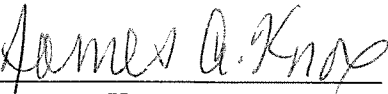
- Marketing & Information Technology..... Councilman Aaron Perkins
Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that he had a meeting with City Clerk, Donna Strickland, James Summerlin and the Auxiliary Police Officer Solari to introduce everyone that would be working together on the Information Technology for the City. Councilman Aaron Perkins stated that the meeting went well.
- Finance & Emergency Planning..... Councilwoman Sheila Grady
None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Aaron Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.



James A. Knox, Mayor



Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer