

Town of Mount Airy
Work session
January 24, 2019 6:30 pm

Mayor Morris called the work session to order at 6:30 pm, then led the invocation and pledge.

The first topic for discussion was the newly acquired property at 436 Railroad Ave. The options discussed included improvements to add an additional rental on the back side of the property, gut the building and fully renovate for future use or demolish the structure and start fresh. James Kimsey reported he had rough estimates of repair costs, all of which are subject to change based on what might be found during the renovation process. There are water shed issues, foundation issues. Utilities would also have to be separated, setting a second meter for gas, power and water. Renovations for a commercial use would require extensive updates. After a lengthy discussion, no decision was made about how to proceed. More information is required to make a decision. Request was made to research possible grant opportunities. It was agreed, for the time being, to leave as is, continuing to collect rent from current tenant under same agreement with previous owner. Mayor requested utility usage history, will try to obtain from previous owner. Also discussed was the need for the sidewalk replacement in front of location. One obstacle is the large tree, roots buckled current sidewalk. James Kimsey reported there is a large water main located in the area that could be jeopardized by the tree roots.

Another topic for discussion was Cities Day. Chief Jarrell suggested a "Clean-up painting project" to include the railroad underpasses at Dock Keller Rd and Sixth Street, including brush clearing in those areas. A poster contest is being coordinated with Hazel Grove Elementary. Also, host a City-wide Clean-up day by providing garbage bags and gloves to residents to clean up on their streets, we will collect bags and dispose of them.

Future projects were discussed, including camera surveillance at underpasses and at the park to combat graffiti, ongoing renovations to the upstairs of the Schoolhouse (case windows, stucco back wall, floor), new pavilion at Town Park.

Chief Jarrell reported he would like to prepare a RFP for garbage services. Also reported a company approached him about leasing the lot behind old city hall. Steps are being taken to clear the area.

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Morris closed the work session at 8 pm.

Mayor Gary E. Morris

Councilmember Mike McCoy

Councilmember Ray McAllister

Councilmember Adam Tullis

Councilmember Chris Green