

JOINT Street & Downtown Beautification Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:15 p.m. – City Council Chambers, City Hall

Aldermen Present – J. Trantham, C. Heller, R. Thomas, R. Row, J. Hopkins, S. Darter and K. Buettner

Other officials – T. Smith, T. Birk, S. Kennedy, S. Deutch, J. Nagel and D. Hayes

1. No petitions by citizens on Non-Agenda Items.
2. ADA Downtown Sidewalk Compliance – There was discussion of the ADA Transition Plan (sidewalk compliance) by HMG and their conclusions of ADA compliant needs at different intersections in the downtown area. Alderman Row made a motion to approve \$100,000.00 to enact the update of the targeted intersections and Alderman Hopkins seconded the motion with the motion carried unanimously. It was noted that an action plan must be completed including public notice and a time for public comments.
3. There was discussion of street lighting at different locations in the city and T. Birk stated he would have a street light on West Fallen replaced.
4. Mayor Smith advised that the Chamber is requesting the city share the cost of replacing Christmas Decorations at Main and Mill and Main at Third Streets. Alderman Thomas made motion to spend \$1500.00 to help offset the cost of the decorations and Alderman Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Mayor Smith suggested a Downtown Clock in the area of Mill and Main and presented a proposal with an image and quote of \$25,988.00 for a Howard Replica/Seth Thomas Model 4MST black with gold colored accents with a custom header. The city will provide the base, crane and electric to the clock and an additional \$1,360.00 is required at time of purchase to Verdin as an installation technician cost. Alderman Darter made motion to purchase clock and Alderman Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. Mayor Smith advised he has had complaints of trash in the area of Covington and Rogers, near the multi-use path, and he suggested the city put a decorative trash can in the area. Alderman Row made motion to approve the can placement and Alderman Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
7. Mayor Smith advised that he would like to change the Façade Grant monies being taken out of the general fund currently and take those funds out of the gaming (gambling) fund effective May 2018. Alderman Heller made motion to change the funding of Façade Grants and Alderman Darter seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
8. Mayor Smith presented a sign depiction requested for the old City Hotel building downtown which is being refurbished into a business and loft area. He requested the committee recommend to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the sign as presented be given a favorable recommendation. Alderman Darter made motion to support the signage as presented and Alderman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
9. Alderman Darter made a motion to close the joint committee meeting at 7:15 p.m. and Alderman Buettner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.