

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney
	Jesse Couch	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Logan Propes, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Sharon Swanepoel, Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison, Bob Saville, Jim Ballew, Joe Ballew, David Dickinson, Doug Griffin, Alice Burford

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Invocation

Mayor Thompson gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Crawford.
Passed Unanimously*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. January 3, 2017 Council Minutes
- b. January 10, 2017 Council Minutes
- c. January 10, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- d. January 5, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- e. January 24, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- f. Approval – Terex Bucket Truck Rebuild – Terex Services to rebuild the aerial unit for an amount up to \$55,000.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee February 7, 2017)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public Comments

No one signed up for public comments.

III. NEW BUSINESS**1. Renewal – Health Insurance**

Mr. Jim Ballew, President of Covenant Administrators, discussed the healthcare insurance renewal. He explained that the City will have a slight increase of 4.08 percent in maximum plan costs. Mr. Ballew stated that he is suggesting a change in stop loss carriers; his recommendation is First Midwest Insurance Company.

Finance Director Logan Propes explained the request to approve the 2017 health insurance renewal with Covenant Services Group. He explained the employee's contribution will increase by 2.75 percent for their bi-weekly deduction. The employer share was budgeted 10% higher in 2017 due to expected cost increases for the plan renewal. This allowed the employee contributions to be lowered from the increase of 4.08 percent to 2.75 percent. The wellness points spread will remain the same. There will again be a 25% / 35% spread for 2017 (25% non-smoker participant and 35% non-participant). Therefore, the only change for the employees will be the slight increase of 2.75 percent.

To approve the health insurance renewal with Covenant Services Group as presented.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

2. Renewal – Ancillary Insurance Dental & Life

Mr. Joel Ballew, with Omega Benefits, discussed the dental, life, vision, and disability insurance renewals. The two-year rate guarantee with Delta Dental ended in 2016 and they came back with a 5% increase. United Concordia came in just under the current 2016 rates with a two-year rate guarantee. The vision and life insurance options and prices will remain the same.

Finance Director Logan Propes explained the request to approve the ancillary insurance coverages through Omega Benefits. He explained the group dental insurance renewal would be through United Concordia.

To approve renewal with United Concordia for group dental insurance and renewal with Omega Benefits Group for all other ancillary insurance coverage as presented.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously.*

3. Renewal – Property & Casualty Insurance

Mr. Bob Saville explained the renewal details for property and casualty insurance for 2017, stating his recommendation would be to stay with State National. He explained the total premium to be \$350,990 which is \$13,782 more than last year.

Finance Director Logan Propes explained the request to approve the property and casualty insurance renewals. He explained that most of the deductibles are staying the same.

To approve the renewal of the property and casualty insurance.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Appointment – Tree Board

To appoint Elaine Oakes to fill Carol Bradley's vacancy with the term to expire March 1, 2019.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

5. Back Property Tax Waiver – Mill Village Lots

Finance Director Logan Propes explained the unique situation of the request to waive back taxes on the Mill Village parcels. He explained the property on Towler Street to be in a state of disarray. There has been no maintenance over the years, and there are lots of problems with the deeds. He explained that staff has been working with Douglas Griffin of Gryffon Investments, LLC, and his associates for several months on their plans for acquisition of the parcels for the purpose of a major redevelopment. Council can't waive the base taxes of the 80 undeveloped parcels. In order to help the viability of the redevelopment the request is to waive the penalties, interest, and associated fees that have occurred since 2009, which amounts to \$39,948.88. He explained that the City has a contract with AMS for tax collection services. The City must pay AMS for their services regardless of a waiver. AMS has agreed to accept a fee of \$50.00 per lot. The amount of the base taxes will cover these fees which will be owed to AMS. Afterwards, the lots will again be producing annual ad-valorem property taxes.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned the County property taxes.

Mr. Propes answered that Mr. Griffin will also be working with Walton County.

To approve waiving all back taxes, penalties and interest for 2016 and prior years on the 80 Mill Village vacant parcels amounting to \$39,948.88.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously.*

IV. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Thompson announced the three top judges who will be interviewed by Council for the Municipal Court Judge, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee, are: David Dickinson, Brad Brownlow, and Dale Samuels.

V. ADJOURN

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Garrett.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson Wayne Adcock Lee Malcom Myoshia Crawford Nathan Purvis Larry Bradley Norman Garrett Nathan Little Jimmy Richardson Debbie Kirk Russell Preston Paul Rosenthal Jesse Couch	Mayor Vice-Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member City Clerk City Attorney City Attorney City Attorney
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I. Approval of Agenda

II. Personnel Issue (s)

1. Discussion of Municipal Court Judge Appointment

Personnel matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Real Estate Issue (s)

1. Real Estate

Real estate matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

IV. Legal Issue (s)

1. Legal

Legal matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

V. Adjourn to Regular Session

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Crawford.
Passed Unanimously.*



 MAYOR



 CITY CLERK