Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m. in the Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Also present were City Attorney Wade Hinton and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell.

Others in Attendance

Economic & Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator; Public Works: James Bergdoll, Parks Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (August 15, 2017) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5A & 5B

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolution - Agenda Item 7A

Councilman Byrd requesting that Ms. Williams brief the Council on these demolition service contracts. Ms. Williams explained how the money was being allocated for these contracts. Discussion ensued that included the following:

- Funding for the Taylor Street project (Councilman Byrd)
- Reimbursement and status of properties already planned out (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Where the reimbursement came from (Councilwoman Berz)
- Whether there is a lien on the property (Councilwoman Berz)
- The process for these particular properties (Councilwoman Berz)
- Whether there was a grace period on the property taxes (Councilwoman Berz)
- The protocol for building on a property that has a lien (Councilman Ledford)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolution - Agenda Item 7B

A discussion ensued with Mr. Bergdoll on this item. Councilman Mitchell asked for an explanation on this item and questioned if the park would be ready for the event referenced in this ordinance. Councilman Oglesby stated that he had been monitoring the situation and everything is going according to schedule. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.
Resolution - Agenda Item 7C

Regarding the appointment of Police Chief, Councilwoman Coonrod asked for clarification from the City Attorney on the protocol if this appointment is denied: would the Mayor keep the appointee as an Interim Chief and how long an Interim could continue in that capacity. She also voiced other concerns about the appointment. After which, the issue was closed.

Resolution - Agenda Item 7D

A discussion ensued with Ms. Williams on the Administrative Hearing Officer resolution that included the following:
- The total amount allocated for the position (Councilwoman Berz)
- Whether or not the Mayor selected this position (Councilman Henderson)
- Anticipating additional staff (Councilman Smith)
- The original request for two AHOs (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Whether the total amount allocated would be sufficient (Councilwoman Berz)
- The process for those who are cited to appear before the AHO (Councilwoman Berz)
- Whether salary would be per hour or per case (Councilman Gilbert)
- What happens if appointee asks for higher salary than what is allocated (Councilman Gilbert)
- Start date for this position (Councilman Henderson)
- Examining other cities for their AHO process (Councilman Henderson)
- Clear definition of the exact type of cases going to the AHO (Councilman Henderson)
- The process for bypassing City Court for these AHO cases (Councilman Henderson)
- What can be referred to the AHO (Councilwoman Berz)
- Whether or not all violations must go through City Court. (Councilwoman Berz)
- How the money coming in for these citations is handled (Councilman Oglesby)

Councilman Byrd also informed the Council of a constituent’s verbal complaint about being cited for maintenance issues at her property; however, the citizen complained that city-owned property next to her was in much worse condition. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolution - Agenda Item 7E

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolution - Agenda Item 7F

Councilman Smith asked what the revision was and Councilwoman Coonrod asked for a list of the added firms. There being no other questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolution - Agenda Item 7G, 7H & 7I

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no comments or questions, the issues were closed.

City Attorney Comment

Attorney Hinton introduced a new attorney on their team, Misty Foy.
Public Comment

Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for citizen Barry Snider, who wished to express his full support for Chief Roddy and his pending appointment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.