

City of Bowling Green

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 11, 2022

Present: Mayor Gardner, Vice-Mayor Fite, Commissioner Durastanti, Commissioner Lunn, Commissioner Jones, City Manager Thompson, City Clerk Silva, Chief Scheel, Finance Manager Gordillo, Attorney Buhr, and members of the audience.

Absent: None

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gardner.
2. **Prayer** – Commissioner Durastanti
Flag Salute
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 1) **Regular Meeting 12/14/2021**
Commissioner Durastanti made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Fite. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
4. **New Business**
 - A. **Employee Recognition**
Mayor Gardner presented Trina Galvan with an award for her 10 years with the city.
 - B. **Rental Fees** –
City Manager Thompson came before the board with a proposal to raise the park rental fees to 75.00 and the Community Center to 150.00 once it's finished and open for business. Motion to approve the 75.00 park rental fee was made by Commissioner Durastanti and seconded by Vice-Mayor Fite. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
 - C. **Main Street Property**
City Manager Thompson gave a quick update regarding the property. He stated that the property is in title right now. The deed is clear, but the problem is that the Will is still following the property. The buyer has until the end of January to object to any of the restrictions. City Manager Thompson also stated that if sale falls through, another possible thing that the City could do is to take it to court to get the restrictions removed. Vice-Mayor Fite stated that the CRA money should be set aside either way to carry out those wishes. City Manager Thompson stated that we could name the Community Center after Mr. Centanino to honor his legacy. Commissioner Durastanti mentioned possibly naming it after the three Centanino family members.
 - D. **Rezoning of 4410 Hwy 17 – Veronica Narvaez**
Veronica Narvaez of 423 Sellers St came before the board regarding 4410 Hwy 17. She and her father would like to purchase that property but wanted to ask if there would be any issues with getting the property rezoned. They are the current owners of L&J Learning Center and would like to relocate to a more open area. They did not want to

purchase the property without having reassurance of being able to rezone. Several Commissioners stated it would be a great idea and for them to proceed with the rezoning requirements after purchasing the property.

5. Mayor Gardner

Mayor Gardner stated that they had a great time at the Christmas Party.

6. Recreation Committee

City Manager Thompson spoke on behalf of Chiquita being that she was feeling well. He stated that she would like to stay on as Chairperson. A post will go out to get some help for her. She has 6 events planned for this year. Commissioner Jones stated that he is concerned with the Black History Month event due to it being Valentine's Day weekend.

7. Commissioners

Commissioner Jones stated that he spoke with someone at PRECO regarding prices for lighting at the park. He stated that each pole is \$200.00 to install unless there are existing light poles and then it would be \$60.00 for each light. There is an option to choose 100watt light for \$7.50 a month, 250watt - \$13.27 a month and 400watt light at \$18.77 a month to maintain. Commissioner Jones also stated that last month there was only a discussion made regarding Pennoni and there wasn't a motion made regarding them moving forward. City Manager Thompson mentioned that he met with them and that they are moving forward with the grants. He is planning to sit down with Roger on what would be the best way to spend the other part of that money and what's best for the City. Commissioner Durastanti stated that it has been a good winter and that it may get cooler. Vice-Mayor Fite stated that the Christmas party was great, one of the best ones yet and that he is looking forward to better things. Commissioner Lunn also stated that it was a great Christmas party and that he enjoys walking around Bowling Green.

8. City Attorney

Attorney Buhr stated that the legislative session is in and that there have been a lot of attacks on municipalities over the past 10 years. He mentioned that luckily, we have Vice Mayor Fite's connection to the Ridge League of Cities and for him to keep us up to date. He mentioned that some of the bills are regarding finances, other than that, fantastic party.

9. City Manager

City Manager Thompson stated that it was a good Christmas Party, his first one here with the City. He stated that the trash truck is on its way, trash cans will be ordered this month. We got our appraisals back on the land and we are still getting offers on it. The city has been working on the Community Center diligently. Attorney Buhr mentioned that the City of Avon Park might have some trash cans that we could possibly buy. City Manager continued to say that they have sent out new Final Rules regarding the ARPA funds. He did get a second opinion regarding the use of ARPA funds for the trash truck and it appears we are able to use it for the purchase of the truck.

10. Police Chief

Chief Scheel announced the retiring of Captain Dowden as of February 1st. However, he will stay on long enough for Chief to take his vacation and until Chief hires someone else. Chief Scheel stated that Captain Dowden requested if he could stay on as Part-time to hold standards in the police department. Chief Scheel stated he would call him out for any big cases or as needed. Chief Scheel also stated that he is going to have to promote someone to Captain's position and he will have to pay them more. City Commissioners stated that

as long as it was already budgeted, he would just have to work with City Manager Thompson regarding the change.

11. City Clerk

Nothing to discuss.

12. Public

Nothing to discuss.

Mayor Gardner adjourned the meeting.

Duane Gardner, Mayor

Maria Carmen Silva, City Clerk

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

**CRA MEETING
February 08, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. CRA Meeting – December 14, 2021
- 3. 4709 CENTRAL AVENUE PROPERTY REIMBURSEMENT**
- 4. TRAIN DEPOT**
- 5. MAIN STREET PAVILION**

Adjourn

City of Bowling Green

CRA Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

Present: CRA Chair Gardner, Board Member Jones, Board Member Lunn, Vice-Chair Fite, Board Member Durastanti, City Manager Thompson, City Clerk Silva, Attorney Buhr and members of the audience.

Absent: Chief Scheel

1. **Call to order** – The workshop was called to order by CRA Chair Gardner.

2. **Sale of Property** – 4709 Central Avenue

City Manager Thompson mentioned the property across the street that the City is looking to sell. He stated that some of it belongs to the CRA. Board Member Jones made a motion to sell the property which was seconded by Board Member Durastanti. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried. Board Member Jones asked if they knew where the pavilion would be placed. City Manager Thompson mentioned placing it at Centanino Park along with some grills. Board Member Jones mentioned that the other two parks in the City already have pavilions. Board Member Durastanti stated that he had the same thought about placing it at the Centanino Park.

3. **CRA Boundaries Map**

City Manager Thompson mentioned the CRA boundaries map and how it does not include Pyatt Park. Vice-Chair Fite asked how the pavilion was paid. City Manager Thompson replied that it was paid out of CRA funds. Vice-Chair Fite asked if the Centanino Park was in the CRA district. City Clerk Silva responded that it was. He then said the pavilion could be moved there since it will still be in the CRA district. City Manager Thompson asked how he could extend the CRA district. Attorney Buhr responded that he would have to go back to the statute and rewrite the plan to increase the size of the district. City Manager Thompson mentioned expanding it to include the old pool building at Pyatt Park. Board Member Jones asked if it met ADA requirements. City Manager Thompson responded that it does at this moment although there is nothing inside of it yet. Attorney Buhr mentioned the bathrooms. He also mentioned that Avon Park just expanded their CRA and now have three districts. He stated that they used an outside consultant to help. City Manager Thompson asked for the thoughts of the Board. CRA Chair Gardner stated that he was okay with expanding it to Pyatt Park and having City Manager Thompson look into it.

Meeting Adjourned.

Duane Gardner, CRA Chair

Maria Carmen Silva, City Clerk