

## City Council Special Called Workshop

The Shelbyville City Council met in a Special Called Workshop **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**, at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Mayor Wallace Cartwright.

The following were present: Councilmember William Christie, Councilmember Marilyn Ewing, Councilmember Henry Feldhaus, Councilmember Stephanie Isaacs, Councilmember Gary Haile, and Councilmember Rick Overcast. Also, present were Interim City Manager Kay Parker, City Attorney Ginger Bobo Shofner and City Recorder Lisa Smith.

**Investigation – Policies & Procedures during Fiber Installation:** Councilmember Feldhaus started the conversation by going over some emails that had gone between himself and former City Manager Ray concerning the fiber installation. He noted in the emails he asked several questions including why the Council never received any information concerning new service which cost \$159,000 a year and why it was needed, why there were no competitive quotes received until Council requested and why a contract was entered into for \$4,400 a month beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> for 36 months. He noted Purchasing Director Saddler was trying to take the blame, but he noted in his email to Ray that he did not believe she had negotiated the contracts.

Feldhaus questioned Ms. Saddler about the contracts which she advised on July 1<sup>st</sup> stating he felt this was done on July 1<sup>st</sup> as that is the start of the Fiscal Year. Saddler stated there had been a meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> with Fiber Spectrum and Mr. Ray had been talking with Angie Sloan, Spectrums Sales Representative. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Ray advised he was anticipating a Service Orders from Spectrum and Saddler advised him those usually come in as Docu Sign documents. Later in the day the Service Orders appeared in her email as was the standard procedure as she was the name on the account. She noted she often signed Service Orders to change plans, add a phone line or remove a phone line and historical since 2005 all Service Orders with Spectrum have been month to month. This appeared to be the same and she did not realize until February 23<sup>rd</sup> when Sloan noted in a City meeting that the service was on a 36-month Contract. Saddler further noted as she was in the habit of signing these types of Service Orders, she advised Ray she had received them and ask if he wanted her to sign to which he replied, yes. Feldhaus stated Ray had assured him that he had not negotiated with Spectrum which does not appear to be correct. He additionally questioned the checks and balances on the City Manager and the failure in the Purchasing Policies and how this all came about and how the sites were chosen. Saddler advised she was told the first three sites were driven by the possible future sites for a PEG channel. Teresa Berry, IT stated this possess stated when Charter/Spectrum had a new Sales Representative, Angie Sloan and Teresa reached out to her concerning some speed issues at City Hall. Ms. Sloan then contacted former City Manager Ray and it grew from there. Feldhaus noted that once the Council became informed of the fiber installations and requested quotes additional meetings were held in October which was after the contract with Spectrum had been signed. There was some further discussion about budget and Saddler noted Ray advised her it was covered. Discussion then continued concerning the setup of the IT Department and how Ms. Saddler came to be over IT, internal controls and the action taken when Council became aware of this issue. Councilmember Feldhaus noted the biggest disciplinary action had been taken with the termination of the City Manager, which appeared to be where the problem started. City Attorney Shofner reminded Council this meeting was to allow Council to question employees concerning this issue however, under the City Charter they do not have any oversight of reprimand actions towards any other employees, with the exception of the City Manager, City Treasurer, and the City Recorder, that authority falls to the person sitting in the City Manager's chair. Additionally, the City Attorney suggested the Council review the Purchasing Policies for any needed updates and to readopt it as an Ordinance. Council agreed this should be done as soon as possible.

**Announcements:** City Recorder Smith stated the next meeting would be immediately after this on adjourns and then we have food prior to the Study Session.

**ADJORN:**

With nothing further to discuss Mayor Cartwright adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:31 PM.

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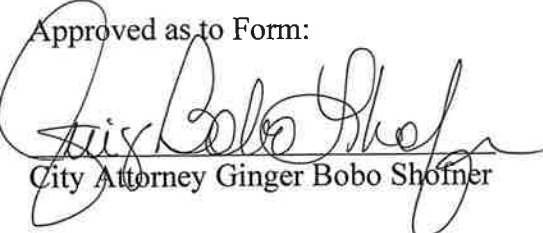
Mayor Wallace Cartwright

Attest:



City Recorder Lisa Smith

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney Ginger Bobo Shofner