

Hartsville/Trousdale County  
Buildings/Zoning and Codes Committee  
Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the courthouse

Members present:

Dwight Jewell	Ken Buckmaster	John Oliver
Steve Whittaker	Grace Thomas	Mayor Chambers

Also present: Jerry Ford

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Dwight Jewell.

Minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

The first order of business was to elect officers.

Chairman-Dwight Jewell  
Vice-Chairman – Steve Whittaker  
Secretary – John Oliver

Before any business was conducted, Mayor Chambers added to the agenda some concerns with the operation of the Community Center, accepted.

Old business:

-We had an update on the construction of the ramp to the Archives Building. The ramp is finished and appears to be working well. A handicapped parking space will be added later as will concrete bumpers to prevent someone from parking too close to the building.

-The mayor updated the group on the recent public meeting for the THDA Rehab Grant. Thirty-nine people had shown up for the meeting and he reported that most of those had taken applications. Several questions were asked of the mayor and answered concerning how the program would operate, etc. The approvals and administration will be through a Federal agent, with no interference by local officials.

-Former Buildings chair, Oliver, updated the group on the new handicapped door at the Senior Center. It has been installed and works well. The public library is interested in getting a similar door.

-The mayor then updated the group on the new Criminal Justice building. There have been few problems with the new facility. One door, which gets a lot of direct sun light has a sticking problem, which we are addressing. The clerk's office has told the mayor that she needs to make her part time assistant into a full-time assistant. That will have to go before the budget committee.

-Next the group touched on the need to use the newly vacant rooms of the old courthouse. Several uses were discussed: Kim Taylor needs to keep her former room for storing records and may need to also use Cindy Carman's former office. Charlie Puckett is interested in having an office. The Chamber of Commerce is interested in using the former court clerk's office. The Election office needs a larger space than they now use and one with better parking. The county historical society is interested in placing their museum in the building. The mayor would like to see a space designated as a "co-working space"

for residents who can't afford office space but could jointly use a free office area, sharing space and internet connection, etc.

These will be addressed at a future meeting when we have more time.

New Business:

Nate Sweitzer was at the meeting. He will be doing the landscaping for the street scape project. He needed the group to make a final decision on benches, trashcans, bike racks, and outdoor lamp post and lamps. After looking at our options, the group picked one for each category.

Mayor Chambers then addressed the concerns he had for the operation of the Community Center. There have been some questions concerning damages to the building and if we should allow renters to use the building a second time if they have caused any damages.

After some discussion, motion by Buckmaster, to "allow renters to use the facility again if they willingly accept the fact they caused some damage and willingly pay for the damages. If, however, they do this a second time, we will have the right to refuse their request for another event. If they refuse to accept responsibility or refuse to pay for damages, then they definitely will be refused a second event."

Second by Whittaker, passed.

A second concern was if an applicant cancels their event, how long should we give them to reschedule and if that will affect losing their deposit. After discussion, motion by Thomas, to "allow an applicant to reschedule their event if they do so within 30 days. If they wait longer, they will forfeit their rent, but get their damage deposit back." Second by Buckmaster, passed.

Meeting adjourned.