

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
December 4, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster, Chaney and Tillman. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the November 4, 2024 combined meeting – no changes were requested.

Reception of Delegation: Gordian – Robin Murhatta – Cooperative Procurement Participation through the Maryland Department of General Services – Mr. Murhatta reviewed the Job Order Contracting Program and responded to questions from the Council

Council member statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: None

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items: There were no comments from the public pertaining to non-agenda items.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Adoption:

Resolution 2024 – 15 – Water allocation for December – There were no questions or concerns from the Council

Resolution 2024 – 16 – Fee Schedule for 2025 – City Manager Wieprecht advised there are no changes from the previous year but some fees should be explored. Council members agreed any changes to fees should be made part of the budget process.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included updates on Capital Equipment, the Riffles Lane to York Street drain and the Fiscal Year 2024 Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
- Wieprecht explained the septic system at 3300 Harney Road is failing and the desire is to connect to City utilities. The current policy states the City does not extend service beyond City limits. If the Council wishes to allow the property to be annexed into the City, they should direct staff at the Monday meeting to develop an Annexation Agreement. Wieprecht responded to questions and concerns from the Council.
- After discussion it was decided Council members will review the Main Street Report individually and determine at the Monday meeting which items should be prioritized.
- Staff reached out to an additional contractor to request an estimate for the City Hall roof repairs. The hope is the proposal will be received by the Monday meeting.

- The City is prepared to execute the Evapco Public Works Agreement for their parking lot project. The bond and construction surety have not been received, but if the Council is willing to authorize the Mayor to execute the PWA, Evapco can proceed with the permits once the surety is received and not have to wait until the February meeting for approval. The PWA was drafted by the City Attorney and the dollar amount was approved by the City Engineer.
- Council member Tillman expressed concern about the Small Business Saturday Event. A lengthy discussion followed about the moral of the business owners, the role the City should play in Main Street, and the need to expeditiously restructure Main Street.

Department Reports:

Upcoming events:

- Councilmember Chaney announced the Taneytown Police Department will be hosting the 6th annual “Pack the Police Car” food drive at Kennies from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on December 8th. The collection is for non- perishable food items and hygiene items for the Trinity Lutheran Church food pantry and Wantz Chevrolet Christmas for Community Kids. Toys and cash donations will be accepted for the toy drive. The “December to Remember” event will take place at the Police station on December 15th from noon to 4:00 PM. Toy donations are still being accepted. The raffle is currently up to \$600.00. Thunderhead will host a Christmas Market on December 7th beginning at 9:00 AM
- Council member Fuller announced the Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM with a Candy Cane Hunt and a special guest visit at 5:30 PM.
- Council member Foster advised the holiday trash and recycling pick up schedule will be on December 26, 2024 and January 2, 2025. Christmas tree pickup will be on Saturday, January 11th only and no yard waste or pine branches will be accepted.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed
3. Award of Westview Drive Water Line Replacement Project – City Manager Wieprecht advised a bid opening was held and four bids were received. CDM Smith is reviewing the bids and will have a recommendation letter to the Council at the Monday meeting.
4. CDM 2025 Rate Proposal – no questions or concerns were expressed
5. Approval of 2025 – 2030 Lease – Bollinger Park – Matthew Clark
6. Approval of 2025 – 2030 Lease – Festival Park – Robert Bowers

Responding to Council member Fuller, Wieprecht advised there was not a formal request for bids for either property. Fuller stated her concern is because she was contacted by an individual who was disappointed they were not given a chance to submit a bid. Wieprecht stated there was outreach to individuals who had expressed interest in the past, but he will explore the time frame needed for cultivating the properties to ascertain if there is time to allow for a formal bid process.

7. Approval of Special Event Permit – Alyssa Richards Car Show – Memorial Park – October 4, 2025 – no questions or concerns were expressed.

Comments pertaining to agenda items: There were no comments from the public

Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk