City Hall

February 20, 2018

The regular council meeting was held on February 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Lester Hadden presiding.

Those present were Mayor Lester Hadden, Councilmembers Wayne Favors, John J. Rabun Jr., Stephanie Hannah and Michelle Weatherford-Usry.

Ohters present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens and Assistant Police Chief Jim Votaw.

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Betty Anderson, Lotia Berry, Amaiya Hunt, Michael Ramsey, Daniel Eubanks, Tyneik Carlyle, Anushka Haven, Jackson Dill, Xavier Thomas, Brian Usry, Evin Usry and Marie Brown.

Rev. Willie L. Jones gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

John J. Rabun Jr. made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the January 10, 2018 work session, minutes of the January 10, 2018 executive session, minutes of the January 16, 2018 regular council meeting, minutes of the January 16, 2018 executive session and minutes of the February 14, 2018 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Edward Rabun. John J. Rabun Jr. seconded the motion; all in favor.

John J. Rabun Jr. made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer System Fund, Gas System Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Detail by Account Financial Statement as presented. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

City Administrator Arty Thrift presented information to Council on the City Debt Structure.

City Administrator Arty Thrift provided council with a report on 2016 SPLOST collections and spending.

City Administrator Arty Thrift provided council with a report on property tax annual billing and payment status.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Wrens and the Jefferson County Board of Education for use and maintenance of the City Park and pavilion located at the Wrens Middle School walking track. John J. Rabun Jr. seconded the motion; all in favor.

Brian Usry with Wrens Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. provided provided Council with an update on the baseball programs at the Family Y/Rabun Park.

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

In staff report, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens and Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson presented council with a report on activities of their respective Departments.

Ordinance readings – None

John J. Rabun Jr. made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Real Estate Disposal.** Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

1. That this Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. ₴ 50-14-4 and pursuant to the advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following: **Real Estate Disposal.**
2. That this body, in open session adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. ₴ 50-14-4 and that this body ratify the actions of the council taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meeting law said resolution form to be in separate notebook kept with minute book.

Back in open session, no formal action was taken.

There being no further business, John J. Rabun Jr. made a motion to adjourned at 6:59 pm. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Janee Miller

City Clerk