City Hall

November 7, 2017

The regular council meeting was held on November 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Lester Hadden

presiding.

Those present were Mayor Lester Hadden, Councilmembers Wayne Favors, John J. Rabun Jr. and Jack Templeton. Councilmember Erskine Lane and Councilmember Melvin Farmer were unable to attend.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Garry McCord, Assistant Police Chief Jim Votaw, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Police Officer Stephen Green, Police Officer Joseph McAlpin and Police Officer Matthew Morin.

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Michelle Weatherford-Usry, Jason Usry, Gail Clark, Bennett Clark, Daniel Eubanks, Brent Dye, Sharena Vaughn.

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

Jack Templeton made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the October 3, 2017 regular council meeting and minutes of the October 3, 2017 executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Jack Templeton. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

John J. Rabun made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer System Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Detail by Account Financial Statements as presented. Jack Templeton seconded the motion; all in favor.

Unfinished/Old Business – None

On October 23, 2017 the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission considered a rezoning application submitted by John C. Hammond. The application requests the re-zoning of three (3) lots of parcel 0084b-001 in the Northgate subdivision on Ramsgate Drive. The lots are identified as Lot 1, Lot 2 and Lot 8. The lots are currently zoned Residential (R-1) and the application requests a zoning change to General Commercial (C). The Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation to the Mayor and Council is to deny the application and except the withdrawal of the application. John J. Rabun made a motion to accept the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to deny the rezoning application. Jack Templeton seconded the motion; all in favor.

There were no committee Reports at this time.

Jack Templeton made a motion to accept the second reading and adopt the Ordinance to amend the City Code to change the City Council meeting date from the first Tuesday to the third Tuesday of each month. The meeting will remain at 6:00 p.m. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

John J. Rabun Jr., made a motion to accept the seconded reading and adopt the Ordinance to amend Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-1 of the City Code regarding outdoor burning. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

Wayne Favors made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel Matters.** John J. Rabun Jr., 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: **Personnel Matters.**
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, John J. Rabun Jr., made a motion to hire Bianca T. Parks in the position of full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of $12.44 per hour (Grade 7, Step 6) to be effective November 16, 2017. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor. Pursuant to the City’s Personnel Policy, Ms. Parks will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

John J. Rabun Jr., made a motion to approve a merit pay increase to Patrol Officer Stephen Green raising his hourly rate to $14.57 per hour (Grade 7, Step 14) based on his 6-month working test evaluation. The hourly rate increase is effective November 9, 2017. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk