

City Hall

November 1, 2016

The regular council meeting was held on November 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Pro-tem Wayne Favors presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Jane Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Garry McCord, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson, Police Officer Wesley Sikes and Police Officer Eric Payne.

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Gail Clark, Bennett Clark and Daniel Eubanks.

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. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the October 4, 2016 regular council meeting and minutes of the October 20, 2016 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Jack Templeton. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

John J. Rabun, Jr. made a motion to approve the Water Fund Detail by Account Financial Statement as presented. Melvin Farmer seconded the motion; all in favor.

Jack Templeton made a motion to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to adopt Chapter 27 of The City Code, Public Right-of-Way Regulations. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

City Administrator Arty Thrift announced that the City had been awarded a \$204,000.00 Grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to purchase three Generators for the City's sewer system. The Grant requires the City to pay a 15% match of \$30,600.00. John J. Rabun, Jr. made a motion to approve the \$30,600.00 grant match. Jack Templeton seconded the motion; all in favor. SPLOST will fund this project.

John J. Rabun, Jr. made a motion to utilize SPLOST funds to purchase a 2017 Ford Sedan Interceptor for \$24,027.72 from Fairway Ford in Evans, Georgia and purchase the police vehicle equipment package from West Warning Equipment Sales & Service LLC in Evans, Georgia for \$12,517.00 for use in the Police Department. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

John J. Rabun, Jr. made a motion to utilize SPLOST funds to purchase a 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor for \$26,388.10 from Fairway Ford in Evans, Georgia and purchase the police vehicle equipment package from West Warning Equipment Sales & Service LLC in Evans, Georgia for \$12,639.00 for use in the Police Department. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

Jack Templeton made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. 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 accept Fire Chief Keith Boulineau's recommendation to add Julio Cesar Ramirez Cruz to the roster as a volunteer firefighter. Jack Templeton seconded the motion; all in favor.

Melvin Farmer made a motion to hire Ricky Roach, Jr. in the position of full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$12.44 per hour (Grade 7, Step 6) to be effective November 15, 2016. The hire of Mr. Roach is conditioned upon his successful graduation from P.O.S.T. Academy. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor. Pursuant to the City's Personnel Policy, Mr. Roach will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

John J. Rabun, Jr. made a motion to hire Matthew Sedrig Morin in the position of full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$12.44 per hour (Grade 7, Step 6) to be effective November 15, 2016. The hire of Mr. Morin is conditioned upon his successful graduation from P.O.S. T. Academy. Melvin Farmer seconded the motion; all in favor. Pursuant to the City's Personnel Policy, Mr. Morin will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Janee Miller
City Clerk