City Hall

January 21, 2020

The regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday November 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, Michelle Weatherford-Usry, Stephanie Hannah, David Hannah and Marty Amerson.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Assistant Police Chief Lee Goode, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson and Administrative Assistant Amy Muhammad.

Citizens present were Arthur Wilcher, Marcus Gibbons, Dr. Willie L. Jones, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Wayne Favors, Tiffany Faulk, Sandra H. Robinson, Rosa lamb, Lillie Nelson, Mary Walker, Sharena Vaughn, Dior Arrington, Keshia Jordan, Charles Washington, Walter Hannah, David Kelly, Jennifer Eubanks, Daniel Eubanks and Tommie Walker Jr.

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

Edward Rabun made a motion to adopt the Agenda as printed. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the November 13, 2019 work session, minutes of the November 13, 2019 executive session, minutes of the November 19, 2019 regular council meeting, minutes of the November 19, 2019 executive session, minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular council meeting, minutes of the December 17, 2019 executive session, minutes of the December 23, 2019 called council meeting, minutes of the December 23, 2019 executive session and minutes of the January 15, 2020 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Unfinished/Old Business – None

Marty Amerson made a motion to change the City Council meeting date from the third Tuesday of each month to the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting time will remain at 6:00 p.m. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor. The change of date for the regular council meeting will start in March of 2020 following publication of notice to the public.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve the application for the Restaurant Beverage Dealer, Distilled Spirits Alcoholic Beverage License for Elizabeth Ibarra d/b/a Centenario Mexican Grill for the premises located at 104 Quaker Road. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry stated that Wrens Hometown’s next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

In staff reports, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson and Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry presented Council with a report on activities of their respective Departments.

Ordinance Readings – None

Edward Rabun made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel.** Stephanie Hannah 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 the minute book.

Back in open session, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to provide merit pay increases, COLA increase and a promotion to the following employees. The merit pay increases, COLA increases and promotion are effective January 23, 2020. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Employee New Grade/Step New Pay Rate

Victor Usry G8 S12 $18.59/hr.

Chris Holdeman G5 S14 $15.31/hr.

Brian Usry COLA $61,500.00/annually

Freddie Christian G5 S15 $15.89/hr.

Branden Anderson (promote to Gas Operator) G7 S13 $17.53/hr.

Jamey Kitchens COLA $59,500.00/annually

There being no further business, Edward Rabun made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Janee Miller

City Clerk