City Hall

June 19, 2018

The regular council meeting was held on June 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Lester Hadden

presiding.

Those present were Mayor Lester Hadden, Councilmembers Wayne Favors, Stephanie Hannah, Edward Rabun and Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Councilmember John J. Rabun Jr. was unable to attend.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Assistant Police Chief Jim Votaw, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson and Public Works Superintendent Wayne Davis.

Citizens present were Rev. Dr. Willie L. Jones, Betsy Milburn, Charles Milburn, Bennett Clark, Rebecca Woods, Sharena Vaughn, Brent Dye, Gail Clark, Mary Walker, Daniel Eubanks, George Samples, Debra Samples, Daniel Phillips and Teresa Word.

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

Edward Rabun made a motion to adopt the Agenda as printed. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the May 15, 2018 regular council meeting, minutes of the May 15, 2018 executive session and minutes of the June 13, 2018 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer System Fund, Gas System Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

Unfinished/Old Business – None

Following discussion, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to grant the conditional use permit for a Place of Worship and approve the variance request filed by Holding Forth the Word of Life Ministry (“HFWL”) for the property located at 202 and 204 Broad Street subject to the applicant providing twenty five off-street parking spaces by entering into a twenty year lease or longer for property or purchasing property to be used as designated off-street parking. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

City Administrator Arty Thrift presented information to Council relating to the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement with Jefferson County.

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

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

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend the Personnel Policy for Employees Funeral Leave. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Wayne Favors made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel.** Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

1. That this 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.**
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 Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept Fire Chief Boulineau’s recommendation to add Josh Harper to the roster as volunteer firefighter. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to hire Glenn Elliott Edwards in the position of full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of $14.58 per hour (Grade 7, Step 8) to be effective July 5, 2018. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor. Pursuant to the City’s Personnel Policy, Mr. Edwards will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk