

City Hall

January 4, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Connie Nelson, Corey Hall, David Hannah, Marty Amerson and Michelle Weatherford-Usry.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Corporal Christopher Tucker, Officer William Jenkins, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah and Billing Clerk Madison Tiner.

Citizens present were Sam Way, Rosa Lamb, Antee Roberts, Lillie Bell Nelson, P. Wells, Taccora Nelson, Sabrina Nelson, Kelvin Tucker, Kelbe Tucker, Renee D'Neal, Mary Walker, Rosa Gibbons, Ceola Hannah, Willie Neal, Parish Howard, Daniel Eubanks and Sharena Vaughn.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and David Hannah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

In Staff reports, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Police Chief John Maynard presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presented Council and citizens with a report of the accomplishments from all departments during the year 2021.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Unified Development Code to add Retail Package Liquor Store (distilled spirits) as a permitted use in Commercial Districts. Arty Thrift also discussed the need to amend Chapter 4 of City Code to provide licensing for the sale of distilled spirits by the package. Both ordinances will be presented for a first reading at the February 1, 2022 regular council meeting.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to appoint William (Bill) Newsome and Bennett Clark to the Planning and Zoning Commission for five-year terms. Each term will end on December 31, 2026. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In City Council reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed Wrens Hometown Partnership. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month.

David Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Cassie Bartlett  
City Clerk