

City Hall
February 1, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 1, 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, Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick and Officer William Jenkins.

Citizens present were Lester Hadden, Peggy Hadden, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Ebony Blake, Rebecca Woods, Parish Howard, Lillie Nelson, B. McCall, J. McCall, Rosa Lamb, Jennifer Eubanks, R. Simpkins, Betty Farmer, Melvin Farmer, Eugene Love Sr., Daniel Eubanks, Sharena Vaughn, Mary Walker, Joyce Arrington, Vernell Thompson and Michael Brown.

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. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the January 4, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

In Staff reports, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Police Chief John Maynard and City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, President of the Wrens Dixie Youth Little League, Bryce Amerson, presented council with an update on the upcoming 2022 baseball/softball season.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to appoint Councilmember Marty Amerson as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; four voted in favor with one abstaining (Marty Amerson). Motion carried 4-0.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Ordinance to establish a zoning designation for retail package liquor stores. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the City Code to enact rules and regulations governing the issuance and maintenance of licenses for the sale of distilled spirits by the package. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel and Disposal of Real Estate**. David 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 and Disposal of Real Estate.
- (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.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to return to regular session. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in regular session, no official action was taken.

David Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk