

City Hall
July 5, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Corporal Glenn Edwards, Officer Michael Reddekopp, Sergeant Joseph Lamberth, Sergeant Ashley Pletcher, Officer Joe McAlpin and Police Department Administrative Assistant Amy Muhammad.

Citizens present were Mike Tripp, Carol McLeod, Rosa Gibbons, Ceola Hannah, Sharena Vaughn, S. Thomas and Mary Walker.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the June 7, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Connie Nelson 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, Police Chief John Maynard, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, City Administrator Arty Thrift and Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, Bryce Amerson discussed with Mayor and Council the upcoming Wrens Dixie Youth State tournament to be held in the City of Wrens.

City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed with Mayor and Council the block party on Detroit Avenue to be hosted by Charles Rutland.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the addition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a paid employee holiday for the City of Wrens. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to discuss other proposed employee paid holidays at the next council meeting on August 2, 2022. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the LOST Certificate of Distribution. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee reports, Connie Nelson, Corey Hall, David Hannah and Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed matters with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. made a recommendation to approve the request of Police Chief John Maynard to purchase a rifle and related equipment for every police patrol vehicle. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the request to purchase a rifle and related equipment for each Police Department patrol vehicle. Corey Hall seconded the motion; four voted in favor with one abstaining (David Hannah). Motion carried 4-0.

There was no executive session.

Marty Amerson 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 7:03 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk