

City Hall
July 6, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday July 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson and Michelle Weatherford-Ustry. Stephanie Hannah was unable to attend.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Officer Joseph Lamberth, Officer Jerry Howell, Officer William Jenkins, Officer Joseph McAlpin, Investigator Ashley Pletcher and Police Department Administrative Assistant Amy Muhammad.

Citizens present were Beverly Craft, Tanya Eulenfeld, Bennett Clark, Maras Gibbons, Aurthur Wilcher, Calvin Beasley, Zintavious Neal, Tory King, Charles Washington, Rebecca Woods, Travis Shields, Parish Howard, Sharena Vaughn and Mary Walker.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular council meeting minutes were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Ustry. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Ustry 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, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman 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, David Hannah made a motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize Referendum Election for Sale of Distilled Spirits by the Package. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry seconded the motion; motion carried with three voting in favor and one (Marty Amerson) voting against.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Sec 1-9 (c) of the City Code. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Council reports, Michelle Weatherford-Ustry provided an update on Wrens Hometown Partnership.

Edward Rabun made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Pending Claim**. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry 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: **Pending Claim**.
- (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.

Edward Rabun made a motion to return to regular session. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in regular session, no action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Cassie Bartlett, City Clerk