

City Hall
September 6, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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 and Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry.

Citizens present were Ceola Hannah, Ivala Brown, Greg Sellars, Avery Berry Chamber, Rosa Gibbons, Sharena Vaughn, Chekibe Holman, Sheila Thermlus and Mary Walker.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and City Administrator Arty Thrift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the August 2, 2022 regular council meeting and August 15, 2022 called council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Marty Amerson 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. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

In Unfinished Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed with Mayor and Council the negotiation of two easements on City property for the Georgia Power Grid Improvement Project. The first easement is located on Parcel No. R004 001 B. Georgia Power Company offered \$521.00 and that price was negotiated and accepted for \$2,000.00. The second easement is located on Parcel No. 0085 053. Georgia Power Company offered \$14,029.00 and that price was negotiated and accepted for \$22,500.00.

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In New Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-010-001 amending Section 3, Paragraph 3.200 of the City Personnel Policy to revise the list of City-observed official holidays adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the third Monday in January and Juneteenth on June 19 of every year. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, David Hannah discussed having a clean-up day. Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced the Christmas Tree lighting will be held on November 26, 2022 and the Christmas Parade will be held on December 10, 2022.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm with a motion made by Corey Hall. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk