

City Hall
January 5, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson, Michelle Weatherford-Usry and Stephanie Hannah.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Larry Anderson.

Citizens present were Daniel Eubanks and Christopher Holdeman.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and 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 December 1, 2020 regular council meeting, minutes of the December 1, 2020 executive session meeting, minutes of the December 15, 2020 called council meeting and minutes of the December 21, 2020 called council meeting minutes were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Stephanie Hannah 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, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson and City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For unfinished/old business, Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. provided a presentation to Council of the 2020 year-end achievements for each department.

There was no new business.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed upcoming meetings for Wrens Hometown Partnership.

David Hannah made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Stephanie 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.
- (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. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in open session, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Jamey Kitchens to hire Mikko Luckey to the position of full time Patrol Officer with an hourly rate of \$16.29 (Grade 7, Step 11) to be effective January 7, 2021. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
February 2, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday February 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson, Michelle Weatherford-Usry and Stephanie Hannah.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Officer Joseph McAlpin, Officer Jalin Anderson, Officer Clarence Johnson and Officer Joseph Lamberth.

Citizens present were Wayne Favors, Peggy Hadden, Lester Hadden, Kenneth Hannah, Erica Hannah, Clifton Jordan, Eric Hannah Jr., Eric L. Hannah Sr., Alfonzia Wright, Geraldine Hill, Denya Hughes, Kyania Graddy, Patricia Blake, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Lee Woods, Rebecca Woods, Travis Shields, Bill Newsome, Daniel Eubanks, Arlene Usry, Chesameka Baker, Crystal Shaw, Tom Kelly, Mary Burly and Moras Gibbons. Several others were present but signatures on the meeting sign-in-sheet were not legible.

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

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to amend the Agenda to remove the executive session Agenda item. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor. Stephanie Hannah made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular council meeting and January 5, 2021 executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah 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, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens and Wastewater Superintendent Larry Anderson presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In new business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to rezone Parcel R001 199 from Commercial to R-4 Townhouse Residential District. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; motion carried with three voting in favor and two (Marty Amerson and David Hannah) voting against.

Police Chief Jamey Kitchens provided Mayor and Council with a lease proposal from Brannen Motor Company (Ford Motor Credit) for four (4) new patrol vehicles. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the lease proposal. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed upcoming meetings for Wrens Hometown Partnership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
March 2, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday March 2, 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-Usry. Stephanie Hannah was unable to attend.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Officer Phillip Hambrick, Jr. and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau.

Citizens present were Bennett Clark, Daniel Eubanks and Christopher Holdeman.

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

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

Minutes of the January 26, 2021 called council meeting and executive session, February 2, 2021 regular council meeting and February 23, 2021 work session meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

In staff reports, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

There was no new business to discuss.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed maintenance being performed at the park.

Edward Rabun made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Michelle Weatherford-Usry 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.
- (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. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in open session, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Jamey Kitchens to hire Erik Williams to the position of full-time Patrol Officer with an hourly rate of \$17.53 (Grade 7, Step 13) to be effective Monday, March 8, 2021. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
April 6, 2021

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

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah and Marty Amerson. Stephanie Hannah attended the meeting via teleconference. Michelle Weatherford-Usry was unable to attend.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Police Department Administrative Assistant Amy Muhammad and Corporal Phillip "P.J." Hambrick.

Citizens present were Mary Walker, Torrey King, Travis Shields, Leticia Vanzinni and Wendy Vanzinni.

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

David Hannah made a motion to adopt the Agenda as printed. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular council meeting and executive session and the March 10, 2021 called council meeting and executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Edward Rabun. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

In staff reports, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens presented Council with a report on activities in his department.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In new business, Edward Rabun made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license (beer and wine; distilled spirits for on premises consumption) for El Maguey Mexican Bar and Grill 2 LLC for the premises located at 104 Old Quaker Road. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor subject to the following conditions being met prior to opening the restaurant: fire extinguishers and hood system is inspected, food service permit is approved by the Jefferson County Health Department, exit sign is installed at the rear exit and the grease trap system is approved by the City Wastewater Operator.

City Administrator Arty Thrift reviewed with Council the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Jefferson County for the operation of the Matthews Fire Station.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend the GMEBS Employee Retirement Plan to allow for re-enrollment of employees/officials returning to service following early retirement. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0 (David Hannah abstained from voting).

In Council Reports, David Hannah discussed cutting grass at the former Glit building. Edward Rabun discussed the premiums for GIRMA Property and Casualty Insurance.

David Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
May 4, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday May 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson, Stephanie Hannah and Michelle Weatherford-Usry.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau.

Citizens present were Clay Crews, Markese Willis, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Travis Shields, Wanda Smith and Calvin Beasley.

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

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

Minutes of the March 30, 2021 council work session and minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Edward Rabun made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

In Unfinished business, Stephanie Hannah made a motion to table the second reading of the Ordinance to amend the GMEBS Retirement Plan. A called council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm to conduct the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New business, Edward Rabun made a motion to accept the nominees for positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President of GMA's District 7 officers for 2021-2022. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor. Edward Rabun made a motion to vote for Jordan Johnson Commissioner, Augusta for GMA's District 7 Third Vice President. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Council Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed restarting meetings with Wrens Hometown Partnership.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Michelle Weatherford-Usry 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.
- (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.

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

Back in open session, Edward Rabun made a motion to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Jamey Kitchens to demote Corporal Joseph McAlpin from Corporal to the position of full-time patrol officer, decreasing his hourly rate from \$17.92 (Grade 8, Step 11) to \$17.53 (Grade 7, Step 13) and to promote Erik Williams to the position of full-time Corporal with an increase in his hourly rate from \$17.53 (Grade 7, Step 13) to \$17.92 (Grade 8, Step 11) to be effective Thursday May 6, 2021. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made the motion to accept the recommendation of City Administrator Arty Thrift to hire Madison Tiner to the full time position of Billing Clerk I with an hourly rate of \$11.03 per hour (Grade 6, Step 3) to be effective Thursday May 6, 2021. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. to issue a written reprimand to City Administrator Arty Thrift for an incident involving a citizen's dog and the misapplication of the animal control provisions of the City Code. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Stephanie 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 7:04 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
June 1, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson, Stephanie Hannah and Michelle Weatherford-Usry.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Dalton Dowdy and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens.

Citizens present were Tyreik Carlyle, Zintavious Neal, Jimmy Thomas, Sharena Vaughn and Mary Walker.

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

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

Minutes of the April 27, 2021 called council meeting and executive session meeting, minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular council meeting and executive session meeting, minutes of the May 11, 2021 called council meeting and minutes from the May 25, 2021 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Edward Rabun. Stephanie Hannah 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. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens presented Council with a report on activities of his department.

In Unfinished Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed the proposed Resolution to authorize a referendum election to allow the package sale of distilled spirits in the City limits.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Jefferson County to provide Election Services for the November 2, 2021 City general election. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded; all in favor.

Edward Rabun made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Section 1-9 (c) of the City Code. David Hannah seconded; all in favor.

In Council Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed re-starting Wrens Hometown Partnership meetings.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

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-Usry. 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-Usry 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-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. 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-Usry 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-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

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

City Hall
August 3, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday August 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Officer William Jenkins, Corporal Phillip Hambrick and Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry.

Citizens present were Bill Newsome, Mary Walker, April Parker, Scott Parker, David Kelly, Sharena Vaughn, Dr. Barbara Smith and Dr. Renee Neal.

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. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the June 29, 2021 work session, July 6, 2021 regular council meeting and executive session and July 27, 2021 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Stephanie Hannah. Edward Rabun 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. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, 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, the North Jefferson Family YMCA director, April Parker, presented Council with a report on activities and upcoming events being held at the YMCA.

David Kelly with Georgia Power Company discussed their upcoming project to rebuild the primary transmission line in the City of Wrens.

In more New business, Edward Rabun made a motion to approve the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) premium pay to City employees. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Council Reports, Edward Rabun discussed the disposal of cooking oils and grease at residential homes. Councilmember Rabun suggested the City establish a community grease collection container for disposal of residential cooking oils and grease.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
September 7, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday September 7, 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-Usry. Stephanie Hannah was unable to attend.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Officer Joseph McAlpin, insurance agent Zach Sandlin, Burns and McDonnell Representative Shannon Ferguson, Georgia Power Representative David Kelly and Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman.

Citizens present were Larry Johnson, Angela Moss, Connie Nelson, D. Renee Neal, Daniel Eubanks, Marcus Gibbons representing Young Men United, Arthur Wilcher representing Young Men United and Wanda Smith.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens 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 August 3, 2021 council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah 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 Jamey Kitchens and Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New business, Marcus Gibbons with Young Men United presented a proposed event to Council for a Veteran's Day Program on Thursday November 11, 2021.

Michael Caven with Meridian Waste was unable to attend the meeting.

David Kelly with Georgia Power and Shannon Ferguson with Burns and McDonnell (Stakeholder Engagement Manager) presented an overview of the Georgia Power Grid Investment Program including the transmission line replacement project in the City of Wrens.

Zach Sandlin, insurance agent presented Council with employee health insurance quotes from Humana and Anthem Blue Cross.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the quote from Anthem Blue Cross for the employee health insurance. Marty Amerson seconded; all in favor.

In Council Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced the meeting schedule for Wrens Hometown Partnership.

David Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
October 5, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday October 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson, Michelle Weatherford-Usry and Stephanie Hannah.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman, Corporal Joseph Lamberth and Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick.

Citizens present were Rebecca Woods, Sharena Vaughn, Corey Hall, Connie Nelson, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Ceola Hannah, Charles Washington, Kristin Busby, Mary Walker, Sandra Robinson and Mike Cavan.

Reverend Charles Washington gave the invocation and Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the August 31, 2021 called council meeting and executive session meeting, September 7, 2021 regular council meeting, September 16, 2021 called council meeting and executive session meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Stephanie Hannah 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. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick 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, Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Article III, Division 5, Sec 38-169 (Grease Interceptor Regulations) of the City Code. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the Wrens Airport 65J, GDOT Grant Contract for design airfield lighting rehabilitation. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Council Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced that the Wrens Hometown Partnership meeting is held on fourth Thursday of each month.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. 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.
- (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.

Marty Amerson made a motion to return to regular session. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor. Back in regular session, no formal action was taken with regard to the Personnel matter discussed.

Following discussion, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to authorize the assignment of the Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement from Meridian Waste to Orion Waste Solutions. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
November 2, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday November 2, 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-Usry. Stephanie Hannah arrived at the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman, Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick, Corporal Joseph Lamberth, Corporal Glenn Edwards and Patrol Officer Joshua Hopper.

Citizens present were D'Renee Neal, Kristin Busby, Ivalee Brown, Rosa Lamb, Austin Swan, Ceola Hannah, Wanda Smith, Mary Walker, Madison Tiner and Felicia Hannah.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Edward Rabun requested to remove item 8a, Mike Cavan/Meridian Waste from the agenda and also item 11, Meridian Waste from the agenda. Edward Rabun made a motion to adopt the agenda as revised. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the September 28, 2021 work session, October 5, 2021 regular council meeting and executive session meeting and October 26, 2021 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry 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, Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman, Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick and City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

In Unfinished business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-011-001 to amend Chapter 38, Article III, Division 5, Section 38-169, Grease Interceptor Regulations. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt the Solar Farm Moratorium Resolution No. 2021-11-01. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Council Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced upcoming events in Wrens.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
December 7, 2021

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Operator Christopher Holdeman, Corporal Christopher Tucker and Patrol Officer Michael Reddekopp.

Citizens present were Rosa Gibbons, Dr. Renee Neal, Connie Nelson, Willie Neal, Felicia Hannah, Madison Tiner, Corey Hall, Pamela Dixon, Rosa Lamb and Pamela Mathis.

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

Edward Rabun made a motion to adopt the Agenda as printed. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the November 2, 2021 regular council meeting and November 30, 2021 council work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Stephanie Hannah. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, 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.

There was no new business to discuss.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk