

City Hall

January 4, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 4, 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, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Corporal Christopher Tucker, Officer William Jenkins, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah and Billing Clerk Madison Tiner.

Citizens present were Sam Way, Rosa Lamb, Antee Roberts, Lillie Bell Nelson, P. Wells, Taccora Nelson, Sabrina Nelson, Kelvin Tucker, Kelbe Tucker, Renee D'Neal, Mary Walker, Rosa Gibbons, Ceola Hannah, Willie Neal, Parish Howard, Daniel Eubanks and Sharena Vaughn.

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. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Marty Amerson 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, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Police Chief John Maynard presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presented Council and citizens with a report of the accomplishments from all departments during the year 2021.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Unified Development Code to add Retail Package Liquor Store (distilled spirits) as a permitted use in Commercial Districts. Arty Thrift also discussed the need to amend Chapter 4 of City Code to provide licensing for the sale of distilled spirits by the package. Both ordinances will be presented for a first reading at the February 1, 2022 regular council meeting.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to appoint William (Bill) Newsome and Bennett Clark to the Planning and Zoning Commission for five-year terms. Each term will end on December 31, 2026. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

David 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 6:46 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

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

City Hall

March 1, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard, Officer Johnvante Singleton and Assistant Police Chief P.J. Hambrick.

Citizens present were Renee Neal, Eddie Brown, Sharena Vaughn and Kristin Busby.

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

David Hannah made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the February 2, 2022 regular council meeting and executive session meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. David Hannah 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, Police Chief John Maynard and City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presented Council and citizens with a report of the accomplishments from all departments during the year 2021.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, Marty Amerson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-003-001 amending the Police Department organizational chart. Connie Nelson seconded; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-003-002 amending the Unified Development Ordinance to establish a zoning designation for retail package liquor stores. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-003-003 amending 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 Committee reports, there were none.

There was no executive session.

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 6:47 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
April 5, 2022

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

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau. Wastewater Superintendent Christopher Holdeman arrived at 6:08 pm.

Citizens present were Edward Rabun and Jacqueline McCloud.

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

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. requested to amend the agenda to move item 8a, Jerry Coalson, County Administrator to item number 4 on the agenda. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, Jerry Coalson, County Administrator updated Mayor and Council on the projects of Jefferson County.

Minutes of the March 1, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by David Hannah. 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Police Chief John Maynard, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Wastewater Superintendent 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, Jim Anderson, E911 Director was unable to attend the meeting.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed with Mayor and Council the application for Retail Beverage Dealer License, Distilled Spirits Package Sales submitted by Chad Blocker. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the application for a Retail Beverage Dealer License,

Distilled Spirits Package Sales for Blockers Speedy located at 507 Broad Street. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed with Mayor and Council the Resolution for FY 2022 application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the application for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In city council reports, David Hannah discussed the traffic in the City. Michelle Weatherford-Usry discussed various Wrens Hometown Partnership projects.

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 7:04 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
May 3, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

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 Ronald Rhodes, Candace Rhodes, Sharena Vaughn, Rosa Gibbons, Michael Brown, Wanda Smith, Marilyn Steadman, Barbara Alston, Barbara Etheridge, Ceola Hannah, Donna King, Roxie Sims-Williams and Bonnie Boyd.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and David Hannah 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 April 5, 2022 regular council meeting and April 26, 2022 work session meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by David Hannah. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall 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, Police Chief John Maynard 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, Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presented the Wrens High School Mega Reunion Classes 1971-1995 with a Proclamation.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the conditional use application for Ronald Rhodes to permit a personal property storage facility at 605 N. Main St. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded; all in favor.

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presented council with the election ballot for GMA's District 7 Officers for 2022-2023. David Hannah made a motion to approve the ballot as presented. Corey Hall seconded; all in favor.

City Administrator Thrift presented council with a GDOT Project Contract for Airport Lighting Rehab and Aviation Grant. Trinity Electrical Services was the low, responsible bidder for the project. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Contract. David Hannah seconded; all in favor.

In Committee reports, there were none.

There was no executive session.

David 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 6:43 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

June 7, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry, Investigator Ashley Pletcher, Sergeant Chester Hopkins, Assistant Chief of Police P. J. Hambrick and Officer Michael Reddekopp.

Citizens present were Shannon Ferguson, Daniel Eubanks, David Kelly, Michael Brown, Rosa Gibbons, Ceola Hannah, Sharon Gray, Michelle B. and Sharena Vaughn.

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

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. requested to amend the agenda to add Michael Brown to item 8a in New Business to discuss the WHS Mega Reunion event held on June 4, 2022. David Hannah made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the May 3, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. David 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. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Police Chief John Maynard 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, Michael Brown expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and Council for the support given to him and others for the WHS Mega Reunion event held on June 4, 2022.

In New Business, Sharon Gray, David Kelly, Shannon Ferguson and Michelle B. with Georgia Power discussed with Mayor and Council the Georgia Power 46KV Transmission and Grid project that will take place in the coming weeks.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed with Mayor and Council to consider adding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a recognized City holiday.

In Committee Reports, there were none.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

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

City Hall
August 2, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, August 2, 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 Police Officer Misty May.

Citizens present were Ceola Hannah, Daniel Eubanks and Parish Howard.

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 July 5, 2022 regular council meeting and July 26, 2022 work session meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall 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, Police Chief John Maynard presented Council with a report on activities of his respective department.

In Unfinished Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the addition of Juneteenth as a paid employee holiday for the City of Wrens. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

There was no New Business to discuss.

In Committee Reports, there were none.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

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.

In Unfinished Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Mayor and Council with an update on the 2022 SPLOST funds.

In Unfinished Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Mayor and Council with an update on the 2016 SPLOST funds.

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

City Hall
October 4, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

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 Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Daniel Eubanks, Rosa Gibbons, Sharena Vaughn, Parish Howard and Ceola Hannah.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Councilmember David Hannah 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 September 30, 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, 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 announced that the City was not approved for the FY 2022 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Housing Grant.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt 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.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to set the 2022 Millage Rate at 14.873 mills. David Hannah seconded that motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, David Hannah discussed rescheduling the community clean-up day. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made an announcement regarding the Wrens Hometown Partnership meetings.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm with a motion made by David Hannah. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
November 1, 2022

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard and Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah.

Citizens present were Rev. Charles Washington, Timothy Brown, Wanda Smith, Rosa Gibbons, Parish Howard, Tory King, Daniel Eubanks, Markayla Watts, Sharena Vaughn, Ceola Hannah and Mary Walker.

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

Marty Amerson made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the October 4, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Connie Nelson 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, 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, members from Holding Forth the Word of Life Ministries Church presented Mayor and Council with an update on their building project.

In Committee Reports, David Hannah discussed the four-way stop on Quaker Rd stating he does not believe it was installed properly according to U.S. DOT standards. He also announced that he will conduct a City cleanup day on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 9:00 am.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

December 6, 2022

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

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube and Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry. Due to training obligations, Police Chief John Maynard arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Citizens present were Ceola Hannah, Sandra Robinson, Charles Washington, Mary Walker, Sharena Vaughn, Annie Walker, Hannah Miller, Zoie Irby and W.G. Bartlett.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Councilmember David Hannah 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 November 1, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Marty Amerson 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, 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 council the proposed closure of a section of Frederick Street between Guy Street and W. Walker Street, located behind Hadden's IGA, to facilitate a development project.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the renewal of the Contract for Probation Supervision Services with CSRA Probation Services, Inc. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion adopt Resolution No. 2022-012-001 amending Police Department hiring practices (Operations Manual, Chapter 3, S.O.P. 3-1) and repealing the Physical Fitness Policy. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, David Hannah thanked everyone for their involvement in the community clean-up day. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made an announcement regarding holiday events.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk