

City Hall
January 3, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 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, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman.

Citizens present were Patricia Blake, Donald Paster, Rosa Gibbons, Renee Neal, Lester Hadden, Peggy Hadden and Sandra Robinson.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation. Councilmember Corey Hall 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 6, 2022 regular council meeting 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Police Chief John Maynard, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Wastewater Supervisor 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, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-001-001 to close a portion of Frederick Street directly behind Haddens IGA. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve initiation of the annexation process for the City-owned Family Y property containing 26.58 acres. The property is identified as Tax Map 0066 Parcel 010A by the Jefferson County Tax Commissioner's Office. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry expressed her appreciation for the hard work of the City employees in support of the Christmas events held in the City.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
February 7, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah, Police Officer George Bensema and City Attorney Chris Dube.

Citizens present were Arthur Wilcher, Donald Paster, Wanda Smith, Deborah Johnson, Daniel Eubanks, Rosa Lamb, Ceola Hannah, Renee Neal, Willie Neal, Greg Goodson, Sr. and Marcus Gibbons.

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

Corey Hall made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the January 3, 2023 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. David Hannah 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. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of his respective department.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the Contractual Agreement with CSRA Regional Commission for preparation of the Jefferson County Joint Comprehensive Plan 2023-2028. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, there were none.

Corey Hall made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Connie Nelson 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Mayor Rabun discussed with Council his recommendation to pay City Administrator Arty Thrift a car allowance in the amount of \$150.00 per month effective February 9, 2023. Corey Hall made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Connie Nelson seconded; all in favor.

Mayor Rabun discussed with Council his recommendation to pay City Administrator Arty Thrift a cell phone allowance in the amount of \$100.00 per month effective February 1, 2023. Marty Amerson made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Connie Nelson seconded; all in favor.

Marty Amerson made a motion to approve a salary increase for City Administrator Arty Thrift to \$83,700.00 per year effective February 9, 2023. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
March 7, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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 attended the meeting via telephone conference.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman, Police Officer George Bensema, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah and Police Sergeant Christopher Tucker.

Citizens present were Aurther Wilcher, Kelcey Holliday, Rosa Lamb, Marcus Gibbons, Miranda Berry, Daniel Eubanks, Ceola Hannah, Sharena Vaughn, Mary Walker, Wanda Smith, Steve Lozano and Annie Walden.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation. Councilmember Corey Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the February 2, 2023 work session, February 7, 2023 regular council meeting and executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. 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. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff reports, Wastewater Supervisor 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, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the purchase of 209 Broad Street, Parcel R002 146. There was no second motion; motion died for lack of a second.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced Wrens Spring Fling festival will be held on May 6, 2023.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm with a motion made by David Hannah. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
April 4, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah, Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman and City Attorney Chris Dube.

Citizens present were Wanda Smith, Brad McConnell, Sarah Johnson, Greg Johnson, Aurthur Wilcher, Marcus Gibbons, Jenifer Eubanks, Daniel Eubanks, Jim Allen, Michael Brown, Rosa Lamb, Vincent Stone, Ceola Hannah, Rosa Gibbons and Michelle Holley.

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

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

Minutes of the March 2, 2023 work session, March 7, 2023 regular council meeting, March 16, 2023 work session, March 24, 2023 work session and March 30, 2023 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by David Hannah. Corey Hall 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, there were none.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (Zoning Map) to re-zone from C (Commercial) to I-1 (Light Industrial) 5 acres +/- located at 611 S. Main Street. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, Marty Amerson made a motion to table consideration of the full-service maintenance agreement for water tanks. David Hannah seconded; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry requested the council vote again on the purchase of the property located at 209 Broad Street.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm with a motion made by David Hannah. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
May 2, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman, Police Chief John Maynard, Police Officer George Bensema, Police Officer Lance Tucker, Police Officer Ashley Pletcher and Police Assistant Amy Muhammad.

Citizens present were Brad McConnell, Rosa Gibbons, Wanda Smith, Rosa Lamb, Ceola Hannah, Daniel Eubanks, Sharena Vaughn, Penny Patterson, Derryl and Shakia Fuller and Lowanda McBride.

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

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

Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. requested to amend the agenda to move item 7a, Water Tank Maintenance Agreement, in Unfinished/old Businesses to item number 4 on the agenda. David Hannah made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to accept the bid from American Tank Maintenance for the full-service water tank maintenance agreement in the amount of \$457,255 for a 5-year total and \$565,553 for a 7-year total. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the April 4, 2023 regular council meeting and April 27, 2023 work session 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard and Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For unfinished/old business, Corey Hall made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (Zoning Map) to re-zone from C (Commercial) to I-1 (Light Industrial) 5 acres +/- located at 611 S. Main Street. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Authorize filing of CDBG Housing application. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, Corey Hall made a motion to approve allocating the remaining \$657,119.16 ARPA funds for the New Drinking Water Well. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, there were none.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm with a motion made by David Hannah. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

June 6, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Police Chief John Maynard, Police Officer Anthony Mitchell, Police Officer Carnell Wright, Police Officer Landry Johnson, Corporal Joey Lamberth and Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick.

Citizens present were Aurther Wilcher, Steve Lozano, Rosa Lamb, Wanda Smith, Kelcey Holliday, Jenifer Eubanks, Daniel Eubanks, Tory King, Michael Brown and Greg Sellars.

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

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

Minutes of the May 2, 2023 regular council meeting and June 1, 2023 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by David Hannah. Connie Nelson 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. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau 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 reschedule the regular July Council meeting to July 11, 2023 due to the 4th of July holiday. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Jefferson County and the City of Wrens to conduct election services for the November 7, 2023 general election. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Water Tank Maintenance Agreement with American Tank Maintenance for the maintenance program on the Canterbury Tank. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the Water Tank Maintenance Agreement with American Tank Maintenance for the maintenance program on the Lakeview Tank. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Water Tank Maintenance Agreement with American Tank Maintenance for the maintenance program on the Rob Hill Tank. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the Water Tank Maintenance Agreement with American Tank Maintenance for the maintenance program on the South Wrens Tank. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the purchase and financing of 24 air pack units at \$226,454.00 from FireLine, Inc for use in the Fire Department. \$60,000 will be paid out of SPLOST funds and GMA Financial Services will finance \$166,454.00 at 4.30% for 7 years making the monthly payment \$2,298.29. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Jefferson County and the City of Wrens relating to the management and operation of the Matthews Fire Department. David Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced the success of Food Truck Friday and thanked all who participate.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm with a motion made by David Hannah. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
July 11, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick, Officer Quincy Cannon, Corporal Joey Lamberth and Officer Landry Johnson.

Citizens present were Sharena Vaughn, Joann Shelton, Annie Walden, Rosa Lamb, Tory King and Wanda Smith.

City Manager Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Connie Nelson made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the June 6, 2023 regular council meeting and July 6, 2023 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick presented Council with a report on activities of his respective department.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, City Manager Arty Thrift discussed the consumer confidence report for 2022.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend the City Code to amend and restate Chapter 26, Article IV, Section 26-119 (hours of curfew) of the juvenile evening curfew. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, City Manager Arty Thrift announced the back-to-school event at the old Wrens Middle School, walking track.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm with a motion made by Corey Hall.
Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

August 1, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Police Chief John Maynard and Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick.

Citizens present were Wanda Smith, Rosa Lamb, Miranda Berry, Sharena Vaughn, Jennifer Eubanks and Ceola Hannah.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Police Officer Landry Johnson 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 July 11, 2023 regular 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

For New Business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance to amend the City Code to amend and restate Chapter 26, Article IV, Section 26-119 (hours of curfew) of the juvenile evening curfew. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed the tentative millage rate for 2023.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry requested a status update for the water well project.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm with a motion made by Corey Hall. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
September 5, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

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

Citizens present were Joann Shelton, Charles Washington, Rosa Lamb, Jenifer Eubanks, Sharena Vaughn, Wanda Smith, Rosa Gibbons, Ann DeLoach, Debra Samples, George Samples, Ceola Hannah and Annie Walden.

City Manager Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Police Chief John Maynard 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 1, 2023 regular council meeting and August 31, 2023 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Connie Nelson 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 John Maynard and City Manager Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

City Manager Arty Thrift announced the upcoming election information:

The General Election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Two city council seats and Mayor seat are up for election.

Qualifying for the election is completed and closed.

City had 7 qualify for the 2 city council seats. 2 candidates have since withdrawn their candidacy.

City had 2 qualify for the Mayor seat.

There was a challenge filed for residency requirement for a candidate in the Mayor's race.

A hearing on the challenge will be held by the Jefferson County Board of Elections on September 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, Zach Sandlin, insurance agent presented Council with employee health insurance quotes from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the quote from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for the employee health insurance. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the use of the old Wrens Middle School building for basic SWAT training September 25, 2023 through October 1, 2023 at the request of Police Officer Scott Usry. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the Jefferson County Joint Comprehensive Plan 2023-2028. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the Municipal Court Judge Service Agreement for Chief Judge Christopher Hudson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the Municipal Court Judge Service Agreements for Associate Judge Gary Beddingfield and Associate Judge Grady Blanchard. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve \$250 per case/defendant compensation for the Municipal Court Public Defender Marnique Oliver. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to set the 2023 Millage Rate at 14.873 mills. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded that motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Corey Hall discussed joining with the citizens to better the community.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
October 3, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Connie Nelson, Michelle Weatherford-Usry and Marty Amerson. David Hannah and Corey Hall were 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 Torrey King, Vincent Stone, Rosa Lamb, Wanda Smith, Rosa Gibbons, Sandra Robinson, Carolyn Murray, Sharena Vaughn, Marie Rivers, Joann Shelton and Mary Walker.

Reverend Jones gave the invocation and Police Chief John Maynard 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 5, 2023 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Connie Nelson 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 John Maynard, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah and City Clerk Cassie Bartlett presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

There was no unfinished/old business to discuss.

In New Business, City Administrator Arty Thrift presented an annual review of the 2022 SPLOST funds.

City Administrator Arty Thrift also presented a review of grant funds received by the City for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed the 2024 Request for Proposals for city-wide solid waste collection service.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced Wrens Hometown Partnership will have a meeting on October 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
November 7, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

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

Others present were City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah, Police Chief John Maynard, Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick and Public Works Director Brian Usry.

Citizens present were Rosa Gibbons, Wanda Smith, Rosa Lamb, WG Bartlett, Marie Rivers, Mary Walker, Vinson Stone and Stephanie Hannah.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Public Works Director Brian Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the October 3, 2023 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Connie Nelson 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 John Maynard and Public Works Director Brian Usry presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, David Hannah made a motion to repair the equipment that is already placed at the Wrens walking track playground. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

By unanimous consent, Council tabled consideration of the Ordinance to Amend and Restate Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Retirement Plan for employees of the City.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt the Resolution amending Chapter 10 and S.O.P. 10-2 of Wrens Police Department Operations Manual. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick presented a proposal to Mayor and Council to purchase a narcotic tracking K-9 dog for use in the Police Department. David Hannah made a motion to accept the proposal

with the modification that the City will reimburse Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick for the cost of feeding the K-9 dog. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry announced upcoming Christmas events taking place in the City.

There was no Executive Session.

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

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

December 5, 2023

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 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, Assistant Police Chief PJ Hambrick, Public Works Director Brian Usry and Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah.

Citizens present were Rosa Lee Jordan, Stephanie Hannah, Gregory Goodson Sr., Crystal Goodson, Norma Miller, Rosa Gibbons, Marie Rivers, Carolyn Murray, Moselanet Huntley, Ceola Hannah, Wanda Smith, Timothy Brown, Michael Ramsey, Laray Avery, Sharena Vaughn and Larry Davis.

City Manager Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Police Chief John Maynard 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 7, 2023 regular council meeting 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, Police Chief John Maynard, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah and Public Works Director Brian Usry 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 alcoholic beverage license (malt beverages and wine, retail beverage dealer, package sales, for consumption off-premises only) for Family Dollar Stores of Georgia LLC dba Family Dollar #32481 for the premises located at 505 North Main Street. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

David Hannah made a motion to approve the 2023 CDBG Language Access Plan (LAP). Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend and Restate Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Retirement Plan for employees of the City. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry inquired about the new well project.

There was no Executive Session.

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

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk