

City Hall

January 2, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

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

Citizens present were Rev. Willie Jones, Evans Hodges, Luther Hannah, Dwight Hannah, WG Bartlett, Joan Moss, Brandone Carlyle, Charles Rutland, Delores Rutland, Aurthur Wilcher, Chris Hannah, Mary Walker, Carolyn Huntley, Shanda Murray, Wanda Smith, Greg Sellars, Sharena Vaughn, Ceola Hannah, Laray Avery, Vincent Stone, Marshall Hannah, Lashunga Hannah, Charles Washington, Marie Rivers, Evonne Brown and Rodriguez Brown.

Reverend Willie Jones gave the invocation and Councilmember Torrey King 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 December 5, 2023 regular council meeting 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. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard and Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, Mayor David Hannah appointed the city council committees for the year 2024.

Corey Hall made a motion to appoint Councilmember Connie Nelson as Mayor Pro-Tem. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; three voted in favor with one abstaining (Connie Nelson). Motion carried 3-0.

Corey Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolution amending Chapter 19 of Wrens Police Department Operations Manual for K-9 operations. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to place a new stop sign at the intersection of Ellis St. and Frederick St. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt 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 announced Wrens Hometown Partnership updates. Corey Hall gave thanks to everyone for coming to the council meeting.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Pending Litigation**. 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: **Pending Litigation**.
- (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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in regular session, no official action was taken.

Corey Hall 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 6:58 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
February 6, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah, Police Chief John Maynard and Police Officer Christopher Tucker.

Citizens present were Rev. Willie Jones, Rosa Gibbons, Luther Hannah, Rosa Jordan, Christina Shepherd, Wanda Smith, Jenifer Eubanks, Ceola Hannah, Rosa Lamb, Miranda Berry, Charles Rutland, Mary Walker, Daniel Eubanks, Teresa Smith, Rodriquez Brown, Greg Goodson and Tamika Hall.

Reverend Willie Jones gave the invocation and Councilmember Corey Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular council meeting and executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Torrey King made a motion to approve the Bank Statement Balances as of January 31, 2024. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, City Manager Arty Thrift and Police Chief John Maynard presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old Business, there was none.

For New Business, there was none.

There were no Council Committee Reports.

Corey Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

March 5, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Dalton Dowdy, Police Chief John Maynard, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Public Works Director Brian Usry and Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman.

Citizens present were Rosa Jordan, Norma Miller, Vincent Stone, Moselanet Huntley, Aurther Wilcher, Derryl Fuller, Shakia Fuller, W.G. Bartlett, Rosa Lamb, Miranda Berry, Christina Shepherd, Wanda Smith, Parish Howard, Teresa Smith, Marva Riley and Tamika Hall.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Councilmember Torrey King 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 February 1, 2024 work session and February 6, 2024 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. 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. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Public Works Director Brian Usry, and Wastewater Supervisor Christopher Holdeman presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, Mayor David Hannah approved support of the 2nd annual mental health expo event presented by Mrs. Shakia Fuller to be held at the City of Wrens Park, 101 Griffin St. This event will be Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Angela Farmer with Sigma Gamma Sorority was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor David Hannah approved support of the Young Men United (YMU) Juneteenth Event presented by Aurther Wilcher to be held at the City of Wrens Park, 101 Griffin St. This event will be Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the first reading of the Annexation Ordinance for the North Jefferson Family YMCA property located at 3001 Hwy 17 North (Parcel No. 0066 010A). Marty Amerson seconded; all in favor.

Marty Amerson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Zoning (designation C General Commercial) Ordinance for the North Jefferson Family YMCA property located at 3001 Hwy 17 North (Parcel No. 0066 010A). Connie Nelson seconded; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the Conditional Use application at 218 Estelle St. for single family residential housing in a commercial zone. Torrey King seconded; all in favor.

Connie Nelson made a motion to solicit bids for solid waste collection services. Corey Hall seconded; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Corey Hall discussed with council setting goals for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
April 2, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett and Police Chief John Maynard.

Citizens present were Rosa Lamb, Jenifer Eubanks, Daniel Eubanks, Vincient Stone, Rosa Gibbons, Dave Hastings, Rosa Jordan, Wanda Smith, Charles Rutland, Delores Rutland, Sandra Robinson, Michael Brown, Christina Shepherd and Mary Walker.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Councilmember Torrey King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the February 29, 2024 work session, March 5, 2024 regular council meeting and March 27, 2024 called council meeting and executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Corey Hall. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Marty Amerson made a motion to approve the Bank Statement Balances as of March 31, 2024. 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.

For Unfinished/Old Business, there was none.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the Annexation Ordinance for the North Jefferson Family YMCA property located at 3001 Hwy 17 North (Parcel No. 0066 010A). Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded; all in favor.

Connie Nelson made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the Zoning (designation C General Commercial) Ordinance for the North Jefferson Family YMCA property located at 3001 Hwy 17 North (Parcel No. 0066 010A). Corey Hall seconded; all in favor.

Citizen Dave Hastings with the American Legion requested the use of a city building to hold meetings for the American Legion.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry 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.

Corey Hall made a motion to return to regular session. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor. No official action was taken.

There being no further business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie Nelson seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
May 7, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief John Maynard, Billing Clerk Felicia Hannah, Police Officer Landry Johnson, Police Sergeant Misty May and Police Officer Jordan Walker.

Citizens present were Normen Miller, Harriet Page, Sharena Vaughner, Rosa Gibbons, Wanda Smith, Michael Myers, Teresa Smith, John W Jackson Sr., Mildred Mathis, Rosa Lamb, Timothy Brown, Jenifer Eubanks, Daniel Eubanks, Christina Shepherd, Mary Walker, Rita Berry Johnson, Akeyla Walker, Charles Rutland and Linda Grijalva.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Councilmember Corey Hall 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 April 2, 2024 regular council meeting and April 25, 2024 council work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Connie Nelson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry 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. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard presented Council with a report on activities of his respective department.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, Teresa Smith with A&S Engineering LLC presented the City of Wrens with a \$500 donation for the upcoming movie night.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) Contractual Agreement with the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission (CSRA RC). Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Shareka Pitts discussed with council the upcoming event at the walking track, 101 Griffin St. in honor of her daughter Kiah Pitts. She explained this will be a family memorial event on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Marty Amerson made a motion to appoint Travers W. Chance as the new Associate Municipal Court Judge. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There were no committee reports.

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

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall

June 4, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, Police Chief John Maynard, Public Works Director Brian Usry, Police Officer Landry Johnson and Assistant Chief of Police PJ Hambrick.

Citizens present were Rosa Lamb, John Jackson Sr., Wanda Smith, Ed Rabun, Charles Rutland, Delores Rutland, Rosa Lee Jordan, Rosa Gibbons, Gary Smith, Donna King, Timothy Brown, Ceola Hannah, Greg Goodson Sr. and Sharena Vaughn.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Councilmember Torrey King 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 May 7, 2024 regular council meeting and May 20, 2024 called council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Torrey King seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Bank Statement Balances as of May 31, 2024. Torrey King seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard, Public Works Director Brian Usry and City Manager Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old Business, Dave Hastings with the American Legion did not attend the meeting.

In New Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In New Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the 2024 CDBG Housing Project Policies and Procedures. Torrey King seconded the motion; three voted in favor with one abstaining (Connie Nelson). Motion carried 3-0.

In New Business, Marty Amerson made a motion to approve the Service Agreement with Travers W. Chance as the new Associate Municipal Court Judge. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In committee reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry requested a follow up on the red light installation in front of Ingles on Hwy 1.

There being no further business, Marty Amerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Torrey King seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
July 2, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube and Police Chief John Maynard.

Citizens present were Bennett Clark, Rosa Lamb, Linda McDowell, Wanda Smith, Rosa Gibbons, Daniel Eubanks, Christina Shepherd, Marcus Gibbons, Chrystal Goodson and Jennifer Eubanks.

Police Chief John Maynard gave the invocation and Councilmember Marty Amerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the May 30, 2024 work session and June 4, 2024 regular council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Marty Amerson. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Torrey King 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, City Manager Arty Thrift and Police Chief John Maynard presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, Marcus Gibbons with Young Men's United discussed with council the upcoming Veterans Day Program to be held on November 9, 2024.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve and enter into the Solid Waste Collection Agreement with AllGreen Services, a division of Atlantic Waste Services, Inc., effective September 1, 2024. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

City Manager Arty Thrift presented council with an update on the active grants.

City Manager Arty Thrift provided council with a review of the restricted financial accounts.

There were no committee reports.

Corey Hall made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Real Estate Disposal**. 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: **Real Estate Disposal**.
- (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.

Corey Hall made a motion to return to the regular session. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to sell the property located at 503 E. Broad Street (Parcel R002 184 and R002 183 B) by sealed bid. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm with a motion made by Corey Hall. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
August 6, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, Police Chief John Maynard, Public Works Director Brian Usry, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Wastewater Supervisor Chris Holdeman.

Citizens present were Kelcey Holliday, Charles Rutland, Delores Rutland, Rosa Lamb, Sharena Vaughn, Linda McDowell, John W. Jackson Sr., Calvin Beasley, Michael Brown and Evelyn Terrell.

Citizen Sharena Vaughn gave the invocation and Councilmember Marty Amerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the July 2, 2024 regular council meeting and July 2, 2024 executive session 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 Bank Statement Balances as of July 31, 2024. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Police Chief John Maynard, Public Works Director Brian Usry, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Wastewater Supervisor Chris Holdeman presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For Unfinished/Old Business, City Manager Arty Thrift discussed the Veterans Day Program that will be on held November 9, 2024.

In New Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

Citizen Charles Rutland discussed the Labor Day neighborhood cookout on Detroit Avenue.

Sam Sullivan with AllGreen Garbage Services did not attend the meeting.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt the Utility Rate Schedule Resolution. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Torrey King made a motion to enter into a property purchase and sale agreement with Atwell Rabun Agriculture LLC (portion of Parcel 0067 030A) for the new well site. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Connie Nelson made a motion to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers, Inc. for the new well project. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry requested a follow up the playground equipment. Mayor Hannah invited everyone to the Gospel on the Green event.

Corey Hall made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Torrey King 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.

Connie Nelson made a motion to return to regular session. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in regular session, no official action was taken.

There being no further business, Connie Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corey Hall seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
September 3, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Connie Nelson, Corey Hall, Torrey King and Michelle Weatherford-Ustry. Marty Amerson was unable to attend.

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube and Police Officer Landry Johnson.

Citizens present were Charles Washington, Greg Sellars, Braylie Guy, Jacob Davis, Michael Perez-Velaquez, Brenda Terrell Burns, Rosa Lamb, Wanda Smith, Sharena Vaughn, Micah Devaughn, Patricia Bradshaw, Annie Walden, Jenifer Eubanks, Daniel Eubanks, Brian Prince, Mary Walker and Dawn Raider.

Reverend Washington gave the invocation and Councilmember Michelle Weatherford-Ustry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the August 6, 2024 regular council meeting and August 6, 2024 executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Ustry. Torrey King 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. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, there were none.

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. Connie Nelson made a motion to accept the quote from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield providing two plans for employees to choose from. (1) CPS Blue Open Access POS 1500/0%/3500-AORE and (2) CSP Blue Open Access POS 1000/20%/4500-AOSS. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the GEFA DWSRF Resolution authorizing a loan application for the new water well project. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Corey Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of Parcel R003 018 containing .96 acres, more or less located on W. Walker Street in the amount of \$10,500. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry seconded the motion; all in favor.

City Administrator Arty Thrift discussed the 2024 Millage Rate with council.

In Council Committee Reports, there were none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm with a motion made by Connie Nelson. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

October 1, 2024 regular council meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Helene.

City Hall
November 5, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Attorney Chris Dube, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Police Officer Landry Johnson.

Citizens present were Mary Walker, Sharena Vaughn, Wanda Smith, Rosa Gibbons, Kenneth Hudson, John Jackson Sr., Charles Washington, Jacqueline Hammonds, Delores Rutland, Charles Rutland, Rebecca Woods, Harriett Page, KC Thomas, Dawn Raider, Shalonica Fuller, Derryl Fuller, Ellen Farmer, Daniel Eubanks, Laray Avery, Morgan Guy, Annie Evans, Biranna Hennessy, Laura Faith Hayes, Lexie English, Laura Watson, and Kaylynn Mullen.

City Manager Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Councilmember Marty Amerson 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 August 29, 2024 work session meeting, August 29, 2024 executive session, September 3, 2024 regular council meeting, September 17, 2024 called council meeting, October 24, 2024 work session and October 24, 2024 executive session 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 Bank Statement Balances as of October 31, 2024. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Staff Reports, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau discussed with Council the Naloxone Policy Resolution.

For Unfinished/Old Business, there was none.

In New Business, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to adopt the Naloxone Policy Resolution No. 2024-011-001. Connie Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Mayor David Hannah thanked the citizens and volunteers that helped the community during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

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.

Torrey King made a motion to return to regular session. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in regular session, no official action was taken.

There being no further business, Torrey King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie Nelson seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk

City Hall
December 3, 2024

The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor David Hannah presiding.

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

Others present were City Manager Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Officer Landry Johnson and Interim Officer-in-Charge David Leonard.

Citizens present were Jenifer Eubanks, Harriet Page, Danile Eubanks, Vincent Stone, Trazion Ruff, Aidi, Brenda Burns, Sharena Vaughn, Wanda Smith, Rosa Lamb, Tanya Curry, Norma Mills, Laray Avery, Natalie McLeod and Christina Shepard.

City Manager Arty Thrift gave the invocation and Councilmember Connie Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the November 5, 2024 regular council meeting and executive session and November 21, 2024 work session and executive 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, Interim Officer-in-Charge David Leonard introduced himself to the council and citizens present. City Manager Arty Thrift provided an update on the new water well project and CDBG Housing Grant.

For Unfinished/Old business, there was none.

In New Business, Dave Hastings discussed his desire for the City to provide a building to the American Legion.

In Council Committee Reports, there were none.

Torrey King made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Real Estate Disposal** and **Personnel**. Marty Amerson 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: **Real Estate Disposal and 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.

Connie Nelson made a motion to return to regular session. Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in regular session, Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve the sale by public bid of parcels R002 184 and R002 183B, containing .54 acres more or less located at 503 East Broad Street (Wrens Medical Center building). Corey Hall seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, Corey Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk