

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8, 2020

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: CECIL THOMPSON, LOYD MOBLEY, BOB DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER AND GREG JOHNSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: NICK OVERSTREET – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, JUSTIN FRANKLIN – CITY ATTORNEY

MAYOR PRO TEM TURNER BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: EFTON GREEN

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DVA - Tonya Parker's May report was included in the Council's packet.

VCVB – Alexa Britton gave a short report on the Museum and the Onion Festival. She reported that the Tourism Board had voted to cancel the 4th of July event at the Stage at City Park. She did report that, along with Tonya Parker and the DVA, the Onion Festival would be holding a Brighten up Vidalia Event on the 19th of June. The event is a drive through lunch program where those participating can get lunch consisting of either a chick-fil-a sandwich or two hot dogs, both served with Vidalia onion rings. The cost for lunch is \$10.00, and comes with a drink. The event will be held at the Stage at City Park from 10:30-2:00 on the 19th.

ONION FESTIVAL – See above.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER - Michele Johnson's report was passed out at the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of May. A motion was made by Councilman Mobley to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting, and the May 19, 2020 Called meeting. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

- 1. Called Special Election –** Due to Georgia code 21-2-250 the Council must call a special election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Ronnie Dixon. City Manager Overstreet is requesting that the Council approve a Special Election to be held on November 2, 2020. The qualifying dates will begin on August 24, 2020 and end on August 26, 2020. The Special Election will be advertised as required. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Mobley to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.
- 2. Cares Act Funding Resolution –** Mr. Bedingfield presented a resolution that needs to be approved so that the Vidalia Airport can apply for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act grant. The amount from this act that may be available to the Vidalia Airport is \$30,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.
- 3. Library Board appointment –** Mr. Overstreet presented a request from the Ohoopsee Regional Library to approve Howard Holman as a new Board member. A motion was made by Councilman Mobley to accept the Board's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

4. **Streets and Sanitation Meeting 6/2/20** – Mr. Overstreet presented the minutes from the Streets and Sanitation Meeting held on June 2, 2020. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the request on item #1 to install the fencing around the Stage at City Park with a not to exceed price of \$140,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

After some discussion the Council was in agreement with the Committee's recommendation on item #2 to not place a stop sign at Maple Drive and Hilda Street.

5. **Fire and Police Meeting 6/2/20** – Mr. Overstreet presented the minutes from the Fire and Police Committee meeting held on June 2, 2020. (See Attached) On item #1 Mr. Overstreet informed the Council that Commissioner Scott had brought some additional information to him and was requesting that the Council table this until a later date. He stated that when he had all the information necessary he would call another Fire and Police Meeting. The Council was in agreement.

After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request on item #2 to repair the fencing at the Animal Control facility at a cost of \$1163.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

6. **Alcohol/Game Room Application 202 Adams Street** – Mr. Bedingfield presented an application for a beer and wine off premise alcohol permit, and for a game room permit at 202 Adams Street. The application is for Santa Claus Mini Mart #2 that will be located at 202 Adams Street. This is the old M&T Convenience store location. Mr. Bedingfield stated that the application is complete and has been signed by the appropriate departments. A motion was made by Councilman Mobley to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.

City Manager Overstreet brought the Council up to date on the progress of Georgia Safe Sidewalks' repairs in the City.

Mr. Overstreet also reported that all the documents for the Sidewalk Grant have been submitted.

Mr. Overstreet informed the Council that during the qualifying of 16 new life guards for the summer season it was noted that some required safety equipment was needed. The total for the equipment and supplies is \$3249.00 and will be purchased from Kiefer Aquatics. These funds will come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the purchase of these supplies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Johnson wanted to know if the request for mowing bids was ready to release. Mr. Overstreet stated that they were ready and that he would send a copy to all Council members for their review before sending it to the mowing vendors requesting bids.

Councilman Thompson asked Billy Regan to give a brief over view of the activity at the Airport. Mr. Regan stated that at this time last year we had sold 25,000 gals of fuel to those flying into the Ohoopie Match Club and that this year we are at over 27,000 gals of fuel. He also reported that in 2019 this group a planes had purchased 45,000 gals and that he feels we could top 50,000 in 2020. The Council thanked him for this outstanding report.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn from executive session and to enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.

Being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Thompson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

FIRE AND POLICE MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020
11:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Raymond Turner, Cecil Thompson and Greg Johnson, Non-members present: Bill Bedingfield and Nick Overstreet

Councilman Turner called the meeting to order at 11:00.

AGENDA

1. **Take Home Vehicles for Police Officers-** Mr. Overstreet explained that the City Council had previously approved a proposal to implement take-home cars for the Police Department, but as a condition the Council had requested that GPS units be added to the vehicles. Currently ESG operates their fleet with GPS units in all vehicles and uses a company called Cal/Amp to provide this service. It is understood that the City can piggyback off of their service with ESG billing the City for our share. This service includes the real time tracking of the servicing needs of the vehicle by the shop. The City currently has 10 patrol cars that would cost \$199.50 per month or \$2394.00 annually to equip. Once the City added all the vehicles the cost would increase to \$259.35 a month or \$3112.20 annually. Mr. Overstreet feels that this service would actually save the City money in the long run. The Committee is in agreement and recommends the Council approve the plan.
2. **Fencing Repair at the Animal Control Facility** – Commissioner Scott explained that several kennels at the Animal Control facility were in need of repair. These repairs are needed before the Department of Agriculture comes for its 2020 annual inspection. He has secured three bids from fencing companies, with Dixie Fencing being the low bidder at \$1163.00. The Committee was in agreement to allow Dixie Fencing to make the repairs. Mr. Bedingfield stated that the funds would come from SPLOST.

Being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Mobley to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

STREETS AND SANITATION MEETING

JUNE 2, 2020

10:00 A.M.

**PRESENT: Cecil Thompson, Loyd Mobley and Greg Johnson, Non-members
present: Bill Bedingfield and Nick Overstreet**

Councilman Cecil Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00.

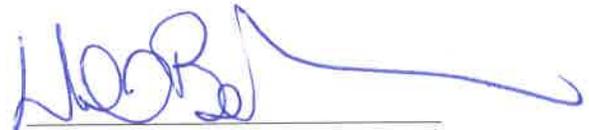
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1. **Fencing for the Stage at City Park** – Mr. Overstreet presented the bids from Progressive Landscape with the changes that the Council had requested on the Fencing for the Park. The new quotes include several options on grade and length of fencing. (See Attached) After walking the park at Mr. Mobley's request the Committee was in agreement to accept the bid using industrial grade aluminum and running 16 foot sections in between 14 columns. The cost will be \$133,222.28. After much discussion the Committee is recommending that the Council approve a not to exceed price of \$140,000.00. This will allow for the electrical work that will be required to power the lights on the columns. Councilman Mobley also requested that Mr. Overstreet try to secure gates that rolled closed rather than those that swung closed.
2. **Stop Sign Request for Maple Drive at Hilda Street** – Mr. Overstreet informed the Committee that he had a request from a citizen to place a stop sign on Maple Drive at Hilda Street. This would turn that intersection into a three way stop. He explained that he had asked the Police to do a traffic study and discovered that the average speed was just barely above the actual speed limit. (See Attached File) He is recommending that the police do some additional patrolling in the area, but that a stop sign was not warranted. The Committee was in agreement.

Being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Mobley to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.



Raymond Turner, Mayor Pro Tem



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk