

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 10, 2017  
AGENDA**

6:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

INVOCATION – EFTON GREEN

DVA – PAULA TOOLE –

VCVB/ONION FESTIVAL – ALEXA BRITTON -

TOOMBS/MONTGOMERY CHAMBER – BILL MITCHELL –

COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES –

FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL BEDINGFIELD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12, 2017 MEETING.

**AGENDA**

1. AAA TAXI SERVICE APPLICATION –
2. ALCOHOL PERMIT RIALTO –
3. VEHICLE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL –
4. HVAC UNITS FOR CITY HALL -

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 10, 2017

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, CECIL THOMPSON, RAYMOND TURNER, AND LISA CHESSER **ABSENT:** EDDIE TYSON AND KAILEY DEES

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** NICK OVERSTREET – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, FRANK WAITS – POLICE CHIEF, ZACK FOWLER-VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JAMES ONEAL – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, TOMMY SASSER – RECREATION DIRECTOR, REID LOVETT - ESG

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: KEITH HORTON

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** -None

**DVA:** - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She informed the Council of the new Downtown banner program, and reported that the ads for the poles were almost sold out.

**VCVB** – Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on activities of the Visitors Bureau. She reported that the museum was on track to have over 1600 visitors in 2017.

**ONION FESTIVAL** – No Report

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of June. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2017 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **AGENDA**

1. **AAA Taxi Service** –Mr. Bedingfield presented an application for AAA Taxi Service. Ruby Strickland has purchased the business and is applying for a current license. The application is complete and has been signed by the appropriate departments. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Rialto Alcohol Permit** – Rialto is requesting that their current alcohol permit address be moved to 120 Jackson Street. The application is complete and all departments have signed where appropriate. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Dixon voted using Councilman Tyson's proxy. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.
3. **Vehicle for Animal Control** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request to purchase a used 2006 Ford Single Cab truck with a dog kennel. The cost is \$5,800.00, and if approved the funds would come from the SPLOST equipment line item. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
4. **HVAC Unit for City Hall** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request to replace two HVAC units at City Hall. One unit is not working and the other has been repaired several times in the past two months. The low bid is from Premier Heating and Air and is \$10,700.00. If approved the funds would come from the SPLOST City Hall Remodel line item. A motion was made by

Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT --

Reid Lovett introduced the Street Department employees from ESG. They are: Jonathan Garrett, Juan Castro, Andy Peterson, Stacie Davis and Brandon Harper. The Mayor and Council thanked them for their service to the City.

Mr. Overstreet gave the Council a quick update on the current projects underway. He did report that we had run into a problem with the paving at the Annex. The lower section of the lot closest to Taco Bell is retaining water, which is undermining the asphalt. He has called Chad Hofstadter, our City Engineer, to come in and advise us on appropriate options.

He also presented a request to add an addition \$83,156.00 from SPLIT to the current 2017 LMIG program. This would bring the total funding to \$247,407.16. The current list of streets to be resurfaced is attached. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Overstreet stated that he would get this project bid as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to exit executive session and re-enter open session. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

After some discussion Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the appointment of the following positions:

City Attorney -- Justin Franklin

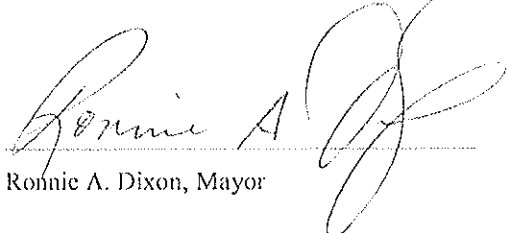
City Prosecutor - Paul Calhoun

Associate City Judge -- Daniel O'Conner

The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

The Council proposed that an amendment to Ordinance Sec. 2-34 be considered to change the compensation for the next council and mayor following the election in 2017 and beginning in 2018, and that Mr. Bedingfield initiate the steps required for this matter to be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council. The proposed amendment would change the Mayor's monthly compensation from nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) to one thousand, one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00), and each Council Member's monthly compensation from four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) to five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00).

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

2017 LMIG PROJECT REPORT  
VIDALIA/ TOOMBS

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1	ROAD NAME	BEGINNING	ENDING	LENGTH (MILES)	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	PROJECT SCHEDULE				
2	NE Main Street	Old Vidalia- Lyons Road	Rigsbee Drive	0.25	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
3	Cambridge Court	Clyde Blvd	CDS	0.14	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
4	Leslie Street	E. 1st Street	SE Main Street	0.08	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
5	Thompson Street	W. Toombs Street	Dead End	0.18	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
6	W. Eighth Street	Vann Street	Amau Street	0.14	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
7	Lee Street	Mcintosh Street	Peacock Street	0.13	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
8	White Street	5th Avenue	North Street	0.06	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
9	Allen Drive	Cadillac Drive	City Limits	0.24	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
11	Toombs Street	Morris Street	Peacock Street	0.08	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
12	Queen Street	Private Property	1st Street	0.07	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
13	Woodlawn Circle	W. Oxley Blvd	W. Oxley Blvd	0.41	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
14	Everett Street	Thompson Street	W. Toombs Street	0.08	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
15	Ridgewood Plantation	Amberwood Drive	Dead End	0.09	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				
16	Moseley Street	E. 5th Street	E. 1st Street	0.34	Overlay 165lbs 9.5 mm and stripping	Aug-17				

**CITY OF VIDALIA**  
**AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW**

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meetings is as checked below:

Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]

Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]

To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]

To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

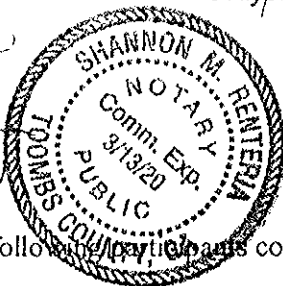
This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

CITY OF VIDALIA

By: [Signature]  
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires 3/13/20



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following notary concurs with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2017  
AGENDA**

6:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

INVOCATION – ELDER BILL TORRANCE

DVA – PAULA TOOLE –

VCVB/ONION FESTIVAL – ALEXA BRITTON -

TOOMBS/MONTGOMERY CHAMBER – BILL MITCHELL –

COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES –

FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL BEDINGFIELD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2017 MEETING.

**AGENDA**

1. PRESENTATION OF CITY ATTORNEY, ASSOCIATE JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR -
2. ORDINANCE 2-34 AMENDMENT –
3. AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 18, 2017 --
4. TOOMBS COUNTY ELECTION CONTRACT --
5. EARLY VOTING AT CITY COURT ROOM --
6. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY --
7. STAGE AT CITY PARK RULES --
8. STRIPING GRANT --
9. STRIPING PROJECT --
10. PURCHASE OF MLK & GRAND PROPERTY --
11. SALE DATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES --
12. SWEET ONION CLASSIC --

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2017  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, CECIL THOMPSON, KAILEY DEES, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** NICK OVERSTREET -- CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, JUSTIN FRANKLIN -- CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS --VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALJA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST -- ESG, ROBBIE AKINS -- ESG, BRIAN SIKES -- FIRE CHIEF

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: ELDER BILL TORRANCE

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - Kay Stafford addressed the Council thanking them for their service. He also presented a request to meet with the Council at some future time to address some issues that he feels need to be addressed. The Council agreed.

A request to hold the Plant Hatch United Way Run on 9/30/17 was made to the Council. The race is the same route as last year. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

Elliott Coursey presented a request to have a Remembrance Walk to honor all the public safety officials that lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy. The walk would start at the Toombs County Court house and end at the STC parking lot. This would require they use the left hand side of Highway 280 west. The start time would be 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**Presentation of City Attorney, City Prosecutor and Associate Judge** -- Mr. Overstreet presented Justin Franklin as the new City Attorney. He is replacing Reid Threlkeld who retired in May of this year. He also presented Daniel O'Conner as the new Associate Judge, and Paul Calhoun as the new City Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. O'Conner and Mr. Calhoun took their oaths of office on July 13, 2017 at City Hall. The Council welcomed them and is looking forward to working with them.

**DVA:** - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She reported that on August 31<sup>st</sup> the 2017 Christmas Parade Committee will meet. She also reminded everyone of the 9/11 Memorial Event taking place at the Meadows Street Park on September 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**VCVB** -- Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on activities of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**ONION FESTIVAL** -- No Report

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** -- No Report

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of July. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**AGENDA**

1. **Ordinance 2-34 Amendment** -- Mayor Dixon asked the Council if there was a motion to approve or decline the amendment pertaining to the Council's pay. Councilman Thompson made a motion

to decline the amendment change. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

2. **Airport Committee Meeting 7/18/17** – Cecil Thompson presented the results of the Airport Committee meeting held on July 18, 2017 at the Airport. (See Attached Minutes) The Committee is recommending that the Airport purchase a Lav Cart for \$5649.00 plus freight. This piece of equipment would generate some revenue by giving the Airport the ability to service aircraft lavatories. If purchased the funds would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Toombs County Election Contract** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the 2017 election contract with the the County. He noted that the base price increased by \$500.00 to \$8500.00 and that each personnel position increased by \$10.00. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Early Voting at City Court Room** – Mr. Bedingfield presented a request to move early voting from City Hall to the Court Room located at the Annex. The move must be approved by the City Council. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Social Media Policy** – Mr. Overstreet presented a Social Media Policy to the Council for their review. He stated that in light of the current trend in Social Media that it would be prudent to a have a policy in place. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
6. **Stage at City Park Rules and Regulations** – Mr. Overstreet presented the Council with the proposed rules and regulations for the use of the Stage at City Park. He stated that this is not a static document and could be amended as needed. This has been reviewed by the Tourism Board of Directors and is recommended to the Council for adoption. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the document. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
7. **LMIG Safety Grant** – Mr. Overstreet informed the Council that the City had been awarded \$25,000.00 in the LMIG Safety Grant program. The funds require a 10% (\$2500.00) match from the City. Mr. Overstreet is asking that the Council add an additional \$3,429.70 for a total of \$5929.70. This additional funding will allow the City to add several much needed streets to the project. The funds will come from the Streets line item in SPLOST and will provide striping for a number of City Streets. (See Attached List). A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the funding. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.
8. **Striping Project** - Mr. Overstreet also informed the Council that with the new striping equipment that was purchased we would begin to stripe several streets in the City. He is requesting \$2423.72 from the SPLOST street line item to purchase the necessary paint. He noted that if we had bid this work out it would have cost in excess of \$9000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
9. **Purchase of MLK and Grand Property** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request to purchase the property at 807 MLK Jr. Ave. This is the location that the City currently leases and uses as a convenience center. The price is \$8500.00 and would come from fund balance. This purchase would only take place after City Attorney Justin Franklin is assured we can get a clear title. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
10. **Sale Date for Delinquent Taxes** – Mr. Bedingfield requested that the sale date for delinquent taxes be moved from September to October. He cited a few properties that are requiring a more extensive title search as the reason. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
11. **Sweet Onion Classic** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from the Sweet Onion Classic for the City to place a golfer in their upcoming tournament. The cost is \$500.00 and as in the past would come from the Legislative Capital line item. Councilwoman Dees reminded the Council that the Pal Theatre had been approved by the Sweet Onion Classic Committee for a \$15,000.00 grant. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Councilwoman Dees abstained due to her membership on the Sweet Onion Classic board.



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT --

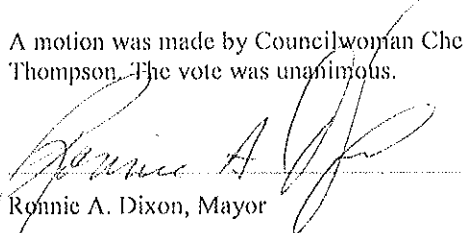
City Manager Overstreet gave a brief overview of the current and future projects in the City. Chief Sikes gave a brief overview of the smoke detector program. He reported that 450 detectors have been installed as of today. He reported that they will be working all home football games to help sign people up for this important program.

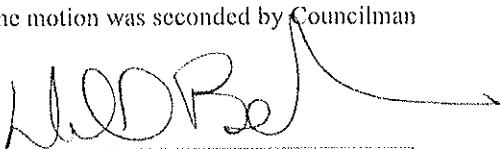
A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn from executive session and enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Overstreet requested the Council allow him to begin the search for a new Recreation Director. This is due to the retirement of current Director Tommy Sasser in December. He is proposing that he advertise for the position as soon as possible so that this person can work with Director Sasser for at least a month before he retires in December. Mr. Overstreet stated he hopes to have qualified candidates ready for the Council to interview by mid-October. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to allow Mr. Overstreet to proceed with the search for a Recreation Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

  
Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
William E. Bedingfield, City Clerk

**CITY OF VIDALIA**  
**AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW**

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[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]
- Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]
- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

CITY OF VIDALIA  
By: [Signature]  
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:  
[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires 3/13/20



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017  
AGENDA**

6:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

INVOCATION – REV. CHESTER PROCTOR

DVA – PAULA TOOLE –

VCVB/ONION FESTIVAL – ALEXA BRITTON -

TOOMBS/MONTGOMERY CHAMBER – BILL MITCHELL --

COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES –

FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL BEDINGFIELD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2017 MEETING.

**AGENDA**

1. AUDIT REPORT – TRACY CLARK –
2. 2017 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER –
3. WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING 9/7/17 --
4. COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING 9/5/17 –
5. ALCOHOL PERMIT 1709 E. FIRST STREET –
6. ZONE VARIANCE REQUEST 9/5/17 –
7. 2017 MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION –
8. SPLOST TEMPORARY FUNDING REQUEST --
9. RECREATION GRANT –

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, CECIL THOMPSON, KAILEY DEES, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** NICK OVERSTREET – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, JUSTIN FRANKLIN – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, REID LOVETT – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, KATHY HILT – THE ADVANCE

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. CHESTER PROCTOR

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - None

**DVA:** - Paula Toole brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She reminded the Council that the Fall Festival will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Stage at City Park. She is requesting that Church, East Meadows, Jackson Street and Durden Street be closed during the event. This is the same as last year's event. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VCVB –**Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on activities of tourism and the museum. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Savor Vidalia event being held on October 21, 2017 at the Stage at City Park. She also asked the Council if Durden Street from 280 West to the Ameris Bank parking lot could be closed for the event. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

**ONION FESTIVAL –** No Report

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** -- Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He reported that the Leadership program was in full swing. He also reminded the Council that the Chamber golf tournament will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of August. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2017 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**AGENDA**

1. **2016 Audit Report – Tracy Clark** – Tracy Clark, from McLean, Calhoun, McCullough, Clark, presented the result of their 2016 audit. He reported that they are issuing an unqualified opinion on the 2016 audit with no deficiencies noted.

2. **Presentation of the 2017 Audit Engagement Letter** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the engagement letter for the 2017 audit. The request, from McLean, Calhoun, McCullough, Clark, is asking for a \$1000.00 increase over the prior year. The new total is a not to exceed price of \$39,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Water Sewer Committee Meeting 9/7/17** – Mr. Overstreet presented the results from the meeting held on 9/7/17. (See Attached Minutes) The committee is recommending that the Southside LAS project and the Darby Circle project be approved at a cost of \$40,100.00. These funds would come from the SPLOST water sewer line item. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. He also stated that due to hurricane Irma that several cross drains had washed out and would need immediate repair.
4. **Community Center Meeting 9/5/17** – Mr. Overstreet presented the results of the Committee meeting held on 9/5/17. (See Attached Minutes) The Committee is in agreement to replace the existing carpet in the senior citizen area. The low bid was from Vidalia Carpet Center at \$3,158.88. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dees to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Alcohol Permit 1709 E. First Street** – Mr. Bedingfield presented a license request for Dhruv 1995 LLC. This is a change of ownership at the convenience store located at Hwy 280 and Maple Drive. The application is complete and has been signed by all departments. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
6. **Planning and Zoning Meeting 9/5/17** – Shaun Oliver presented the results from the meeting held on 9/5/17. The request was for a height variance from Brun Hospitality for a four story hotel located at 154 Mose Coleman Drive. This increase is from the current ordinance limit of 35 feet and three stories to 44 feet and four stories. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the request pending approval from the FAA. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
7. **2017 Millage Rate Approval** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the request to set the 2017 millage rate. He stated that the 5 year history of the digest had been advertised as required, and that the rate recommended complied with the roll back requirement. The millage rate for Vidalia Toombs County is 4.352 mills, and for Vidalia Montgomery County 3.619 mills. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
8. **SPLOST Temporary Funding Request** – Mr. Bedingfield presented a request to help fund SPLOST until the account could catch up with project funding. He is recommending that he be allowed to borrow up to \$400,000.00 from fund balance to help get through the heavier funding requirements of current projects. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
9. **Recreation Grant** – Mr. Overstreet presented a Resolution to allow the City to apply for a Baseball Grant in the amount of \$50,000 dollars. It is a 50% matching grant, but with our commitment to build two new fields at our Ezra Taylor complex, we should have no trouble meeting the required match. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT** – Mr. Overstreet up dated the Council on current projects including the Pal Theatre and the new Aquatic Center. He also thanked Chief Waits, Chief Sikes and Reid Lovett for the outstanding job that they have done during the resent hurricane. He also reported that the City has been awarded a \$750,000.00 CDBG grant for storm drainage improvements in the Bay Street area.

He reported that the storm had damaged a number of cross drains in the City and would require immediate help. He reported that FEMA would help due to the fact that these were caused by hurricane Irma.

Mr. Overstreet presented a request to approve the 2017 LMIG project low bidder of Sikes Brothers in the amount of \$213,610.70. This is under budget and only requires \$46,710.70 from SPLOST. Councilwoman Dees made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

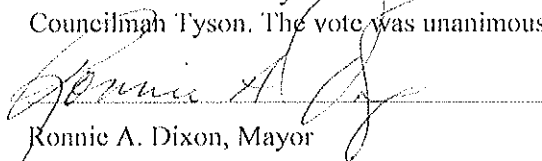
He gave an update on the dilapidated house program. The Council thanked Mr. Overstreet and Jimmy Kirby for the progress that has been made in removing these houses.

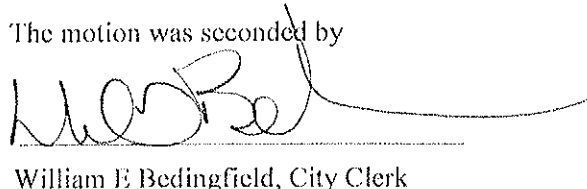
Chief Sikes presented a program where his department is participating in Breast Cancer awareness month. He presented the Council with a t-shirt that the firemen will be wearing during the month of October.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dees to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

  
Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
William E. Bedingfield, City Clerk

**CITY OF VIDALIA**  
**AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW**

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meetings is as checked below:

- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]
- Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]

To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4)]

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

CITY OF VIDALIA  
By: [Signature]  
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:  
[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires 3/13/20



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
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Note: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.



COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

9/18/17

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