

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2017
AGENDA**

6:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

INVOCATION – REV. H. W. MILLER

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING.

AGENDA

1. CONTRACT WITH KILO BRAVO AVIATION –
2. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT –
3. VIDALIA HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST –

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2017
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, 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, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, JAMES O’NEAL – ESG, TOMMY SASSER – RECREATION DIRECTOR

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. H. W. MILLER

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Chief Frank Waits introduced new employee Cortney Bibb, she has been with the department since September 15, 2017. Bill Bedingfield introduced Janice Butler, the City’s new Accounts Payable Clerk. The Council welcomed both employees to the City.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA.

VCVB – Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on activities of Tourism. She reminded them of the upcoming Savor Vidalia event on October 21st at the Stage at City Park. She also reported that the next Onion Festival meeting was this Wednesday at noon. The location is the training room at the Annex.

ONION FESTIVAL – Josh Jiles brought the Council up to date on the 2018 Onion Festival Committee. He presented a recommended list of Committee members to the Council for their approval. (See Attached List) A motion was made by Councilwoman Dees to approve the list of members. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Michelle Johnson brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. She reported that the next Development Authority meeting will be October 19th at noon.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Contract with Kilo Bravo Aviation for Airport Management** – Mr. Overstreet presented a contract between the City and Kilo Bravo Aviation to manage the Airport. The company is owned by Kevin Britton and will ensure that the Airport is managed in the same style that it has been accustomed, while also saving the City some money. This agreement will allow Mr. Britton the opportunity to pursue some additional flying time. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Land and Water Conservation Grant** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request to allow the City to apply for a grant that will help replace some much needed playground equipment at the Ed Smith Complex. The grant is a 50/50 match, and if awarded the City’s share would come from the SPLOST equipment line item. This grant will not be available until November 2018. The cost for the playground equipment is just over \$70,000 dollars. If the grant is awarded the cost to the City would be around \$35,000.00 dollars. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve

the City applying for the grant and to allow the Mayor to sign the required documents. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

3. **Vidalia Housing Authority Request** – The Vidalia Housing Authority is requesting that Hughes Threlkeld be reappointed to fill his term that expired on August 2, 2017. He has served as Chairman of the Board for over 10 years. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Overstreet gave a brief overview of the status of the current jobs under way in the City.

Mr. Overstreet presented a request from Melissa Williams, a member of the New Vision Baptist Church, to hold a Breast Cancer Awareness walk on October 21, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. The request is to close the corners of Smith Street and Rhodus Street, and also Madison Street and 3rd Street during this time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Dees encouraged everyone to support the effort to honor Dustin Wright, the serviceman who lost his life in Africa this past week. The Council was in agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss the acquisition or sale of real estate, and also to discuss the appointment of an employee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

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

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

Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017
AGENDA**

6:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

INVOCATION – TRACY TODD

COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES –

DVA – PAULA TOOLE –

VCVB/ONION FESTIVAL – ALEXA BRITTON -

TOOMBS/MONTGOMERY CHAMBER – BILL MITCHELL –

FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL BEDINGFIELD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 9, 2017 MEETING.

AGENDA

1. FIREMAN FUND B RESOLUTION –
2. ADDITIONAL GRASSING FOR HANGAR SITE WORK –
3. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TOOMBS SOCCER ASSOCIATION –
4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL JAIL AGREEMENT –
5. WATER TOWER LEASE WITH HUB COMMUNICATIONS –
6. CROSS DRAIN REPAIRS -
7. MILITARY EXERCISE DECEMBER 1ST – DECEMBER 9TH –
8. WTOC AD FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE –
9. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 10/27/17 –

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: NICK OVERSTREET – CITY MANAGER, JUSTIN FRANKLIN –
CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION,
ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, JAMES ONEAL – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: TRACY TODD

PUBLIC COMMENTS: -

Rev. Brown informed the Council of the MLK Parade scheduled for January 15, 2018. The route is the same as last year and he is seeking the Council's approval for this event. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tracy Todd asked the Council if the First Baptist Church along with Heritage Academy could close Second Street on Dec 8th and 9th from 4pm to 9pm for a walk through Bethlehem event. The closing would be from Church St. to Jackson St. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Overstreet presented Tommy Sasser with the GSRP Agency of the year award for 2017. Recreation Director Sasser thanked his staff and board for making this award possible. The Council thanked Mr. Sasser and his staff for their achievement in receiving this prestigious award. Mr. Overstreet also introduced Homer Waller as the new Recreation Director. He will be taking Tommy Sasser's place when Tommy retires in December. He also introduced Matt Smith as the new Operations Director. He will replace Garry Adams who is retiring in November.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She informed the Council that the new banners are going up today and stated that they look great. She asked the Council for a street closing on November 25, 2017 for a pet parade and fund raiser for SOAPS. The parade theme is "Downtown Goes to the Dogs", and will use Meadows Street from Leader to Jackson St. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

VCVB – Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on activities of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She also presented a request from the Tourism Board asking the Council to appoint Nissa Mitchell and Garrett Wilcox as new members, replacing out going members B. J. Davis and John Koon. Their 4-year term would begin in January. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

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 October. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2016 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Fireman Fund B Resolution** – Mr. Overstreet presented a resolution authorizing the City to participate in the GIRMA Firefighter Cancer Policies program, referred to as the Fireman Fund B

- Plan. The plan will cost the City \$4300.00 annually, and the rate is guaranteed for three years. The funds for this program will come from the Fire Department's budget. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Additional Grassing for the Hangar Site Work** – Due to excessive drainage run off the current budgeted amount for the Airport Hangar Project is not sufficient to get the proper stand of grass needed in the area. McLendon has presented a price of \$3000.00 for additional matting and grassing for stabilization of the sloped area. Mr. Overstreet is requesting approval of the additional funding, and recommends the funds come from SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
 3. **License Agreement with the Toombs Soccer Association** – Mayor Dixon tabled this until a later date.
 4. **Intergovernmental Jail Agreement** – Mayor Dixon asked that this be tabled until next month.
 5. **Water Tower Lease with Hub Communications** – City Manager Overstreet presented a lease agreement that has been worked out with Hub Electronics for use of the four water towers located within the City. The lease is for \$250 per tower per month with a 1.5% increase every two years. The lease also limits the location of Hub Electronics equipment to the walk around platform only. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
 6. **Cross Drain Repairs** – Mr. Overstreet presented the bids for the culvert improvements needed due to hurricane Irma. The low bidder is McLendon Enterprises at \$421,575.13, and it is recommended that we accept their bid. The funding will come from the approval of GDOT and FEMA grants. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the low bid from McLendon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.
 7. **Military Exercise 12/1/17-12/9/17** – Mr. Overstreet reported to the Council that the Military Operation Validar Spear will be taking place at the old FPE building between December 1st and December 9th. This is for information only.
 8. **WTOC AD for the Christmas Parade** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from WTOC for the City to purchase an Ad to help sponsor the Vidalia Christmas Parade. The City Last year paid \$500.00 for the Ad and Tourism paid \$500.00 to meet the requested \$1000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve \$500.00 for the ad. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
 9. **Finance Committee Meeting 10/27/17** – Mr. Overstreet presented the results of the Finance Committee meeting held on October 27, 2017. (See Attached Minutes) He stated that the 2018 Budget is being presented to the Council and will be on display at City Hall for Public review. With approval tonight the City will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. here at the Council Chambers. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the first reading of the 2018 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Overstreet brought the Council up to date on the Pal Theatre project and the Aquatic Center project.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss the periodic evaluation of employees. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to adjourn and enter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

After some discussion Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve a 3.5% employee performance package for 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2017
AGENDA**

6:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

INVOCATION – 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 NOVEMBER 13, MEETING.

AGENDA

1. 2018 BUDGET FINAL APPROVAL –
2. 2018 ADVALOREM TAX SCHEDULE –
3. COUNTY JAIL AGREEMENT –
4. 2018 LMIG –
5. 2018 LMIG STRIPING GRANT –
6. 2018 ALCOHOL AND GAME ROOM RENEWALS –
7. AIMWELL ROAD ESTATES LOT 16 BID –
8. RICK ALLEN OFFICE –

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONEL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 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, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, ROGER CALLOWAY – VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, GREG JOHNSON – COUNCILMAN ELECT

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. CHESTER PROCTOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - No Comments

DVA: - No Report

VCVB – Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on the activities of Tourism.

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 November. 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 November 13, 2017 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **2018 Budget approval** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the 2018 Budget for final adoption. The required public hearing was held today at 5:00 p.m. here at the Council Chambers. There were no noted objections from the public. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
2. **2018 Advalorem Tax Schedule** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the 2018 Advalorem Tax Schedule to the Council for their approval. The schedule would move the first penalty date to January 20, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **County Jail Agreement** – Mr. Overstreet presented the Jail Reimbursement agreement between the City and County. A formal agreement had not been signed and was recommended by both the City and County Attorneys to do so. The agreement makes no change in the \$31.00 per day agreement that is currently in place. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
4. **2018 Proposed LMIG** – Mr. Overstreet presented the 2018 LMIG request. The total cost of the 7 streets are estimated at \$240,217.26. The funds from the DOT total \$176, 888.00 leaving \$63,329.26 to be funded from SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
5. **LMIG Safety Grant** – Mr. Overstreet presented the bids for the LMIG Striping grant. The low bid is from Southeast Centerline at \$27,976.50. With the City's match of \$2976.50 the grant would provide the remaining \$25,000.00. Councilwoman Chesser inquired as to the paint specified for the striping. Mr. Overstreet stated that all bids presented quoted the exact specified

paint. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

6. **2018 Alcohol and Game Room License Renewals** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the renewals for alcohol and game room 2018 licenses. All applications are complete and have been reviewed by the appropriate departments. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson and Councilman Turner abstained citing business reasons.
7. **Aimwell Road Estates Lot Bid** – Mr. Overstreet presented a bid for the advertised lot located in the Aimwell Road Estates Subdivision identified as lot 16 Block B. The only bid was from Wendell Metts and it was for \$5,555.00. Mr. Overstreet is requesting that the Council accept this bid. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
8. **Rick Allen Office** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from Congressman Rick Allen's office to again use the local office located at the Vidalia Community Center. The request is on an annual basis and would end on December 31, 2018. This request is the same as approved for 2017. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dees to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Overstreet gave a brief update of the current and future projects for the City of Vidalia. He explained that all permits were now approved and in hand for the Mose Coleman project, and that construction would soon begin.

Councilman Tyson expressed his sincere gratitude to the Mayor and Council for their support during his years of serving on the Council. He congratulated them on their outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Vidalia. He stated that he was retiring, but would be around to help in any way he could. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Tyson for his years of service. Those in attendance saluted Mr. Tyson with a standing ovation.

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

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

After some discussion Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to increase Nick Overstreet's salary to \$90,000.00 and to give Mr. Bedingfield an additional 2.5% merit increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

William E Bedingfield, City Clerk