

City Hall

December 1, 2020

The regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun, Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, David Hannah, Marty Amerson, Michelle Weatherford-Usry and Stephanie Hannah.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Cassie Bartlett, City Attorney Chris Dube and Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry.

Citizens present were Daniel Eubanks and Christopher Holdeman.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation. Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the October 28, 2020 work session meeting, minutes of the November 3, 2020 regular council meeting and executive session meeting; and minutes of the November 16, 2020 called council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Edward Rabun made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. Marty Amerson seconded the motion; all in favor.

In staff reports, Public Works Superintendent Brian Usry and City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report on activities of their respective departments.

For unfinished/old business, City Administrator Arty Thrift briefly discussed the Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance to create a R-4 Townhouse Residential District. The second reading of the Ordinance is scheduled for a called council meeting on December 15, 2020.

In new business, David Hannah made a motion to approve the new schedule for conducting work sessions on the last Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.; effective January 26, 2021. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

In Committee Reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry requested that council prepare a list of the City's accomplishments for 2020 for publication in the newspaper and on social media.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Michelle Weatherford-Ustry 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.

Michelle Weatherford made a motion to return to regular session. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Back in open session, Michelle Weatherford-Ustry made a motion to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Jamey Kitchens to hire Jalin Anderson to the position of full time Patrol Officer with an hourly rate of \$16.90 (Grade 7, Step 12) to be effective retroactively to November 20, 2020. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Cassie Bartlett
City Clerk