City Hall

April 16, 2019

The regular Council meeting was held on Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun Jr. presiding.

Those present were Mayor John J. Rabun Jr., Councilmembers Edward Rabun, Michelle Weatherford-Usry, Stephanie Hannah and Wayne Favors.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Superintendent Kris Kraft, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau.

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Debra Samples, George Samples and Cindy Rabun.

Rev. Willie L. Jones gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the March 13, 2019 work session, minutes of the March 19, 2019 regular council meeting, minutes of the March 19, 2019 executive session and minutes of the April 10, 2019 work session were approved as printed with a motion made by Stephanie Hannah. Edward Rabun seconded the motion, all in favor.

Edward Rabun made a motion to approve 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.

City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report relating to the proposed 2020 TIA (Transportation Investment Act) Regional Projects for Jefferson County.

City Administrator Arty Thrift presented Council with a report relating to the City’s delinquent property taxes.

New Business – None

In Committee reports, Councilmember Edward Rabun thanked the Fire Department for their fast response to a fire at one of his properties. Councilmember Wayne Favors discussed concerns about a ditch on Stephens Street on the property of Freeman Battle.

In staff reports, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau, Wastewater Superintendent Kris Kraft and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens presented Council with a report on activities of their respective Departments.

Ordinance Readings – None

Wayne Favors made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel.** Michelle Weatherford-Usry 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 Matters.**
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 minute book.

Back in open session, Wayne Favors made a motion to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Jamey Kitchens to promote Scott Usry to the position of Corporal ( full-time) in the Police Department with an hourly rate increase of $18.19 per hour (Grade 7, Step 14). The promotion and hourly rate increase is effective April 19, 2019. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk