City Hall

July 17, 2018

The regular council meeting was held on July 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Lester Hadden

presiding.

Those present were Mayor Lester Hadden, Councilmembers Wayne Favors, Stephanie Hannah, Edward Rabun and John J. Rabun Jr. Councilmember Michelle Weatherford-Usry was unable to attend.

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

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Gail Clark, Bennett Clark and Sharena Vaughn.

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

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to adopt the Agenda as printed. John J. Rabun Jr. seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the June 19, 2018 regular council meeting, minutes of the June 19, 2018 executive session and minutes of the July 11, 2018 called council meeting were approved as printed with a motion made by Edward Rabun. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

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

City Administrator informed Council the Ordinance to amend the Personnel Policy for Employee Funeral Leave is scheduled for a second reading at the August 21, 2018 meeting.

Police Chief Jamey Kitchens reviewed Resolution No 2018-05-03, Event Center Regulation. Council discussed proposed changes to the regulations for Event Centers.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to table consideration of implementing a Street Light Fee in the amount of $5.00 per month for all existing utility customers until additional information is obtained. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Mayor Lester Hadden asked Council to research different Pest Control Companies and consider changing from Terminix Pest Control Company, the current servicer of City Buildings. Mayor Hadden also asked council to consider the City performing its own solid waste collection.

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

Ordinance Readings – None

John J. Rabun Jr. made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel**. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

1. That this 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 minute book.

Back in open session John J. Rabun Jr. made a motion to hire Landry Johnson as a firefighter in the Fire Department at the rate of $11.69 per hour (Grade 7, Step 2) to be effective July 23, 2018. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor. Pursuant to the City’s Personnel Policy Mr. Johnson will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

Wayne Favors made a motion to increase City Attorney Chris Dube’s hourly rate to $135.00 an hour to be effective August 1, 2018. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk