City Hall

August 20, 2019

The regular Council meeting was held on Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm with Mayor John J. Rabun Jr. presiding.

Those present were Councilmembers Edward Rabun, Stephanie Hannah, Wayne Favors, Michelle Weatherford-Usry and Eugene Love Jr.

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Wastewater Superintendent Kris Kraft, Administrative Assistant Amy Muhammad and Utility Worker Branden Anderson.

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Michael Ramsey, Bennett Clark, Gail Clark, Betsy Milburn, Charles Milburn, Candy Williams, Troy Winfrey and Mary Walker.

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.

Approval of Minutes: None

Wayne Favors made a motion to approve the 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.

Troy Winfrey and Candy Williams with Meridian Waste provided council with an update on the transfer of the City Solid Waste Collection Franchise.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to appoint Betsy Milburn to the Jefferson Library System Board of Trustees. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

New Business: None

In Committee reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry stated that Wrens Hometown’s next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

In staff reports, Wastewater Superintendent Kris Kraft and Public Works Utility worker Branden Anderson presented Council with a report on activities of their respective Departments.

Ordinance Readings – None

Edward Rabun made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel.** Stephanie Hannah 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 followed: **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 a separate notebook kept with the minute book.

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

Back in open session, Stephanie Hannah made a motion to hire Richard Freddie Christian as a full-time employee (Utility Worker I) in the Public Works at the rate of $15.31 per hour (Grade 5, Step 14) to be effective September 3, 2019. Michelle Weatherford-Usry seconded the motion; all in favor. Pursuant to the City’s Personnel Policy, Mr. Christian will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to hire George Lamar James as a part-time employee (Utility Worker 1) in the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) at the rate of $12.28 per hour (Grade 5, Step 8) to be effective August 26, 2019. Eugene Love Jr. seconded the motion; motion carried with four voting in favor and one voting against (Wayne Favors) . Pursuant to the City’s Personnel Policy Mr. James will be a probationary employee for the first six months of employment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk