City Hall

December 19, 2017

The regular council meeting was held on December 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Lester Hadden

presiding.

Those present were Mayor Lester Hadden, Councilmembers Wayne Favors, Jack Templeton, Erskine Lane and Melvin Farmer. Councilmember John J. Rabun Jr. was unable to attend.

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

Citizens present were Gail Clark, Bennett Clark, Edward Rabun and Michele Weatherford- Usry.

City Administrator Arty Thrift gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Erskine Lane made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the November 2, 2017 called council meeting, minutes of the November 2, 2017 executive session, minutes of the November 7, 2017 regular council meeting, minutes of the November 7, 2017 executive session, minutes of the November 15, 2017 called council meeting and minutes of the November 15, 2017 executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Jack Templeton. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

Erskine Lane made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer System Fund, Gas System Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Detail by Account Financial Statement as presented. Melvin Farmer seconded the motion; all in favor.

Unfinished/Old Business – None

Melvin Farmer made a motion to approve the Contract for Probation Supervision Services with CSRA Probation Services, Inc. Jack Templeton seconded the motion; all in favor.

Jack Templeton made a motion to approve the issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage License (Retail Beverage Dealer) to Fred’s Stores of Tennessee, Inc. for the premises located at 605 N. Main Street. Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

Jack Templeton made a motion to adopt and approve the Resolution for participation in Firefighter Cancer Coverage with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA). Erskine Lane seconded the motion; all in favor.

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

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

Ordinance readings – None

Erskine Lane made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss **Personnel Matters.** Wayne Favors 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, Erskine Lane made a motion to accept Fire Chief Boulineau’s recommendation to add Nadine Davis to the roster as volunteer firefighter. Wayne Favors seconded the motion; all in favor.

Erskine Lane made a motion to approve a cost of living raise (COLA) for City Administrator Arty Thrift increasing his annual salary to 77,500.00. This adjustment is effective January 1, 2018. Jack Templeton seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk