City Hall

October 16, 2018

The regular council meeting was held on October 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Lester Hadden

presiding.

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

Others present were City Administrator Arty Thrift, City Clerk Janee Miller, City Attorney Chris Dube, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Assistant Police Chief Jim Votaw and Fire Chief Keith Boulineau.

Citizens present were Dr. Willie L. Jones, Joann Shelton, Vicky Tripp, Bill Newsome, Betsy Milburn, Sharon Fleming, Shelly Parker, Daniel Eubanks, Mary Walker and Sharena Vaughn.

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. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Minutes of the September 18, 2018 regular council meeting and minutes of the September 18, 2018 executive session were approved as printed with a motion made by Michelle Weatherford-Usry. Stephanie Hannah seconded the motion; all in favor.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve the General Fund, Water & Sewer System Fund, Gas Fund and Landfill & Sanitation Fund Summary Financial Statement as presented. John J. Rabun Jr. seconded the motion; all in favor.

Unfinished /Old Business: None

Mayor and Council presented a plaque from the City of Wrens to Dixie Youth Baseball honoring the team for representing Georgia at the 2018 Dixie Youth Majors World Series in Lumberton, North Carolina on August 4, 2018.

In Committee reports, Michelle Weatherford-Usry reported that Wrens Hometown Partnership will meet every fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm at City Hall and the Christmas tree lighting will be December 2, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

In staff reports, Fire Chief Keith Boulineau and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens 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 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 separate notebook kept with minute book.

Back in open session Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Jamey Kitchens to promote Corporal Lee Goode to the position of Lieutenant in the Police Department with an hourly rate increase to $20.76 per hour (Grade 8, Step 15) based on his 6-month working test evaluation. The promotion and hourly rate increase is effective October 18, 2018. Edward Rabun seconded the motion; all in favor.

Stephanie Hannah made a motion to approve a merit pay increase for Police Department Corporal Terrance Jackson raising his hourly rate to $16.04 per hour (Grade 8, Step 8) based on his 6-month working test evaluation. The hourly rate increase is effective October 18, 2018. John J. Rabun Jr. seconded the motion; all in favor.

Michelle Weatherford-Usry made a motion to approve a merit pay increase for Patrol Officer Ashley Pletcher raising his hourly rate to $15.13 per hour (Grade 7, Step 7) based on his 6-month working test evaluation. The hourly rate increase is effective October 18, 2018. John J. Rabun Jr. seconded the motion; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Janee Miller

City Clerk