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Regular Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

Mayor welcomed everyone to the October 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

Those present for the meeting were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Council Members McDonald, Patterson, Sherrill, and Whitfield, Attorney, Fire Chief Brown, Clerks, and concerned citizens.

Mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge and then led the invocation.

Mayor called the Public Hearing to order with the intent to adopt Quorum Amendment Mayor announced the opening of the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. Ann Peterson read the Ordinance. Mayor called for any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Ordinance. Minor discussion followed the reading. Being nothing further the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM.

Minutes & Financials July 2, 9, and 29, August 6, 8, and 27, and September 3, 16, and 19 Member Sherrill made a motion to adopt the minutes from July 2, 9, 29, August 6, 8, 27, and September 3, 16, and 19 as submitted. Member Patterson second the motion, all in favor the motion was passed.

Member Whitfield made a motion to accept the financials as submitted for the months of July, August, and September. Member McDonald second, all in favor motion was passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Lake Dogs Alcohol License

Member Sherrill made a motion to grant the Beer and Wine License to Clarence "Rhett" Moore DBA Lake Dogs. Member Whitfield second the motion, all in favor motion was passed.

Tax Mileage Rate Ratification

Member Sherrill made a motion to approve the tax mileage ratification at the previously discussed net rate of 5.052. Member Whitfield second the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Quorum Amendment Reading

Member Whitfield made a motion to adopt the Quorum Ordinance as first reading as done so in the Public Hearing prior to the Regular Meeting. Member Patterson second, all in favor motion was passed.

Set dates for beginning 2014 Budget planning workshops

Monday October 7 at 7:00 PM was established as an Organizational Budget meeting for Mayor and Council. A Budget Workshop with Mayor, Council and all department heads will follow at 7:30 PM. A Call Meeting will be held at 8:00 PM to discuss the purchase of vehicles.

Altitude Communications

Mayor inquired about legal action to handle the Collection of the 3% Franchise Fee from Altitude Communication. After discussion between the Attorney and Council, the Council agreed to take legal action against the company allowing a 10 window for them to respond.

Department Reports

Fire report was given by Fire Chief David Brown. Maintenance/Water and Police Department reports were given by Mayor. Discussion on where to allocate funds for the needs of the departments ensued. Member Whitfield made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to purchase needed radios for the Police Department from the fire departments budget. Member McDonald second all in favor motion was passed. Member Whitfield made a motion to allow maintenance to do the needed repairs to the backhoe. Member Patterson second, all in favor motion was passed.

Police Business/Patrol Car

Discussion and agreement to search for low interest funding to be discussed again following the budget meetings on Monday October 7, 2013.

Georgia DOT Request

No action taken.

Terms of Office for Council Members

No action taken.

Petition against street opening

Moved to the November Regular Meeting Agenda

Member Whitfield made a motion to change the date of the November meeting to November 12 due to Election Day being November 5th.

Executive Session- Personnel

Member Sherrill made a motion to hire part time police department employee Brent Barnes at 30 hours per week at a rate of \$10.25 per hour and also Felicia Pellitteri at 24 hours per week at a rate of \$ 10.50 per hour. Member Whitfield second the motion, all in favor motion was passed.

Member Whitfield made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters. Member Patterson second the motion, all in favor motion was passed. Everyone was excused for Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

Member Sherrill made a motion to have the Mayor to sign the Affidavit and Executive Session Resolution. Member Whitfield second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Member Whitfield made a motion to send a letter to the Lake Park Historical Society regarding the real estate proposal. Member Patterson second, all in favor motion was passed.

Member Sherrill made a motion to increase the Clerk's wage \$ 1.00 per hour, Member Patterson second. When the question was called; Members Sherrill, Patterson, and McDonald for, and Member Whitfield was opposed. Motion passed.

Member Whitfield made a motion to remove Althea Spriggs as the City's representative on the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission due to her lack of attendance and to appoint Ken Sherrill to finish the term. Member Patterson second and when question was called; Members Whitfield, Patterson, and McDonald for and Member Sherrill was a non - vote due to conflict of interest

Citizen's Concerns

Member Whitfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member McDonald second; all in favor motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Jamatha Fowler
Read and Approved

11-12-13
Date