

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2019

6:00 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lowman, Jan Vardeman and Rob Miley, Geraldine Boddie

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Harris gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

The second reading for a Beer and Wine License on the SAI Convenience Store was approved. Mr. Singh needs to bring application and payment for license to city hall.

Thomas Ramon asked the town to open Willis Street extension that is overgrown in order to gain access to his client's property. Discussion followed no decision was made.

Phillip Bruce approached the Council requesting a vote to pave the City property adjacent to St. John Pitts Church so they can use it for parking. It is a small strip of property outside of the fenced area on Highway 208. He understands they will not own the property or be reimbursed for the paving. He also understands that should the paving have to be dug up in the future to accommodate utility lines they would be responsible for the expense. Mayor Pro Tem Lowman made a motion to approve giving St John Pitts Church permission to pave property adjacent to the church parking lot. A second was made by Councilmember Boddie. A vote was taken the result was unanimous. (4 ayes)

Tara Barbee wanted to verify that the property she has purchased at 0 Jordan Road is eligible for city water though the lines do not extend to her property at this time. Council and Mayor agreed at such time construction reaches the point of needing water, the lines will be extended.

Jean Washington brought the issue of grass not being cut on her street. Mr. Long will be made aware of the street that needs to be cut.

Councilmember Boddie for Building and Grounds reported progress on the new website and said training videos will be made available. There is continued progress on the old Firesttion.

Councilmember Jan Vardeman had nothing to report on Streets and Roads.

Councilmember Miley reported for Parks and Rec that he is looking for someone to put up light poles for the fields on 208. The company who is putting up the fence has postponed.

Mayor Pro Tem Lowman had nothing to report at this time for Fire and Safety. Dana Lawski stated the Fire Department will be grilling turkeys in November and will be selling tickets.

Mayor Harris asked the City Clerk to contact Muscogee Glass about replacing the glass door on the refrigerator at the pavilion.

Concerning the Christmas lights on the Village Green, the Historical Society will use wooden pallets to keep the electrical cords off the wet ground in order to keep the lights from going out.

Mayor opened a discussion about which plan to use with Georgia Power for the meter readers. The decision was made to go with the most economical plan for the City at this time. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lowman to approve the meter reader plan and was seconded by Councilmember Boddie. A vote was taken the result was unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor addressed City Clerk for a report on the 2014 Splost. The 2014 Splost finished 250,000 (+/_) less than what was budgeted. The 2019 Splost is currently tracking according to budget and will continue to be monitored.

Councilmember Vardeman made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:45 p.m. and Councilmember Miley made the second. A vote was taken, and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Vardeman made the motion to reopen the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Lowman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Harris stated personnel was discussed in Executive Session and no vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Pam Nelms

Mayor Michael Harris