

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
6:00 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lowman, Jan Vardeman and Rob Miley. Others Attending: Dave Thomas, Georgia Power.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Geraldine Boddie.

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 first reading for a Beer and Wine License on the SAI Convenience Store was approved. Mr. Singh needs to contact the Police Chief for a thorough investigation.

Mrs. Maritza Harris approached the Council requesting permission to pave the City property adjacent to St. John Pitts Church. It is a small strip of property outside of the fenced area on Highway 208. She stated it is understood they will not own the property or be reimbursed for the paving. It was agreed for Philip Bruce to meet with Councilmember Miley the next day to take measurements.

Mayor Pro Tem Lowman made a motion to advertise the 2019 Property tax millage rate using the roll back rate of 8.221 provided by Harris County Tax Assessors. The Public Hearing will be held September 23rd 6:00 p.m. and a Special called meeting immediately following the hearing. A second was made by Councilmember Vardeman. A vote was taken and the results was unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Lowman made a motion to allow Michael Varnum with an Outreach Ministry the use of the Melody Lakes Fire Station building on November 11th. Councilmember Lowman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Lowman made a motion to allow Edith Holmes the rental of the gym on November 30th and Councilmember Miley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mr. Dave Thomas of Georgia Power presented the Radio Frequency water meter system. A tower exists in Waverly Hall which makes the project feasible. Mayor Harris thanked Mr. Thomas for his presentation.

Councilmember Miley stated Perkins Park is drying out and they are using a field at Hwy 208 until it is dried. He stated the fence and lights will be installed soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Lowman 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)

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

Mayor Harris advised an employee has been charged with a misdemeanor which occurred on City time.

Mayor Pro Tem Lowman made a motion to terminate Steve Bush due to an active arrest violation of law. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Miley made a motion to move forward with the Georgia Power meter project and Mayor Pro Tem Lowman made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Pam Nelms

Mayor Michael Harris