

Town of Waverly Hall
March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order: Mayor Harris

Invocation: Mayor Harris

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Harris

Council members present: Boddie, Lowman, Fischer, Miley, (Wallace late arriving)

Approve the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Councilmember Lowman, 2nd Councilmember Miley. All approved. (4 ayes)

Unfinished Business:

1.

New Business:

1. Carol Southard CDBG Grant: Ms Southard presented the 2022-2023 CDBG project at \$1,136,000. The targeted area is East and West of GA Hwy 208, Perry St, Pond St, and Oak view St. Motion to proceed with 2022-2023 CDBG Grant made by Councilmember Boddie, 2nd by Councilmember Fischer. All approved. (4 ayes).

Discussion to apply for CDBG Grant every 2 years to continue updating water system throughout the city.

Motion to approved Hofstadter as the engineer for the 2022-2023 CDBG made by Councilmember Miley, 2nd by Councilmember Lowman. All approved (4 ayes).

2. St John Pitts representative in reference to 3rd Saturday yard sale: Venita Wallace representing St John Pitts asked for the council's approval to sponsor a 3rd Saturday yard. Motion made by Councilmember Lowman, 2nd by Councilmember Fischer. All approved (4 ayes).

3. Shelby Hagler update on court: Ms. Hagler gave an update on unpaid fines from 2020 that had not been paid due to court being suspend during the Covid pandemic. She also informed the council that court will change from two times per month to once a month on the second Tuesday of the month.

4. Chief Durham introducing new officers: Chief Durham introduced two new officers on the police force. Julie Haines will be parttime working weekends. Fulltime will be Cleveland (Chip) Cone. Mr. Cone will enter the Academy on April 4, for three months. After completion of the Academy, he will be full-time with the police department. Officer Smith has completed The Georgia Child Safety Seat Program, and The Georgia Crisis and Intervention Class. Waverly Hall is now a recognized location for any child seat classes certification. Chief Durham presented an idea for giving a voucher to have broken lights repaired instead of issuing a citation on the first stop for this violation. Council tabled a decision on the voucher until the City Attorney can review and give further guidance on the wording for the voucher. He introduced the idea of starting a Citizens Academy Class that would be held every other Saturday. He asked for additional lights be installed around the garage area where the police cars are parked. Councilmember Boddie will look into this.

5. Sanjay Choudhury requesting to transfer business and beer and wine licenses into his name:

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City Attorney advised Mr. Choudhury to submit an application in writing and a decision will be made based on the information on the application.

Departments reporting:

- 1. Buildings and Grounds:** Councilmember Boddie stated that Lights need to be added to the Melody Lakes Community Building to illuminate the colors.
- 2. Streets and Roads:** Councilmember Fischer reported that paving is completed on Waverly Circle, Perry St, and the Baptist Church parking lot. There have been 34 repairs on 10 street since the beginning of the project using TIA and LMIG funds. A tree that was hanging dangerously over the road was removed on 606 Ridgeway Road. He has a bid of for repairing Hardin St., a busy thru street. Mayor Harris asked for a motion to accept a bid from PRS to pave Hardin St. from GA Hwy 85 to Oneil Street. Motion made by Councilmember Fischer, 2nd by Councilmember Boddie. All approved. (5 ayes).
- 3. Parks and Rec:** Councilmember Miley reported that Refuge Church will be hosting an antique car show on October 8 starting at 9 a.m. Following at 12:30 Parks and Recreation will host a Food and Music Festival. More information will be made available as the program develops. Mayor Harris, Councilmembers, Miley, Fischer and Boddie along with several residents walked the Cemetery in Pecan Meadows after the Highline event on Saturday March 5. Council and residents attending the Council Meeting discussed who has responsibility of preserving the gravesites and property. Councilmember Miley suggested the need for a Historical Preservation Ordinance.
- 4. Fire and Safety:** Councilmember Lowman, confirmed with Fire Chief Lawski that the ISO audit is complete. Results will be available in a few months.
- 5. Water:** Nothing to report.
- 6. City Attorney:** Nothing to report.
- 7. Mayor:** Comprehensive Plan, Property owned by Board of Education, Best use of ARPA funds.

Mayor Harris asked Council to review the comprehensive plan in preparing the 2022-2023 budget to be sure all the projects we included in the plan are begin addressed. Discussed using ARPA funds to put a new roof on City Hall and replace the windows. No decision was made. He informed everyone that there has been talk of The School Board selling the land they own in Waverly Hall.

Mayor Harris asked for a motion to prepare a resolution to request the property in the city limits of Waverly Hall and owned by the school board not be sold and be retained for a future school. Motion made by Councilmember Lowman and 2nd, by Councilmember Miley. All approved. (5 ayes).

Andrew Zuerner is the new commissioner for Waverly Hall.

A work session date was set for Monday March 14, 2022 and March 21, 2022.

Approve Minutes February 3, 2022: Councilmember Fischer made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Councilmember Miley. All approved. (5 ayes).

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Approve Minutes March 5, 2022 Emergency Meeting: Motion to approve minutes made by Councilmember Miley, 2nd by Councilmember Boddie. All approved. (5 ayes).

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Boddie, 2nd by Councilmember Miley. All approved. (5 ayes).

Executive Session:

Zoom Meeting:

meeting ID 583 104 2337

meeting Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk Pam Nelms

Mayor Michael Harris