

Town of Waverly Hall
November 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Meeting called to order: Mayor Harris

Invocation: Mayor Harris

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Harris

Approve the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Councilmember Boddie 2nd by Councilmember Lowman. All approved.

Council members present: Lowman, Boddie, Miley, Fischer, Wallace.

Unfinished Business:

1.

New Business:

1. Kevin Baker Update on the Annual Car Show: Pastor Kevin Baker from Refuge Church in Waverly Hall reported having an amazing day with 84 cars in the Annual Car Show on October 14, 2023. He presented Waverly Hall Police Department with a check for \$3,065.00 which represents proceeds from the car show.
2. Earl Barfield with the Gideons Room Rental: N/S
3. Ella Marshall update on holiday events: Mrs. Marshall asked the Council for \$1000.00 for the Historical Society to buy gifts for the children's annual Christmas Party. Motion was made by Councilmember Miley to approve the 1000.00 request 2nd was made by Councilmember Boddie. All approved.
Mrs. Marshall also asked that mats in the Gym be put down for the Veterans Day celebration on November 11. She had a discussion with Councilmember Boddie concerning the Christmas Tree for the Gym and decorations for the tree. She later reported that businesses in the community help with the Childrens Christmas part by donating gifts and gift certificates.
4. Terry Edwards Melody Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Mrs. Edwards with Harris Family Connections asked for permission to use the Melody Lakes Community Building on November 15, 2023 for a Thanksgiving dinner for the community. Motion to approve using the Melody Lakes Community Building annually for Thanksgiving Dinner was made by Councilmember Lowman, 2nd by Councilmember Miley. All approved.
Mrs. Edwards also reported that December is literacy month, and she would like to use the Mattie Jane room for Santa to read to the children on December 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Motion to approve the request by Mrs. Edwards was made by Councilmember Lowman, 2nd by Councilmember Miley. All approved
St John Pitts will be presenting their annual Christmas Musical on December 1, 2023 at 6:30 in the Auditorium.
5. Resolution to approve the GEFA grant for lead and copper: Motion to approve the resolution for the GEFA grant made by Councilmember Wallace, 2nd by Councilmember Fisher. Discussion from City Attorney stating that we will not move forward unless there is full understanding of the forgiveness of the loan by the grant proceeds. All approved.

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Departments reporting:

1. Buildings and Grounds: Ms. Boddie reported that the Congressional Grant we applied for is pending Congress passing the 2024 budget this November.

2. Streets and Roads: Light up Waverly Hall will take place November 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The new Christmas lights for the poles are expected to be delivered November 7, 2023. Johnny Appleseed presented an estimate to trim all the trees around the walking trail, GA Highway 85 and Oneal Street after the first of the year for \$3250.00. Councilmember Fischer made a motion to accept the bid for \$3250.00 2nd by Councilmember Boddie. All approved.

Councilmember Fisher is seeking bids to do stripping on Ridgeway Road and crosswalks over GA Highway 85. He is getting an inventory of signs that need to be replaced such as stop signs.

3. Parks and Rec: Councilmember Miley thanked Pastor Baker and Refuge Church for supporting the WAHA festival. A video is being compiled of the activities from day.

4. Fire and Safety: Fire Department has smoked Turkeys for sale to be ready by November 22, 2023.

5. Water: Councilmember Wallace is seeking additional bids to replace the fence around the Storey Street well

6. City Attorney: Attorney McPherson reported that he is working on an updated Gun Ordinance for the city. He suggested that as activities in the city are becoming more frequent an annual calendar would be helpful to keep everyone aware of what is taking place throughout the year.

7. Mayor: Mayor Harris wants to consider using the field behind City Hall for overflow parking on big event days. He has an estimate of \$7,000.00 to convert the open field into a usable parking space. Councilmember Fisher would like to get at least one more bid as this is a Streets and Roads project.

Mayor Harris asked for a motion to approve the purchase of lights and decorations for the walking trail. Councilmember Fisher made the motion, 2nd by Councilmember Lowman. All approved.

Mayor Harris asked for approval to give Employees a \$350.00 Christmas Bonus and to give employees and Council a \$50.00 gift certificate from Cooper Foods. Motion made by Councilmember Miley, 2nd by Councilmember Boddie. All approved.

Mayor asked for a resolution to be prepared to honor Mr. Mylot Pitts, the oldest known Veteran in Waverly Hall. The resolution is to be presented on Veterans Day at the Veterans Day Celebration.

Approve Minutes, October 2, 2023: Motion to approve the minutes made by Councilmember Lowman, 2nd by Councilmember Boddie. All Approved.

Executive Session: Mayor Harris asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Councilmember Lowman made the motion, 2nd by Councilmember Boddie. All approved

Councilmember Boddie made a motion to close executive session, 2nd by Councilmember Miley.

Mayor Harris announced no vote was taken during the executive session.

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Mayor Harris asked for a motion to pursue looking to hire a deputy city clerk. Motion made by Councilmember Miley, 2nd by Councilmember Fischer. All approved.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Boddie 2nd by Councilmember Fisher. All approved

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ATTEST:

City Clerk Pam Nelms

Mayor Michael Harris