

Town of Waverly Hall
February 5, 2024 Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order: Mayor Harris

Invocation: Mayor Harris

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Harris

Approve the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Council member Boddie, 2nd by Greg Fischer. All approved.

Council members present: Bryant Wallace, Geraldine Boddie, Patricia Lowman, Greg Fischer. Absent: Robert Miley.

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

1. Caitlin Wertenberger requests to rent the Gym for a Birthday Party on February 17 at 4:00 p.m. Motion to grant by Council member Geraldine Boddie, 2nd by Patricia Lowman. Motion carried.
2. Jamie Littleton wanted to acknowledge the employees of the Water Department giving them a thank you for their efforts in repairing the waterlines in front of the Nursing Home in extremely cold weather into the early morning. Jamie offered equipment to the City Water Department if needed and available.
3. MLCOR – Michael Varum request use of MLCCB for 2024 (see submitted list): See Jan Folder for list): City Council member Geraldine recommends approval of calendar of events for weekly, monthly, and annual request, and key to MLCCB building. Motion to approve by Council members Patricia Lowman, 2nd by Greg Fischer. All approved. Michael Varum wanted approval to dig an irrigation line from well unground closer to garden. Council man Geraldine will visit the location to assess the area before giving approval. Motion of conditional approval of irrigation trenching pending inspection of location by Council Boddie and Councilman Wallace. Motion by Councilman Greg Fischer, 2nd by Geraldine Boddie. All approved, Motion carried.
4. Michael Risher wants to address 2 issues 1. MLCCB 2. Emails: Michael Risher states he provided a list of upgrades for MLCCB substandard conditions in the building such as heating; proposing to teach self-reliance, budget training, and how to get a job. Council member Boddie advised that windows and locks are currently on the city's list to be addressed and will reference list for future use. Mayor, suggest that going forward bring issue to the city prior to meeting for discussion.
5. Maritza Harris - Building use as voting precinct for year 2024. This is an election year, and large turnouts are anticipated, so would like to make sure that police presence is scheduled and in place for monitoring inside and outside of building for dates indicated in handout.
6. Ella Marshall historical society. Want to thank the city and police department for their support last year. Ella wanted to disclose the calendar this for 2024: Chili cook off – November 2nd, 11:00-12:00, Veterans Day – November 9th, 11:00, will need to reserve the gym for parade and Christmas party parade December 7th at 3:00 and Christmas party at 4:00. Would like approval to host the Juneteenth event, June 15th, in Waverly Hall for the year 2024. The meeting will start Monday at 6:00 p.m., requesting to reserve Maddie Jane Room. Motion to grant Historical Society and HCFC use of gym, areas outside and along walking trail on O'Neal Street for event on June 15, 2024. Made by Patricia Lowman, 2nd by Bryant Wallace. All approved. Motion carried.
7. HFC Terry Edwards – health fair & once upon a story. Have three events coming up: request to reserve the gym. First event for children event "Once Upon a Party, (story time, dress up for kids) February 24th, 2-4 p.m. Motion made by Bryant Wallace, 2nd by Patricia Lowman. All approved, motion carried. Next event, (HCFC partnered with Dept of Public Health) March 12, 8-5 p.m., Child Passenger Safety Workshop to recertified car seat technician. Motion to approve use of

gym by Pat Lowman, 2nd by Greg Fischer. All approved, motion carried. Finally, March 16th, use of gym for health fair by HCFC and Valley Healthcare. Motion to approve by Bryant Wallace, 2nd by Patricia Lowman. All approved, motion carried.

8. Memorial Day Plans. (to be discuss at next month)

9. Gail McLain with the SEWrority Sisters Quilting Guild – wanting to request an annual rental of the auditorium the last Saturday of each month (with exception to December), time will be from 9:30 – 12:30. Motion to grant approval for use of auditorium for monthly meeting made by council member Bryant Wallace, 2nd by Council member Greg Fischer. All approved; Motion carried. Council Member and Mayor inquired where the guild did their sewing and offered the gym for future use. Ms. McLain will come back for next month's meeting.

Department report:

1. Building and Grounds: No updates for Melody Lakes. Still waiting for information on the building used by Family Connection. Reports that the rain has come in again. Family Connection has been asked to use the library in City Hall.

2. Streets and Roads: Council Member Greg Fischer reports that crosswalks have been put in and trees have been trimmed on the walking trail and all around. Also, Ridgeway Road has been restriped.

3. Parks & Recreation: No report

4. Public Safety: Council Member Patricia Lowman asked Chief Durham to give the report. Chief Durham reported that the department will be hosting the first ever 2024 Road and Safety Check of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety on Friday, March 15th, at 6:00 p.m. The safety checks will be at GA Hwy 85N where Seldon Road and 85 connect. The purpose of the event is to open a network to all law enforcement officers and prosecutors and is designed to enhance traffic enforcement activities through networking, training, and legislature. The network serves as a catalyst for traffic enforcement officers to voice their concerns and share their ideas with counterparts from other agencies in the regions. Will have 50 officers from various agencies: Georgia State Patrol, Talbot County, Muscogee County, Harris County, Waverly Hall, and any other agencies that would like to participate. Asking for use of auditorium for training and will also be serving food for officers. Chief Durham asked Council Member Fisher to place event on the calendar so as not to alarm the public. Chief Durham also advised of another accident at Hwy 85/208, wanted to thank Donna Lawski and the Fire Department for their support. He reports that GDOT has advised that due to the number of accidents in their area, a warning can be put in place. Chief Durham asked the council to work with GDOT to get road strips in place on 208 to make drivers aware and to stop. Mayor states we appreciate the Chief for bringing this to their attention. Council Member Fischer with options will inquire about options from GDOT. Motion to approve date for use of auditorium for Police Department training by Councilmember Patricia Lowman, 2nd by Councilmember Geraldine Boddie; all approved. Point of contact will be Officer Glau.

Council Member Geraldine Boddie wanted to thank the Police Department and Fire Department for coming to the location near her home where a tree took the power lines down.

Fire Safety: Donna Lawski reports that last year there were 120 calls logged through the Fire Department/EMS/Misc. They gained six new members with training of 500 hours. The keil was taken care of with ISO, so the ratings in Waverly Hall are back to 44X, we are still in good standing. This be reported on the website, so people will know to notify their insurance company to make them aware. Jay Willard has stepped down as Assistance chief, he has not been replaced since he has not officially retired but stepped down from the position. The Fire Department has plans for more training. Maintenance has not been done to the building in years. We will get with Council Member Geraldine for building insulation, repairs, and painting.

5. Water: Council Member Wallace, reported work is progressing on the copper and lead project with kick-off meeting last week. The next four months we will have people in the area evaluating water meters, water lines; hope to have results to follow in a couple of months.

6. City Attorney: No report

7. Mayor: Major Harris advised that the City Attorney is still in rehab and a gift/snack basket was sent. Also, a flower arrangement was sent for Representative Smith's funeral from the city.

Next, a complaint on Storey Drive concerning a house with downed trees and debris in the yard. We will get Pam to send out a letter to the entire city as the first effort to try and correct the problem; in compliance with ordinance/zoning for unsightly yards in the town.

The mayor acknowledges the tireless efforts made by the Water Department and Police department during the break in the waterline in front of Oakview Nursing Home, as well as acknowledgement to Jamie Littleton and Council Member Wallace.

Mayor Harris wanted to review the Rezone Schedules (application fee is \$400, for ad publishing, and hearing date) by the County. Motion to approve Rezone Schedule by Council Member Greg Fischer, 2nd by Council Member Bryant Wallace, all approved, motion is carried. Mayor Harris to sign and return to the county.

Approve Minutes, January 2, 2023 -Motion to approve minutes made by Councilmember Boddie, 2nd by Councilmember Wallace. All approved.

Approve Minutes, January 22, 2023 - Motion to approved minutes made by Councilmember Lowman 2nd by Councilmember Fischer. All approved.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Council Member Geraldine Boddie.

Executive Session

Zoom Meeting

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ATTEST:

City Clerk Pam Nelms

Mayor Michael Harris