



AGENDA
CITY OF CAMILLA COUNCIL MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE & LIVE BROADCAST ON
THE CITY OF CAMILLA'S FACEBOOK PAGE
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 ~ 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call
2. Opening Prayer and Pledge
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2020 Council Meeting
5. Speaker Appearances
 - a. Non-Agenda Items
 1. Barbara West
 - b. Agenda Items
 1. None
6. Election of Mayor Pro Tem
7. Department of Public Health Report – COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations
8. Administrative Committee Report
 - a. None
9. Public Works Committee Report
 - a. None
10. City Manager's Report
11. Mayor's Announcements
12. Adjourn

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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020 by Mayor Owens.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Twitty, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer.

City Manager Steve Sykes, City Clerk Cheryl Ford, and City Attorney Tommy Coleman were also present.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Mayor Owens gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilwoman Willingham, the minutes from the November 9, 2020 City Council Meeting were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Morgan stated he would like to make a motion to amend the agenda, particularly Item #6 on the Administrative Committee report to ensure we are actually voting to change our speaker appearance policy on conduct for city council meetings. Mayor Owens stated we have a motion on the table to amend the agenda and if he hears the Councilman correctly, he wants to make sure they are voting on the speaker appearance question under Item #6. Councilman Morgan replied that was correct and it currently says consider amending. From the Committee Meeting there were enough members voting to have as an action item. Councilman Pollard seconded the motion. Mayor Owens stated to Councilman Morgan's point it also his recollection they had a consensus of three councilmembers that agreed to vote on the item, not necessarily approve it but to vote on it. He asked Councilman Morgan, Councilman Pollard, and Councilwoman Willingham if they were part of that consensus, to which all replied yes. City Manager Sykes stated it is an action item. Mayor Owens stated the motion is they will vote on whether or not to amend the speaker appearance restriction. Councilman Twitty asked if they were going to vote, does it mean anything. Mayor Owens stated if they are all in agreement they are going to be voting, one of the options they have is for Councilman Morgan to rescind his motion or go through the process of putting the question. Councilman Morgan commented we could go ahead and finish the process. Mayor Owens stated we have a motion on the table to amend the agenda to say they will be voting on that item when they get there. Councilman Pollard stated the issue is the way it reads: it says to consider the amendment and have a discussion and that they are not making an actual policy. He says they want to make it a policy and not hear any more discussion on it because discussion will mean they are going back into a Committee Meeting and discussing the same thing over again. They need to vote up or down to change the policy or not, which is the topic that needs to be discussed. Mayor Owens agreed that was just mentioned. Attorney Coleman stated it is on the agenda and they could vote up or down

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (cont.)

now. Councilman Pollard replied it is on the agenda but says to consider amending a resolution. We are not considering but voting up or down to change the policy or not. Mayor Owens stated he would put the question when they get to the item “is there a motion to remove the five day restriction from the speaker appearance form”. Councilman Morgan rescinded his motion to amend the agenda. On motion by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Campbell, the motion carried. Councilman Pollard commented on the Administrative Committee report it actually says to discuss Item #6. Mayor Owens stated they would put the question for the item.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

2021 COMMITTEE and COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule for calendar year 2021 Committee and Council Meetings was reviewed by the Council. The Administrative Committee recommends approval of the meeting schedule as presented. On motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Campbell, the 2021 Committee and Council Meeting Schedule was approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS – APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

A list of Boards and Commission appointments and re-appointments was provided to Council for discussion and approval. Changes are as follows:

| BOARD/COMMISSION | APPOINTEE | TERM EXPIRATION |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Planning Commission | Robert Brown, Jr. | December 2024 |
| Planning Commission | Randy Bentley | December 2024 |
| Planning Commission | Martha Cabiness | December 2024 |
| SW Ga. Regional Commission | W.D. Palmer, III | December 2021 |
| Historic Preservation Committee | Janet Crane | December 2023 |
| Historic Preservation Committee | Larcene Dawson | December 2023 |
| Mitchell Co. Recreation Board | Corey Morgan | December 2021 |
| Tree Committee | W.D. Palmer, III | December 2021 |
| Tree Committee | Martha Cabiness | December 2021 |
| Tree Committee | Janice Smith | December 2021 |
| Tree Committee | Rad Yeager | December 2021 |
| Animal Control Appeals Board | Judi Palmer | December 2023 |
| Animal Control Appeals Board | Oberia Mills | December 2023 |
| S.G.G.S.A. (*) | W.D. Palmer, III | January 15, 2025 |
| Camilla/Mitchell Co. Land Bank | Barbara Reddick | December 31, 2021 |
| Camilla/Mitchell Co. Land Bank | Mayor Kelvin Owens | December 31, 2021 |
| Camilla/Mitchell Co. Land Bank | W.D. Palmer, III | December 31, 2022 |

(*) South Georgia Governmental Services Authority

The Administrative Committee recommends the list of appointments/re-appointments be approved as presented. On motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Pollard, the motion to approve the list as presented passed by a unanimous vote.

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION BOARD/NON-PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE

Nathaniel Keaton serves on the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board as the non-public representative for the City of Camilla. The one year term will expire December 2020. The Administrative Committee recommends the re-appointment of Mr. Keaton with a term ending December 2021.

On motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Twitty, the motion to approve the re-appointment of Nathaniel Keaton to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board as the non-public representative with a term expiration of December 2021 passed by a unanimous vote.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS – ALCOHOL RENEWALS FOR ON/OFF PREMISES BEER/WINE/LIQUOR POURING/POOL TABLES

The Council reviewed a list of applicants for calendar year 2021 for on-premises and off-premises alcohol renewal (beer/wine/liquor), three pool tables for Corner Pockets, and three new store managers. Chief of Police Hendricks performed background checks as required and approved the applications as presented. The Administrative Committee recommends approval of the 2021 list as presented.

On motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Pollard, the motion to approve the 2021 list of alcohol renewals for beer/wine/liquor (on/off premises), three pool tables for Corner Pockets, and three new managers passed by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12-14-1 – FIXING AND PUBLISHING QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2021 ELECTION

The Administrative Committee and the Public Works Committee reviewed Ordinance No. 2020-12-14-1 fixing and publishing qualifying fees for offices eligible for election in the year 2021. A Public Notice will be advertised in the Enterprise-Journal prior to February 1, 2021. The qualifying fee for City Council District 1/Post 2, City Council District 1/Post 3, City Council District 2/Post 2, and City Council District 2/Post 3 shall be \$72.00. The Administrative Committee recommends approval of the ordinance, waive the second reading, and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

A motion was made by Councilman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Campbell. Councilman Morgan asked if the fees were used for the election, if they go to the State, or the City. City Attorney Coleman commented it is 3% of the salary, which is the limit. Councilman Morgan asked if we use the money to help fund the election. City Attorney Coleman responded in theory that is what happens but it is an insignificant small amount. Councilman Pollard asked if we used other outlets to advertise other than the newspaper: city hall, city website, or just use one outlet to advertise because not everyone receives the Camilla Enterprise. City Attorney Coleman commented we are required to advertise in the legal organ and can use other outlets. After further discussion, the motion to approve the ordinance, waive the second reading, and authorize the Mayor to sign passed by a unanimous vote.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDMENT – POLICY ON CONDUCT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Owens commented at this time the question is: is there a motion to remove the five-day restriction from the speaker appearance and replace the language with up until the Mayor calls the meeting to order. Councilman Morgan made a motion and Councilman Pollard seconded the motion. Mayor Owens asked if there was any discussion. Councilman Palmer made a motion to amend the motion to change it from five days to three days and whomever is asking for appearance to state their name, address, and be a citizen of Camilla. City Attorney Coleman stated that would be a substitute motion since there is already a motion and a second on the floor. Councilman Palmer commented his motion is a substitute motion. City Attorney Coleman commented we cannot require them to be a citizen of Camilla and Councilman Palmer asked if we could make them state their name and address, to which City Attorney Coleman replied yes. It was stated they already do that and Mayor Owens commented it is currently written in. He stated we have a secondary motion to amend the original motion to three days. City Attorney Coleman stated the substitute motion is voted on first and if it passes the original motion is annulled and dies. Councilman Campbell asked if the three days were working days and City Manager Sykes responded it should be business days. Mayor Owens stated we have a motion on the table to substitute the original motion of eliminating the five day restriction. The substitute motion is to amend that to three business days. He asked if there was a second and Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Councilman Morgan asked the purpose of the three days. Councilman Palmer responded it was for staff to have time to vet the questions and time to do their job rather than spur of the moment questions that come in and not being adequately prepared. It is just for preparation. Councilman Campbell stated if someone comes before the Council with a water bill or electric bill or anything, if we know in advance we can answer the question then. We have to listen to it and say we will find out and we will come back to you. Councilman Pollard commented he was sure they could appreciate that and it would not be an issue with them. As he earlier stated in the Committee Meeting, if they, as councilmembers, have to be subjected to the same information there are times staff does not have answers and has to get back with them. If someone decides to speak they do not have to list to them what they want to speak about. They do not have to tell them direct specific what they want to talk about. And they want it in front of them for what, so they can make up an answer and he does not understand why. It may be the morning he wakes up and has something he wants to talk about. He knows they will say call your councilmember and he does not get the three days. Mayor Owens started one of the biggest points they have to remember is when a citizen comes and talks to the council is not always a question, they may want to talk about what is happening in their community or their children and what they would like to see in their community. Sometimes those things, from his perspective, sensitive things such as COVID, there is no way you can predict three days out that will be the issue. If they want to talk about when school closes, and a decision is made to close school, what we can do for the children while they are out of school. A lot of these are not questions but statements about how a citizen is feeling and we should be encouraging folks to want to come talk to us. The policies we create are for them. If they feel, and we have seen this even before we started coming to the fourth floor to meet, when citizens start feeling restricted sometimes it is hard to get them back in the room. When we don't have the input of the community in here, sometimes they start talking and expressing themselves outside these walls. The preference is if a citizen has an issue, as an elected official, he would love to hear it here first before they feel so frustrated they have to take it somewhere else. In here at least we can address

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDMENT – POLICY ON CONDUCT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (cont.)

it. We need to remove the restriction all together and let our citizens come and talk to us within the three minute time and proper decorum we have already set up. He recommends at some point they can go back to the original motion in terms of eliminating the five day restriction and allow the people an opportunity to talk all the way up until the time the meeting is called to order. Councilman Campbell seconded the substitute motion. Mayor Owens stated the substitute motion is to restrict speaker appearances to three business days prior to the council meeting from the original five days. Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Twitty, and Councilman Palmer voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Morgan and Councilman Pollard voted against the motion. The motion passed by a 4-2 vote to change the policy on conduct of city council meetings for submittal of a speaker appearance form from five business days prior to the meeting to three business days prior to the meeting.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

The Compensation Committee considered renewal of the City Manager's contract which expires December 31, 2020. The term of employment for the new contract shall be January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. The Compensation Committee recommends approval of the contract as presented. A motion was by Councilman Morgan which received no second. Mayor Owens stated the motion dies for lack of second. Councilman Palmer stated he would like to make a motion to replace Item #2 which describes a two-year term and replace it with a three-year term. He thinks it is needed for continuity and to do what he needs as far as long-term projects are concerned. He also requested to change the bi-weekly base salary in Item #4 for the three year bi-weekly salary for year three, 2023, to \$7,400.00 in addition to the three-year term. Councilman Pollard stated he would second the original motion. Mayor Owens commented he gave good pause at that time and stated there is a motion on the floor to amend Item #2 of the employment agreement to make it three years with December 31, 2023 to be the ending date and Item #4 for the third year, 2023, would be \$7,400.00/biweekly. Councilman Pollard stated he has a substitute motion and City Attorney Coleman stated the Mayor needed to call for a second. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Councilman Pollard stated he has a substitute motion to change it back to the original motion. It is what they recommended as a council to do and they elected these people (Compensation Committee) to talk with the City Manager about this. Mayor Owens stated we have a substitute motion to approve the contract as presented in the packet. Councilman Morgan seconded the motion. Mayor Owens stated the original contract on the table now ends in two years and to him seems practical. This is the first time in a while we offered a city manager contract above a year. With the CDBG we have about two years to get that done. With \$750,000.00 going in the project and the amount of work that is going to be done two years makes sense and not three. He stated he has said publically and will say again when you are talking about municipal experience you will be hard pressed in the state of Georgia to find someone with as much experience as Steve Sykes. But for him it is not about experience but effectiveness. And he believes over the next year we will have an opportunity to really gauge effectiveness as it relates to the things we plan to do for this city going into 2021. We have never in recent years offered a multi-year contract and he thinks it seems practical and fair to give the people of Camilla an opportunity to evaluate. In the contract one of the things different is there is a performance piece associated with it. This is the first time we are going to have a written

CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (cont.)

opportunity sanctioned by the council to evaluate the performance of the city manager. Starting off this first year with that to say we will give you three years before we even evaluate what is happening in the first year is unfair to the people of this town. Councilman Palmer commented that is not what they are saying. Councilman Campbell commented it is his (Mayor Owens) opinion. Mayor Owens commented he has the floor and when he is done they are more than welcome to comment. Before the citizens, through their representatives, have an opportunity to evaluate this contract in the first year, to say we are going to give the city manager a three-year contract without that evaluation, from his perspective, is unfair to the people of this town considering the clauses embedded in the document. Councilman Palmer stated there would be an annual evaluation and they need to be more forward looking and broad minded than just two years. They have a lot of projects that will be three and five years down the road and don't need to short sight themselves. Mayor Owens agreed and stated for the record he did state for the first time there is a performance piece in the contract. For the first year that, without having an opportunity before going to three years, which may be where the confusion is, we have an opportunity to evaluate within the first year. It will be the first year of the evaluation and we have not done that before. With this brand new item inside the document it will be unfair to the people of Camilla, the first time we have done this, to give the city manager three years to do that. After additional discussion, Mayor Owens stated for the record, as a council, they have not debated a three-year contract. They are doing stuff contrary to what regular business has been. The council, as a complete body, has never debated a three-year contract under the terms that Councilman Palmer expressed, at all. The citizens of the town have not seen a document or contract for three years for the city manager. It is a bit unfair to put all this stuff in front of them to vote on without having an opportunity to get to the meat of it. He highly recommends they approve the substitute motion for the two year agreement. City Manager Sykes stated he did not have any comments for two years vs. three years. Mayor Owens asked for any additional comments. Councilman Twitty commented there have been some evaluations in past years and we can step past that and does not recall the time frames for contracts. They evaluate every month as they go along. If they find something they don't like they can adjust it and if egregious, can call a halt to the whole situation. There is a stipulation in the contract if we no longer want his services there is a way out. As far as evaluation it is ongoing. Mayor Owens stated that is a fair point and at some point depending on the composition of the council, when we talk about relieving people for cause or just cause, it is what the council says it is. If there is an issue going forward we can work that out later on down the road in another venue. In that way cause is cause if the council says that is what it is and future council's may consider that. Mayor Owens called the question to approve the original contract, the two-year contract, which is the substitute motion on the floor. Councilman Morgan and Councilman Pollard voted in favor of approving the original contract. Councilman Palmer, Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, and Councilman Twitty voted against approving the original contract. The motion failed. City Attorney Coleman stated they are now back at the original motion: to amend the current contract for Item #2 to a December 31, 2023 ending date and Item #4, the third year salary, will be \$7,400.00/biweekly and everything else remains the same. Mayor Owens asked for a second on the motion which was made by Councilman Campbell. After discussion, roll call indicated the following votes in favor of the motion for three years and changes in the salary: Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Twitty, and Councilman Palmer. Council-

CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (cont.)

man Morgan and Councilman Pollard voted against the motion. The motion passed by a 4-2 vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Sykes reported on the following:

1. Employee Service Recognition - City Manager Sykes recognized the following employees for their service to the City: Tyreek Brown – 5 years – Gas Department; Michael Smith – 5 years – Fire Department; Celeste Robinson – 5 years – Customer Service Department; Amneh Laursen – 5 years – Police Department; Joshua Gay – 5 years – Fire Department; Santos Gonzales – 10 years – Fire Department; Justin Roberson – 10 years – Fire Department; Jerry Mobley – 15 years – Police Department; Reginald Williams – 20 years – Shop; Jimmy Jackson Jr. – 25 years – Electric Department. He thanked them for their service and the Mayor and Council for supporting them.
2. Customer Service Strategy - City Manager Sykes stated a letter is included in the packet regarding our customer service strategy. In the next few months we are revamping our customer service strategy and part of that strategy is to elevate customer service. We are working on plans where we can provide individual and separate CNSNext services and looking at possibilities and ways to elevate customer service. A more immediate thing we are doing is providing separate billing and the letter included is to our customers providing dates and times for those with a combined bill that will be separated out. It will give customers a two week window between the utility bill due date and the cable bill due date. Ultimately it will give them a separate bill with a separate cutoff date and paying one has no effect on the other. The other thing is to allow them to levelize their utility bill and he feels it will be widely accepted by our customers. As we look forward to delivering customer service excellence this is the first step we need to take. We are looking at more than separating bills and possibilities of having a retail office setup if you want to do CNSNext business you can have a friendlier atmosphere and more accessible location similar to Verizon and AT&T. It will take that business out of City Hall. Moultrie and Cairo are also looking at doing the same thing for their customers as well. After additional discussion, Mayor Owens asked if any of the changes would affect our true-up to which City Manager Sykes responded it would not.
3. COVID-19 Update - he stated an updated COVID-19 report has been provided and discussed details of the report. He commented they are being asked by the Department of Public Health if they would help participate in the vaccination distribution and if they could utilize the Centennial Stadium parking lot, concession stand, and field house to deliver vaccine to the community. They will need to enter in an agreement of understanding with them that they are agreeing to provide the service and we will provide the location. Additional comments by council were made regarding testing dates and location.
4. Cemetery Space Purchases - City Manager Sykes stated the last item was cemetery spaces sold from September 28th until December 1st. A list was provided describing the location, size, cost, and purchaser.

City Manager Sykes commented he will be providing information in the next few days concerning projects we have going on. He has a meeting with the architect and engineer for the

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (cont.)

Boys and Girls Club who spent several hours here a week ago and will focus on the scope of the project and cost. We are ready to go out for bids for the Toombs Park pavilion and he has a preliminary splash park layout he will be sharing. He will provide the Mayor and Council a weekly update on the hot items.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Owens made the following comments: "This is our final regular council meeting for the year, a year where COVID-19 has been front and center, but we have remained committed to our citizens through it all. And the citizens of this great city have been tremendous partners. Thank you. Even with the challenges we have accomplished a lot this year but we have got more work to do in 2021. The policies that your elected officials create in this room and give to the city manager to implement must represent our motto – Growing Toward Tomorrow. Our economic growth is essential to our future because higher utility bills and taxes are not a long-term success strategy and we must continue to grow. This is why as the Chief Policy Advocate for the city I will be asking our city council to remain committed to new housing growth. I will be asking that we invest more in our children and our seniors. I will be asking our city council to create a list of priorities that match our Revitalization Area Strategy and Urban Redevelopment Plan. One year from now, what will our city look like? Will it look like today, or will it look like tomorrow? Here's the good news - the answer to those questions is up to us. Camilla, continue to be safe, follow CDC and DPH guidelines, and on behalf of the city council and staff we wish you a very Merry Christmas and an awesome new year. Thank you and good night."

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Pollard, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

BY: _____
KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FORD, CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL
SPEAKER APPEARANCE FORM**



Please Print

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CHECK ONE: ☒ AGENDA ITEM ☒ NON-AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: January 11, 2020

ITEM/TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED: Police Department doing their job regarding my son's case. Stopping the gun violence throughout the city.

Any individual wishing to address the Camilla City Council must complete the information requested above. Speakers will be allotted up to three (3) minutes in which to complete their presentation abiding by the following rules:

- No person shall be allowed to make obscene, derogatory, or slanderous remarks that disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- No person shall disrupt or interfere in any way with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- Remarks shall end when a speaker's allotted time has expired.
- Speakers may respond to questions from the Mayor and Council members, should clarification be necessary; provided, however, no person shall be permitted to enter into discussion with the Mayor, a Council member, or any member of the City of Camilla staff during the conduct of a meeting.

The public comment period is designed to gain input from the public and not for immediate responses by the City to public comments. While the City cannot assure each speaker of a specific or individualized response, the City will consider the public comments and any supporting materials provided by the speaker(s).

Any person willfully violating these rules may be prohibited from appearing before the Council for a period of sixty (60) days. The Mayor shall order the removal of anyone who disrupts or interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

1-4-2021

Date

Speaker Signature

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Received By: CHERYL

Council Meeting: JAN, 11, 2021

Date: JAN. 4 2021 Time: 2:40 PM

Comments: _____

City Manager's Report
Camilla City Council Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021
6:30 P.M.

- 1) Quit Claim Deed abandoned alley
- 2) Hazardous Pay Award for December 2020
- 3) COVID-19 Report has been enclosed. I will briefly review this report with Council.

Quit Claim Deed Alley

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 by Mayor Rufus Davis.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Hadley, Councilman Hays, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilman Palmer.

City Manager Bennett Adams, Attorney Franklin T. Coleman, IV representing City Attorney Tommy Coleman, and Personnel Director Renee Brazeale were also present.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

After the call to order, Mayor Davis asked Councilman Hays to give the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Sign-In Sheet Attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilman Hadley, seconded by Councilwoman Willingham, the minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

SPEAKER APPEARANCES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONDITIONAL USE – FAMILY DAY CARE

City Manager Adams called the Public Hearing to order and stated LaBrena Parris has requested conditional use for a family day care on her property located at 610 S Harney Street. City Manager Adams asked Ms. Parris to tell the Council about her request. Ms. Parris stated she wants to open a day care for employees working the night shift. City Manager Adams asked if anyone had questions or supported/opposed the day care. There being none, the Public Hearing for the conditional use request was closed.

COMMUNITY VENTURES, INC. – CLOSE ALLEY

City Manager Adams stated Community Ventures, Inc. has requested the closure of an abandoned alley that runs east from Dyer Street for 200 ft. to a dead end. Citizen Fronnie Jess asked where the alley is located and several Councilmembers stated the location for her. City Manager asked if anyone had questions or supported/opposed the alley closure request. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (cont.)

RESOLUTION – AMENDED AND RESTATED GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA (MGAG)

City Manager Adams and the Administrative and Public Works Committees reviewed Resolution No. 2016-09-12-1 approving the Amended and Restated Gas Supply Contract between the City of Camilla and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. The Resolution authorizes the execution, delivery and performance of the Amended and Restated Gas Supply Contract. The Resolution also extends the term of the contract for an additional ten (10) years and protects all MGAG members from litigation that could result from hedging activities. The Administrative Committee recommends approval of the Resolution and authorizes the Mayor to sign. City Manager Adams provided brief background information about the contract and its' purpose.

On motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Hays, the motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-09-12-1 passed by a unanimous vote.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, GA

The Administrative and the Public Works Committees reviewed an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Camilla and the Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County, Georgia that allows the Mitchell County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct the November 8, 2016 referendums for the City of Camilla. The Administrative Committee recommends approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

On motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign passed by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

ALLEY CLOSURE – DYER STREET

The Public Works and Administrative Committees reviewed a request from Diane Watson of Community Ventures, Inc. to close the abandoned alley located east from Dyer Street for 200 feet to a dead end. Community Ventures, Inc. owns all the property with the exception of property belonging to Johnny and Dollie McGregor. The McGregors were notified by mail of the request to close the abandoned alley but were not in attendance at a Public Hearing held by the Planning Commission. The Public Works Committee recommends the alley be closed as requested.

On motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the motion to approve the alley closure request passed by a unanimous vote.

CEMETERY LOT TRANSFER – ALAN N. COKER

The Public Works and Administrative Committees reviewed a request from Alan Coker to transfer Cemetery Lot #95 to Evelyn C. Coker. The lot, located in Section 2 of Oakview Cemetery, consists of two spaces. The Public Works Committee recommends approval of the request to transfer the cemetery lot.

Return To:
Keith T. Dorough
Perry & Walters
Post Office Box 71209
Albany, GA 31708-1209

GEORGIA,

MITCHELL COUNTY:

QUIT CLAIM DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made the _____ day of December, in the year 2020 between CITY OF CAMILLA, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, as party of the first part, hereinafter called Grantor, and COMMUNITY VENTURES, INC., a Georgia corporation, as party of the second part, hereinafter called Grantee (the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" to include their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns where the context requires or permits).

WITNESSETH that: Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has bargained, released and quit-claimed and do by these presents bargain, remise, release and forever quit-claim to the said Grantee all the right, title, interest, claim or demand which the said Grantor has or may have had in and to the following described property, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Camilla, Mitchell County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the north right-of-way line of Beacon Street (30-foot right-of-way) intersects the east right-of-way line of Dyer Street (25-foot right-of-way), run thence north along the east right-of-way line of Dyer Street to a point on the south line of an abandoned ten (10) foot alley which is the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said point of beginning, run thence east along the south line of said abandoned alley to a point which is the northwest corner of the property conveyed to Johnny C. McGregor and Dollie M. McGregor ("McGregor Property") by deed recorded in Deed Book 267, page 291 in the Mitchell County, Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Office; run thence north along an extension of the west line of the McGregor Property a distance of five (5) feet to the center of said abandoned alley; run thence east along the center of said abandoned alley to a point where a northerly extension of the east line of the McGregor Property intersects the center line of said abandoned alley; run thence south along said extension of the east line of the McGregor Property to the northeast corner of the McGregor Property; run thence east along the south line of said abandoned alley to a point which is the southeast terminus of said abandoned alley; run thence north a distance of ten (10) feet to a point which is the northeast terminus of said abandoned alley; run thence west along the north line of said abandoned alley to the east right-of-way line of Dyer Street; run thence south along the east right-of-way line of Dyer Street a distance of ten (10) feet to the point of beginning.

The property described above is part of what is shown as the "10.00' alley closed by City of Camilla" on that certain plat of survey entitled "A Subdivision Survey For: Community Ventures, Inc." dated February 25, 2019, prepared by Cary B. Wetherington, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and recorded in Plat Book 36, page 85 in the Mitchell County, Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Office which plat is incorporated herein by this express reference thereto.

BE IT KNOWN THAT the City Council of the City of Camilla, at a regularly called meeting held on September 12, 2016, voted unanimously to close said abandoned alley.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described premises unto the said Grantee, so that neither the said Grantor nor any other person or persons claiming under the Grantor shall at any time claim or demand any right, title or interest in or to the aforesaid described premises or its appurtenances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this document and affixed their seals hereto the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

CITY OF CAMILLA, a municipal
corporation of the State of Georgia

Unofficial Witness

By: _____
Mayor

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk

JAN 3
13/day

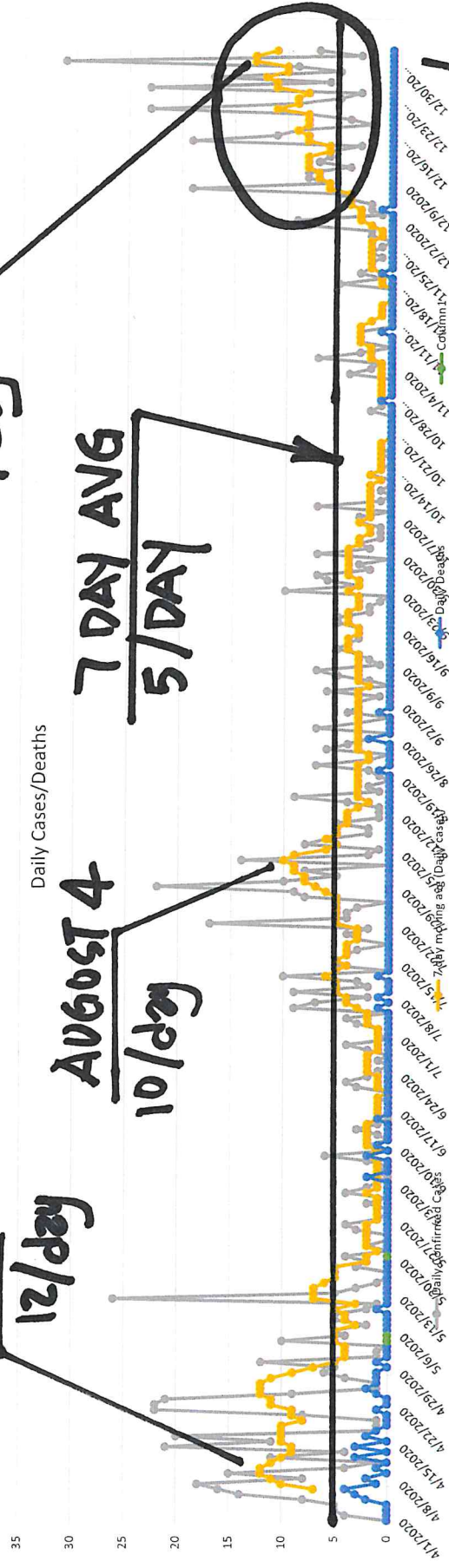
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APRIL 10
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