



AGENDA
CITY OF CAMILLA COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 ~ 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call
2. Opening Prayer and Pledge
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: July 5, 2022 Called Meeting
July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting
5. Speaker Appearances
6. Public Hearing – 2022 Millage Rate
7. Action Items:
 - a. Resolution No. 2022-09-12-1 – 2022 Millage Rate
 - b. Tax Commissioner Contract
 - c. Mitchell-Baker Service Center – ARPA Fund Allocation
 - d. Extension of Utility Assistance Program
 - e. Memorandum of Understanding – Camilla Youth Employment Program
 - f. Camilla Youth Council Application
 - g. Appointment - Municipal Election Superintendent
 - h. MEAG Documents
 - i. York & Associates – Contract/Agreement for Services
 - j. FY 2021 Budget Amendment (Exhibit A)
 - k. Council Consideration: September 6, 2022 Meeting Conduct
8. City Manager's Report
9. Mayor's Announcements
10. Adjourn

**MINUTES – CALLED MEETING
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
JULY 5, 2022**

The Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 by Mayor Owens. He announced the Council has returned to the newly renovated council chambers and thanked all responsible for the renovations and the Council for their patience.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins (arrived late), Councilman Pollard (via phone), and Councilman Palmer.

City Manager Stroud and City Clerk Ford were also present.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Sign-In Sheet Attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, the motion to approve the Called Meeting agenda for July 5, 2022 passed by a 5-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07-05-1 – MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

City Manager Stroud stated the local mobile food ordinance was looked at and sent to the Mayor and Council for review. Many of their questions have been answered and staff took great lengths to understand the definitions in the ordinance, along with the license requirements to be qualified, and Item K. Councilman Morgan commented he wanted to discuss Item H which is the time. The current concern is the time food places are open in the city and residents wanting later hours and pushing to 10:00 p.m. depending upon what is happening across the city. He knows there are future plans for use of the stadium and unsure about a 9:00 p.m. closing hour for food trucks. Mayor Owens stated he wanted to make sure the public understands, when dealing with an ordinance, it typically is read twice. They have the option to waive the second reading when there is a unanimous vote. He asked if there was a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and then discuss. A motion was made by Councilman Burley and seconded by Councilman Morgan to approve an ordinance regulating mobile food vendors within the corporate limits of the city of Camilla. Councilmember Tucker stated she had a few questions with some already clarified by the city manager but for the public she thinks it will help. She understands, according to the ordinance, any approval would be done by staff and it was clarified that staff meant the city manager. As a Council they would not need to approve every applicant or mobile food

vendor. In C.8 (Section 1.2) it states signatures from property owners indicating consent for the use of their property. She does not know if that needs rewording in a way if properly zoned or would be in the application. Although letting the property owner allow it, the area may not be in the proper zone or an area that is the best use for a mobile food truck. In Section 1.5-Fee it states the fee for every application for license and regulatory fee under this section shall be set by the City Council. She inquired what the fee looks like in other communities: how does the regulatory fee or business license for mobile food vendors line up with our brick and mortar restaurants we currently have and all support and want to see thrive. Mobile food trucks are an excellent business model that well-known franchises are using successfully in a small market like us. She does not want to do anything that will disenfranchise existing businesses that invested in brick and mortar and growing their business here. She does not think any are objectionable to competition or another restaurant opening up in town and would all like to see the vacant restaurant open back up. It draws more people to our community for dining. When we look at the fee she wants to make sure we know what existing restaurant fees look like. City Manager Stroud commented he met extensively with Planning and Zoning to make sure they are in accordance with the intent of this ordinance and brick and mortar and food trucks are different. The food trucks have a regulatory fee which is already set and the difference is the brick and mortar have an occupational tax certificate based on the number of employees and gross income. Councilman Palmer asked what the fee was for brick and mortar. City Manager Stroud commented it all depends on the number of employees and a multitude of factors and not a set fee. Councilman Palmer asked what kind of fee they are looking at. City Manager Stroud stated the only fee out there now is the regulatory fee at \$245 and depends on what the body says. Councilman Palmer asked the length of the permit. City Manager Stroud stated once they pay the regulatory fee it is set like the occupational tax certificate until the end of the year. When they come back he has to be notified and they do not have to buy a regulatory fee every time but he has to be notified. Councilman Palmer commented that will be hard to keep up with. For the brick and mortar he asked if it is similar in the fee schedule and these should be same. City Manager Stroud stated that is what they are advocating for and not to put them on a different schedule. Councilman Palmer asked what he meant when he said they come back. City Manager Stroud replied the schedule for them is the same and when they come in today their regulatory fee expires December 31st. If they decide to come here today and come back in September he needs to know and there is not another regulatory fee. Councilman Morgan asked if it was an annual fee to which City Manager Stroud replied yes. Councilman Palmer asked if a festival would this apply. Mayor Owens replied the part of the ordinance that deals with that as it relates to the 9:00 p.m. time is if it is not a city sponsored event. Councilman Morgan commented there could be an event not city sponsored and wants to explore pushing the time out. Mayor Owens stated depending on when the food truck is coming back there could be discussion upfront on what the parameters would be. Outside of 9:00 p.m., and not a city sponsored event, not knowing what the event will be it would be best for the first few months to test the waters and see what the people are doing than trying to test at this stage. A majority of the Council will be able to weigh in on that. He asked Councilman Morgan if he wanted to push from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. He replied yes and was looking at Tallahassee's and theirs is 10:00 p.m. During summer hours it is still daylight at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Owens commented the question will be if anyone has

an issue amending the motion to make it 10:00 p.m. and the easiest way to settle that particular question. Councilman Morgan amended his original motion to change Section 1.3-H regarding the time of mobile food vendors from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilmember Tucker stated in doing her balance sheet for existing restaurants vs. mobile food trucks it would be even because both would be paying (regulatory fee and occupational tax certificate) and wanted to make sure the public understands. A vendor does not come in and take back everything with them because we are gaining a regulatory fee and point of sale. She asked if the proper zoning would be dealt with in the application process or in the ordinance. She is comfortable with it being in the application process and the city manager having the discretion that there will not be a mobile food truck in a residential neighborhood. Mayor Owens stated if there is unanimous consent it will waive the need for the second reading and the motion will be to waive the second reading (if there is a unanimous vote). Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote and the second reading waived. Mayor Owens thanked the Council and stated it will be great for our community and economy.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Owens commented the Work Session will be held after the meeting adjourns. The Called Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

BY: _____
KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FORD, CLERK

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
JULY 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022 by Mayor Owens.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilmember Tucker (via phone), Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer.

City Manager Stroud, City Attorney Coleman, and City Clerk Ford were also present.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Sign-in Sheet Attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Burley to approve the July 11, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan. Mayor Owens commented he wanted to make sure everyone was aware Resolution 2022-07-11-2 is the Intergovernmental Agreement for the SPLOST referendum with the list they are approving tonight. If there is no objection, even though it is on the agenda, he wants everyone to feel free to comment during the discussion period. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022 Called Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard, seconded by Councilman Morgan, and passed by a unanimous vote.

SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Mayor Owens stated they have three speaker appearances. The first recognized speaker was Bryant Campbell and stated he wanted to speak about the spray fields, something he was involved with for 20 years. The spray field opened in 1993 and updated several times. They bought 750 acres and there are two holding ponds and the city has three. He is not sure if it was a blow out of the liner or a sink hole. He talked to Scott Council who has been the manager of the spray fields for 20 years and wanted to get some facts straight. There are three pivot irrigation systems and one uses 1,700 gallons of water per minute, one 1,400 gallons per minute, and one 1,200 and is a lot of water. They are putting it in and we are taking it out. This time of the year the hay field was nothing but grass planted years ago. He runs a pivot and it pumps a lot of water. He has been managing this for a long time and fourteen to eighteen months ago from the state of Georgia we did not get the grant we were supposed to and now it is up again. He asked the question and he [Scott Council] said he thought he could do what he has been doing for the last eighteen months and allow us to see if we could get this grant. We are talking about \$25,000

SPEAKER APPEARANCES (cont.)

day and is a lot of money not to wait for less than three weeks out. Chad is working on it but we need to do is try to get that grant. He will appreciate them discussing it and he thinks it is doable for a little longer and if we don't get the grant in the next few days then move forward.

Jerome Jester was recognized and stated at the work session they talked about SPLOST and the list and Councilperson Tucker mentioned recreation was on the list, but no description what they meant by recreation. He would like to suggest under the word recreation they consider the community gym (Perry Street gym) as part of the recreation SPLOST list and using those funds to refurbish, remodel, repair or whatever needs to do be done to the gym. It is used by every segment of Mitchell County. Ten years ago someone said it was dilapidated and could not be used but we are still using it so it must of have been in good shape ten years ago. He commented to use some of that money for the Perry Street Gym (community gym) to be refurbished.

Julie Tucker was recognized and commented she is from Camilla and a taxpayer and asked for them to wait for the grant of \$750,000 (for spray fields). She asked them to consider waiting and understands emergencies come up and they will do what that have to do but to consider waiting. She is also excited about them acknowledging Grover Stewart and he is a wonderful young man and they are excited and their hearts are swelled with pride.

ACTION ITEMS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07-11-1 – CENTENNIAL STADIUM NAME CHANGE

The Mayor and Council held the first reading of an ordinance to change the name of Centennial Stadium to The Centennial Fields of Camilla, Georgia at their regular meeting on June 13, 2022. The second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-07-11-1 is being conducted tonight. The Council recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-07-11-1 officially changing the name to *The Centennial Fields of Camilla, Georgia* and authorizes the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Morgan. Mayor Owens commented this is one of the first steps in moving our economy and park rebranding in our strategic plan and excited about this particular vote. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The Mayor and Council discussed a State of the City Address to be delivered to the citizens of Camilla to share the City's progress, achievements, and priorities. The Council recommends authorization for the Mayor, as Chief Policy Advocate, to deliver a State of the City Address no later than October 30th of each year. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Burley. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

GROVER STEWART DAY PROCLAMATION

Grover Stewart, a Camilla resident and professional football player, is being issued a Proclamation honoring his achievements in the professional sports world and his service to our

GROVER STEWART DAY PROCLAMATION (cont.)

community. Every third Saturday in July will be proclaimed as “Grover Stewart Day” to recognize the achievements and contributions Mr. Stewart has made to professional sports and as a day dedicated to community service and self-perseverance. The Council recommends approval of the Proclamation. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Burley. Mayor Owens read the Proclamation for the record. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote and Mayor Owens asked for a brief recess and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Stewart.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07-11-2 – GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ROLE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor and Council discussed Ordinance No. 2022-07-11-2 providing an amendment to Chapter 8 of Title 2 – Code of Ethics. The new section, Governance Structure and Role of Council Members, outlines the provisions of ethical responsibilities for the Mayor and members of Council. The intent of the ordinance is to develop a more efficient and harmonious structure for making decisions within the City. The Council recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-07-11-2, to waive the second reading, and authorization for the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Mayor Owens stated for the public’s knowledge this is an ordinance and any councilmember, and in this case Councilmember Tucker introduced at the work session, to be voted on tonight. As mentioned in the motion if there is a unanimous vote of the Council not only does the ordinance pass but it waives the second reading. Councilmember Tucker commented she mentioned at the work session this is an ordinance the city attorney prepared for another city. She feels it might be something beneficial for our city. She briefly reviewed the contents of the ordinance and asked councilmembers to please support the motion. Councilman Morgan commented when reading the ordinance and hearing terms such as making the Council more harmonious it suggests to him this Council has been ineffective, which is not true. There will be a list of accomplishments in the upcoming State of the City and where the City has moved forward in a few short years. Part A suggests the ordinance will now help recognize that the authority of the Council rests with the Council as a whole. It is his understanding they recognize this in the current Charter in Section 2.17 under general powers and authority of the Council and Section 2.22 under quorum and voting. The second portion suggests this now supports the delegation of authority of the day-to-day administration of the city manager. It is his understanding they currently recognize this in Section 2.31 (power and duties of the city manager) and 2.32 (Council interference) of the charter. At this time he sees no ground for them to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Burley commented he feels the same way as Councilman Morgan on Part A. Another point is number 4 where it states about executive session and feels they do apply what Georgia law states. For number 6, making decisions for the interest of the city as a whole and not any particular segment thereof, this is also a part of their ordinances and Charter as well in Section 2.19 and especially 3.74 through 3.76. He personally does not think they should adopt it because everything is in their Charter and their oath. Councilman Palmer asked City Attorney Coleman to comment. City

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07-11-2 – GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ROLE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (cont.)

Attorney Coleman commented this is an amendment/in addition to the ethics code and all the things are taken from different parts of the code. It gives some recourse if there is a violation or complaint. School Boards in Georgia are required to have a code of ethics and this is an excerpt from the governing structure so instead of superintendent you would say mayor and where the language comes from. All the things are already in some portion of some of our documents it gives some enforcement mechanism to file a complaint. A councilman can be reprimanded by his colleagues which is already in the code of ethics. Mayor Owens stated as the city attorney mentioned there are mechanisms already in place from censure to reprimands to filing a complaint with the Board of Ethics. He reminded everyone they did not have a Board of Ethics until about a year ago and something he asked to have happen because they had been a City of Ethics since 2010. They had not set a board in the eleven years since they became a Certified City of Ethics. The Council was gracious enough to take his recommendation and they now having a sitting Board of Ethics. This is a degree of redundancy inside the ordinance that he thinks does not add to the fluidity of the council meetings. One of the biggest points Councilman Burley made in the interest of the city as a whole, which is in their oath, before the oath is completed and is the last sentence of the oath and what they will do for the city of Camilla. For that reason he recommends this particular ordinance, and he agrees with the spirit and appreciates Councilmember Tucker with her initiative trying to get this done, is not something in its current form he will support. Councilmember Tucker commented from the comments she was able to hear they were all in agreement and there is not anything in it that is counter to the Charter and supports the motion. Roll call vote: In favor of the motion – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. In opposition of the motion – Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. With a 3-3 vote, the Mayor voted no and the motion failed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07-11-1 – ESTABLISHMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY COURTESY

The Mayor and Council discussed Resolution No. 2022-07-11-1 providing for the establishment of Parliamentary Courtesy to conduct meetings in a manner that shows respect and establishes a more harmonious relationship to the members of Council as well as the staff and public. The Council recommends approval of Resolution No. 2022-07-11-1 and authorizes the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Mayor Owens commented this is a resolution introduced by Councilmember Tucker. She commented she brought this to the floor at the request of a number of citizens and reviewed the language in the resolution. She commented it is from a sister city and Attorney Coleman prepared the resolution. It is a standard document used by ACCG and applicable changes were made. She stated she would be supporting this and hopes her fellow councilmembers will see the need not only to follow Roberts Rules of Order but have proper decorum during council meetings. Councilman Morgan asked Councilwoman Tucker if she could give examples of when the Council had not had proper meetings or any complaints that came from citizens. Mayor Owens asked for the Council to refer questions to the Chair and he will relay. Councilmember Tucker stated the concerns she has seen and heard in reviewing council meetings on Facebook

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and participating herself, is they always need to address the Mayor and any comments should be directed to the Mayor. They need to remember proper protocol and not speaking unless recognized by the Mayor and only one councilmember can speak at the time. They have had occasions during contentious discussions that has not always occurred. It is hard to hear what a speaker is saying if other councilmembers are involved in sidebar conversations. Just remain highly professional even when they disagree with each other and remain professional. After further comments from Councilmember Tucker, Mayor Owens stated this is a piece of legislation he commends in terms of initiative for presenting to the Council. As she pointed out there are elements of the resolution he disagrees with and does not want his disagreement to be flat. The reason for his disagreement is our city serves at the pleasure of the General Assembly. They were created by the State because the Governor signed a piece of legislation that created them and they operate under that. There are folks who probably have not ever heard that before. City Attorney Coleman stated that was correct and was probably created in the mid-1800s. Mayor Owens stated also our Charter. City Attorney Coleman commented it is granted by General Assembly and has had amendments. In respect to the governance and structure it has to be approved by the General Assembly. Mayor Owens stated the reason he brings up that point is because they are not operating based on what they would like to do in the city of Camilla. They are operating under right now is something approved by the state legislature and signed by the Governor. It is not a city of Camilla thing, a mayor thing, or councilmembers. They serve at the pleasure of them (or their authority). As he mentioned before, the items included in our code and in our charter is how we operate. The reference to our Charter talks about Section 2-1-2 and he read the following because it is not included in the Whereas' of the resolution: Rules of Procedures and Order of Business-Unless otherwise provided in this code rules and procedures of the meetings of the Mayor and Council shall follow an edition of Roberts Rules of Order prescribed by the Mayor and all matters to be discussed at the meeting shall appear in the meeting agenda which shall be prepared by the city manager. The city council decides what the business will be and staff gets the agenda ready. He wants everyone to understand the code says the Mayor sets the tone by identifying what edition of Roberts Rules of Order will be used. At the June 14, 2021 meeting he stated they are using Edition 12 of Roberts Rules of Order. They are not operating on a fly and that can be found in the June 14, 2021 minutes. As Councilmember Tucker mentioned courtesies from the councilmembers is already included in Roberts Rules of Order. It is another redundancy that is unnecessary on how they conduct business. He gave an example where some of the confusion could come with a resolution like that as related to the code approved by the State legislature on how they can operate. For courtesies from the Mayor: the mayor specifically is not supposed to enter in to discussion while presiding over the meeting. In our Charter the mayor is allowed to vote in the case of a tie or for/against to make a majority, the fourth vote. The fact he is a voting member in certain instances almost dictates he has to comment and discuss because if he don't the only time he gets to vote is after the discussion period has ended. It seems logical in our case, the way our Charter and code is structured, the Mayor by virtue of his ability to vote, has to participate and thinks that is one of the redundancies/contradictions that has already been established by our State. The last part, courtes-

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07-11-1 – ESTABLISHMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY COURTESY (cont.)

ies of the Mayor, he is supposed to call a motion out of order rather than call a councilmember out of order. He referred everyone back to Roberts Rules of Order, Chapter 20, 12th Edition, Section 61, Paragraph 11 which states: Calling a Member Out of Order – if the offense is more serious as in the case as when a member repeatedly questions the motives of other members whom he mentions by name, or persists in speaking on completely irrelevant matters in debate - the chair normally should first warn the member but with or without such a warning the chair or any other member can call the member to order. He brings this up because they have to be very careful when operating under the code and Charter. Last year after much expense and time they re-did the code completely, for the most part. This current code has been in place for a year and the Charter says 2019. The current code they are under now this resolution seeks to change passed with unanimous consent from every single councilmember and it was a different council back them. For that reason alone and with some of the contradictions he recommends they vote no. Roll call vote: In favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. In opposition of the motion: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. The Mayor broke the tie by voting no and the motion failed.

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of holding an off-site Retreat for members of Council, the Mayor, and City staff. It is recommended a Retreat be scheduled. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Palmer stated it was a good idea and an outside person should monitor the retreat and be in control of it and not associated with the city, an independent person. Mayor Owens stated he totally agreed with that. Councilman Burley stated he agreed if they have the retreat to have an outsider. In doing this he would like to see them perform the strategic planning they have in place for the city. Last week they also discussed about having staff at the retreat. Mayor Owens commented this is something Councilmember Tucker brought up in their last work session. He totally agrees and thinks this will be something good for them as a body. Councilman Pollard stated he concurs and it is in the best interest of the Council to have the retreat and welcomes it. There are parameters that need to be sorted out such as staff and financials. They need to look at all the things and come up with the parameters that surround the retreat, do their due diligence, and put in the city manager's hands to work out the parameters and putting it together. He can come back to the Council with a recommendation and thinks it will be beneficial. Councilmember Tucker thanked everyone for their comments and support and feels this is something they can all benefit from in improving their communication amongst councilmembers and doing what is best for the City first and foremost. Mayor Owens stated they are voting to have a retreat and the parameters and details they can give to the city manager to work out. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CHRISTMAS TREE PURCHASE

The Mayor and Council discussed the purchase of a Christmas tree to serve as a focal point for the City's holiday lighting décor. The Council recommends purchasing a tree not to exceed \$11,000. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Pollard. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07-11-3 – ALCOHOL CATERING LICENSE

The Mayor and Council discussed amending the City Code for the sale of alcoholic beverages by catering businesses. Ordinance No. 2022-07-11-3 repeals Section 9-2-13 in its entirety and provides a new Section 9-2-13 entitled “Sale Off-Premises for Catering Purposes”. The Council recommends adoption of the ordinance, to waive the second reading, and authorization for the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Palmer stated this would be very hard to police and should be restricted to brick and mortar restaurants downtown who already have a license to sell alcohol, already been approved, and 50% of their sales are food. They should be given priority over this and to approve people who just come in with alcohol trucks (not food trucks) is not what we should be doing. It should be brick and mortar selling the alcohol. Councilman Pollard commented we have to have vision and a proven fact the citizens of Camilla will welcome this and says this in reference to the previous events they had in downtown and the participation. The participation came from all over Camilla (District 1 and District 2) and they all came together and enjoyed one another and had an awesome time. There is no official record showing any incidents happened or law enforcement had any problems. He saw a couple videos where law enforcement were engaged in the events but yet we think this will pose a problem for law enforcement. We have to have vision and if there was ever a time to move the city of Camilla it is right now. They are losing citizens and why are they losing citizens. The strategic plan survey told them when they are ready to go to bed, youngsters and a majority of people are ready to be up. This is why downtown is not thriving because there is a lack of vision. He will be in support of this and the time is not to stop now but keep pushing the gas and going forward. Mayor Owens commented he agreed with Councilman Pollard, especially the metaphor of keeping the foot on the gas. There is a lot happening in the region and our city that if they do not improve their economic situation in terms of revenue, they are going to find themselves in a problem. It is a problem happening all around our region. He commented he wanted to make sure to clear up what the catering license is. In order to get a catering license you have to have a brick and mortar building already established. Why this is so important is it does not have to be a business owner in Camilla or Mitchell County. It could be someone in Atlanta and when you think about that what you have is potentially a promoter in Atlanta that is already in a crowded space and wants to branch out. Coming to Camilla could be an option for them. This is something the state legislature has already approved to allow the catering license to transport across county lines. It is not just a Camilla or Mitchell County thing. It has the support of the state legislature, their law. What we are finally saying is we are tired of our citizens on Friday and Saturday nights heading to other communities to spend Camilla dollars in other communities who have had the vision to expand their economic base. While our lights are off, theirs are on and folks are driving a half-hour to 45 minutes to enjoy that when they could be spending it here. This is the beginning of that process and it is time for us to compete in this region. Roll call vote: In favor of the motion – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. In opposition: Councilman Palmer. Mayor Owens stated because it was not a unanimous vote it will require a second reading and vote.

VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS/LIVE STREAMING – MEETINGS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The Mayor and Council discussed enhancing video broadcasts of Council meetings on the City's Facebook page, website, and Channel 6. The Council recommends approval of the Office of the Mayor and the Office of the City Manager collaborating to explore options to enhance and provide a professional product for meeting videos. A motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Pollard. Mayor Owens commented this is a recommendation from him to add another level of production quality to the way they conduct the meetings and presented to the public. This is another element of how we communicate with our citizens and communicate to the public and a good tool we should explore. By the August work session the city manager will have something to bring back for their consideration. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM – DEADLINE EXTENSION

The Mayor and Council discussed the COVID-19 city-wide Vaccination Program set to expire on July 12, 2022. To date 270 citizens have participated in the vaccination program. The Council recommends extending the vaccination program until December 31, 2022. Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve the extension of the vaccination program until December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Morgan stated this is a great incentive and as seen from the data a lot of our citizens have taken advantage of it. We are in a period of rising COVID cases and important we do all we can to take care of our citizens. Councilmember Tucker commented vaccinations are free of charge at area pharmacies and health department and supports education campaigns for vaccines and people getting them if their doctor recommends them to do so. She does not think it is best use for the city to utilize these funds for something they can get free. Mayor Owens reminded everyone that the funds being used (ARPA) were sent to us by the federal government literally for this purpose. This is part of the reason they sent us the money to help incentivize vaccinations. He applauds the councilmembers who approved this a couple months ago related to this vaccination program. It has been stated publically this program has directly contributed to nearly 300 vaccinations in the city of Camilla in a little under 3 months. It is important because cases are rising again and we are budgeted for 1,000 people. Science is clear vaccinations save lives. Without the vaccination you will probably get sicker and odds are you will have to go to the hospital. If you have to go to the hospital the beds will get full. If the beds get full, we are in a whole different situation. If we can incentivize folks to get vaccinated he thinks economically it makes sense and health-wise it makes sense. Vaccinations save lives. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. In opposition – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Mayor Owens broke the tie by voting yes and the motion passed.

AIRPORT TERMINAL DESIGN PROJECT

The City received a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the City to express their intent to proceed with and fund the design of the New Terminal at the Camilla-

AIRPORT TERMINAL DESIGN PROJECT (cont.)

Mitchell County Airport. The tentative allocation of federal funding assistance is \$90,000 and matching funds from the City of Camilla are estimated to be \$5,000. City Manager Stroud commented this item has shifted a little. After meeting with Passero and Associates and staff at the airport, what they found is their fuel farm is far more critical than the terminal. The numbers will remain the same but what they will ask is to shift the focus from the terminal to the fuel farm. It is our revenue generator and makes more sense for us to get that addressed as opposed to the terminal. Councilman Pollard asked for further information and background. City Manager Stroud commented the cinder block building is the terminal. Those flying to Camilla for the first time see an old building and we want to modernized it with a new terminal; however, the revenue generator for us is the fuel farm. The building needs to be modernized and given the choice of modernizing the old building or taking care of the revenue generator, he will have to go with the fuel farm. Councilman Pollard asked if the fuel farm was like a gas station. City Manager Stroud replied our tanks are underground and experiencing deterioration. Airport Assistant Nick Wright addressed the Council and commented there are two 6,000 gallon tanks that have been in the ground since 1972 and 50 years old. The 1980 model tanker is a 9,000 gallon tanker used for jet fuel and plumbing on the tank is starting to fail and they are finding rust particles in the fuel. They need a new terminal but need a fuel farm first. Bainbridge/Decatur County designed a beautiful terminal but took care of their their fuel farm first. Cairo/Grady County along with Moultrie Municipal Airport also designed a beautiful terminal but took care of their fuel farm first. They need a terminal but need a fuel farm first. Mayor Owens asked prior to the current engineering firm, and we just hired a new firm to be our engineering consultant at the airport, was this particular issue identified. Mr. Wright replied it was not but was on the capital improvement plan and pushed out three to five years out. He stated they use a computer that has Windows 98 and 56k modem. Councilman Collins asked what they would end up with and Mr. Wright replied it would be two above ground 12,000 gallon tanks. It will be jet fuel in one tank and 100 low-lead in the other. The operating system will be updated. Mayor Owens commented when we do our budget every year, part of that budget talks about computers in every single department. This did not start failing overnight and has been an issue for some time. This amplifies one of his concerns the airport itself is not a big time money maker but our largest money maker at the airport is fuel. This year we budgeted \$60,000 to \$80,000 more fuel than actually sold. The motion will be applying for the same grant but instead of a terminal to change to a fuel farm. Mr. Wright commented the estimated cost of the fuel farm is \$700,000 and includes old tank removal, clean up, new tanks and software. Mayor Owens stated we have a $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollar problem that for the first time has been discussed with the Council. We have to give an answer to DOT if we want to proceed by the 15th of this month. The City received a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the City to express their intent to proceed with and fund a new fuel farm at Camilla/Mitchell County Airport. The tentative allocation of the federal funding assistance is \$90,000 and matching funds from the City of Camilla are estimated to be \$5,000. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECT LIST

The Mayor and Council discussed the upcoming referendum for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that will be on the ballot in November 2022. The following list of projects were discussed:

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
Police vehicles and/or equipment	\$480,000
Fire vehicles, response units, and/or equipment	\$200,000
Public Works vehicles and/or equipment	\$300,000
Recreation Complex construction and/or improvements	\$1,057,456
Construction, maintenance, and improvement of city roads, streets, and bridges	\$1,226,692
Capital equipment for use in voting in official elections	\$50,000

The Council recommends approval of the project list for equipment, vehicles, capital improvement projects, and capital equipment for use in voting in official elections as presented for placement on the November 8, 2022 ballot. Mayor Owens asked if there was a motion to approve the SPLOST list as presented. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Palmer commented he wanted to go back over what he said at the work session about the TSPLOST approval. When they met with the county and other cities it was recommended the capital equipment for use in voting in official elections should not be listed. That was from the county attorney and the county manager. They do not have enough information and just a number pulled from the air. He certainly approves they do this because it is important to the city and all the taxpayers. Councilman Pollard stated he attended the meeting and not once did he hear the county attorney or anyone say that and the city speaks for itself. When they talk about integrity and trust it is not at the forefront. They have voters that questioned the integrity of our voting system. Any time they can improve and capitalize on that it is what they should be doing and is their due diligence and purpose. The citizens are the ones who will be paying for it. The same ones that have questions about the integrity of our voting. There is a need as they go forward in the 21st century and technology is steadily improving and enhanced. The airport assistant just told them he is using Windows 98 and that is old. We are still doing pencil elections. He thinks it is favorable to add this on the referendum and we are not Mitchell County but uniquely the City of Camilla. Councilmember Tucker commented she is fully in support of everything listed and would rather see them pull the \$50,000 off the SPLOST referendum for voting equipment. Ninety percent of the cities in Georgia contract through an intergovernmental agreement with their county for election services. This is something they

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECT LIST (cont.)

should discuss with the county to see if there is an opportunity for us to go with them. In speaking with the Secretary of State's office, since she does work with election equipment on a daily basis for Mitchell and Baker County, there are only two cities in Georgia (Eatonton and Snellville) that have purchased election equipment. Those two communities only purchased was an ICP scanner and wants to make sure it is understood there are no cities in Georgia that have a full suite of election services and systems in place. After additional comments about the voting equipment and costs, Councilmember Tucker stated she fully supports SPLOST and the projects listed. Council does not have enough information to leave the \$50,000 on the record. City Manager Stroud commented they do not have the full spreadsheet from Dominion to demonstrate the full cost. What he has committed is for them to show him three ways: all the equipment to include the scanners, printers and text screens; the paper copy and the scanner; and if we did it with the scanner and paper copy what it would take with the county for all this to work. Eatonton, Georgia just purchased scanners and what they are doing is paper and scanning to get the votes counted. He is not asking Council to do any of that right now but to keep the money in place. The cost of scanners and the cost of Dominion and training in Jekyll Island adds up quickly, not to mention the technical support. If they take the money off the table they will not be able to have the machines or Dominion. It is his recommendation to leave the \$50k in place because it will add up quickly. It wasn't just pulled out of the hat. Councilman Morgan asked in the event the cost is more than allocated, are they limited to the amount of spending on election equipment allocated in SPLOST or could they add more from another account. City Manager Stroud stated they could and are talking about a referendum now. Councilman Palmer asked City Attorney Coleman in passing of the SPLOST if it has to be unanimous. City Attorney stated if everyone does not sign the contract the county can still call it for five years rather than six. Councilman Palmer asked if they were asking for six years. City Attorney Coleman replied yes and stated this is a contract and is possible the Council says no, they aren't doing that. But they can still call it with the referendum. Mayor Owens commented for us it does not have to be a unanimous vote, just a majority. Councilman Pollard asked if they could add to the referendum if passed and accepted by the county. City Attorney Coleman stated Baconton had an allocation they wanted to change around and they did it. The ballot questions cannot be changed. Each city in Mitchell County has to pass it. Councilman Pollard stated they can amend but not add and need to keep the \$50,000 on the SPLOST list. City Attorney Coleman stated they have to spend some money on voting machines. There have been instances where cities and counties have done something and made a mistake and stuck with a sizeable amount of money. They want to be careful what they do. The decision now is what will be on the ballot and is revocable but requires them to go back to the taxpayers and have another referendum to change it. Mayor Owens commented we are preparing the city of Camilla for the future. Change is a very hard thing for some and he understands. They have been doing stuff for a very long time it is hard sometimes to change and he gets it. Right now, not only with the voting system but other issues, they are prolonging the future. They have to move forward and he knows it is tough but the future is here and they are going to have to embrace it. If they don't embrace it now, sooner or later they will have to. He suggests they do it on their own terms and right now this is the way to go. The reason they are doing this now is because the county wants to take advantage of this year's

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election because the current SPLOST does not expire until next year. What they are trying to do is see if they can get it approved this year so if there is an issue they can try again next year. They are having to make the decisions pretty quickly and are moving with the current of what the situation dictates. The county is up against the wall in terms of deadlines and they need the information from us now. It appears there is a consensus of the Council that want to use the electronic voting systems going forward. This SPLOST does not take place until April 2024. In the meantime what will we do. They will have to purchase the equipment now and reimburse themselves down the road. This is a quick moving train with or without SPLOST. He is in favor of approving the list as presented. We are estimated to receive from this SPLOST fund \$3.3 million over six years against \$50,000 for the machines. Roll call vote to approve the SPLOST list as presented: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

SPRAYFIELD (LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM) REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Mayor and Council discussed the progress of the Request for Bids for the Land Application System (sprayfield). At the present time one pond is fully operational, one pond is inoperable, and the remaining pond is experiencing issues. The Council recommends authorizing the City Manager to solicit bids for necessary repairs at the sprayfield no later than July 15, 2022. Mayor Owens asked for a motion to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for necessary repairs no later than July 15, 2022. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Morgan. Mayor Owens reminded everyone as Mr. Campbell mentioned earlier there is a lot of action at these ponds and a lot of water being moved through the ponds and spigots. The gentleman we have out there who has been doing this for us for a while said he could keep it up like its going. He reminded everyone we are not preparing Camilla for yesterday. As Mayor he is not concerned with how this individual can continue to maintain what the sprayfield did yesterday. If our infrastructure is not in place, we cannot grow. There are elements in our city in terms of our infrastructure that is falling apart. Our airport is running a system on Windows 98 and how is that even possible. This sprayfield is in the same spot and as mentioned, a sink hole developed and you cannot predict those. The other pond has an issue with the liner. This is on-going and they probably still would not know but for a report about elevated nitrates. They had no idea until \$40,000 was already spent to do a report that the Council had to end up paying for and how they found out. This had been going on for 18 months to 2 years. He has heard and read about it is like giving away \$700,000 and why you can't believe everything you read. That would imply the money is guaranteed and it is not. City Manager Stroud stated it is not guaranteed. Mayor Owens stated if they read somewhere it is like giving away \$700,000 he would ask them to revisit the record and not the opinions of others. This is serious business in our city and we have a serious infrastructure problem in this city. Many of the citizens experience it on a daily basis whether it is a pothole, sewer issues, or whatever. This is one step they are going to have to start getting ahead of. What they are doing is giving the city manager the authority to wait until Friday to see what happens. A majority of the Council has already drawn \$1.5 million to repair this. It was \$1.5 million a year ago. What the bid will tell us is what it actually is with inflation at a 40-year high and after the worst pandemic arguably in this world's history, definitely ranked

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among the top. The actual cost today we do not know. What we do know if we put in a bid and a firm is saying they can fix what we having going, the money is ready and don't have to wait for a grant. It will be inappropriate and ill advised to wait any longer beyond this Friday. He read somewhere, and agrees, it is better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it. They have it right now across the street ready to go if they can find someone to do the work and why he is recommending they do this. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition: Councilman Collins and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a 4-2 vote.

MEAG POWER TENDER OPTION DECISION – VOGTLE UNITS 3 AND 4 PROJECT

Based upon the information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the tender option decision pertaining to Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project, and after consultation with our internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs association with the tender option, I hereby move the City Council for the City of Camilla notify MEAG Power that it:

- ☐ Does support exercising the tender option by SPV M
OR
- ☐ Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M

- ☐ Does support exercising the tender option by SPV J
OR
- ☐ Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J

- ☐ Does support exercising the tender option by SPV P
OR
- ☐ Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P

Mayor Owens stated there is a motion of the general question and asked for a second. A second was made by Councilman Palmer. City Attorney Coleman stated he called the general counsel for MEAG and he cautioned they might table this until the next meeting. Many of them are going to the MEAG Annual Meeting in a couple weeks and feels this will be the main topic of discussion and they could gather additional information that might be useful. It is a complicated question and not everyone in Georgia is one the same page with it. It might behoove them to talk to other cities in a couple weeks. It does not have to be done until the 27th of August and will give plenty of time. Mayor Owens stated that is the new information and they will have another meeting before this is due. He asked Councilman Collins if he was prepared to rescind his motion. Councilman Collins rescinded his motion. Mayor Owens asked for a motion to table the item until the next meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Pollard. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07-11-4 - SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Collins to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects via Resolution No. 2022-07-11-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burley. City Attorney Coleman commented the projects for the other cities are not the actual projects. The City substituted their projects and we are not adopting the other city's projects and ask they place in the motion the Mayor will not sign the contract until complete by the county attorney with the other city's project. It is the same contract they have approved the last couple times. Mayor Owens commented what the city attorney is doing is authorizing him to sign the document contingent upon the other signatures being received by the county attorney and could happen after tonight. He will not sign tonight but gives him authority to sign once all other signatures are in. Councilman Collins amended the motion to include contingent upon the remaining cities agreeing to the IGA. Councilman Collins amended the motion to include the contingency. Councilman Burley seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote (Councilmember Tucker was not available for the vote).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Stroud's commented many of the items in his report were discussed in the meeting tonight and reported on the following:

- Financial highlights and the 2022-2023 budget calendar;
- As of today the pump for Tyson is two to three weeks out;
- After speaking with the GEFA Executive Director he was told he would have something in hand by July 13th and will know which way they need to go for the sprayfield project;
- The Toombs Park fence bid will be opened tomorrow;
- Council brought back a lot of great information from the GMA convention for the holiday season and provided costs for the 18' Christmas tree and wreaths for city hall. He believes it will be a little less than \$13,000. Mayor Owens commented we authorized \$11,000 and the variance, if needed, the tree will be priority.

Councilman Pollard asked for an update on the street paving. City Manager Stroud stated the operational highlights of his report shows the priority streets are Fern, Dogwood, Twitty, and Glam. They walked and measured the roads and looked at the streets and shoulder work. There are many problems on Fern and once he gives the city clerk the bid tabulation she can put out for bid tomorrow. Fern Street will take the greatest amount of time because the pavement is almost at the failure point. He will be giving the contractor 60 days which includes mobilization and weather. The contract has financial penalties written in for not doing the work when the notice to proceed is issued. To put the bid out and receive back he can close the project by August 5th, provided he gets enough bids back.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Owens asked about the transmitting of the budget by August 1st and if the intent was to have the public hearing with the work session. City Manager Stroud commented the point is the transmitting is the Board sees it first. He anticipates the first public hearing a week later and depends on the amount of changes needed. He recognizes time is tight and it should be a week later. Mayor Owens stated they may be looking at one, possibly two, called meetings to get this done in August. City Clerk Ford commented the gateway signs are about 5 weeks out and once the materials arrive and contractor is on site construction will go quickly. Councilman Burley asked for an update on the structure for the Boys and Girls Club and where we are on the project. Mayor Owens stated the engineer has been in contact with the director of the Boys and Girls Club and will have an estimate this week. Hopefully they will be able to look at this before the work session in August. Mayor Owens commented for the work by staff, Don Gray, and the committees related to Juneteenth and Fourth of July, well done.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on motion by Councilman Burley.

BY: _____
KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FORD, CLERK

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
AUGUST 8, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022 by Mayor Owens.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer.

City Manager Stroud, City Attorney Coleman, and City Clerk Ford were also present.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

City Manager Stroud gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Sign-in Sheet Attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley to approve the August 8, 2022 agenda. Councilmember Tucker requested an amendment to add Executive Session for the purpose of legal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Palmer. In favor of the amended motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Councilman Pollard voted in opposition. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote. Mayor Owens stated they would go into Executive Session for legal after the Mayor's announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Called Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Pollard, and passed by a unanimous vote.

SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Julie Tucker was recognized and stated she is opposed to licensed alcohol beverage catering and does not think it is a good thing to bring people from Atlanta to our city. Even though they might charge a small fee the funds will not benefit Camilla and make it worse here for our folks. She is opposed to the new voting machines and it is not a good thing to spend \$71,000 or \$48,000 or whatever the amount will be and there are other options to be considered. She believes they should put the \$710,000 back in the MEAG fund instead of leaving it in a lower money market account. Councilmember Tucker stated for the record she provided each of the councilmembers Harrison Edwards' opposition to the current new youth council resolution.

ACTION ITEMS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08-08-1 – LICENSE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CATERER

(second reading)

The Mayor and Council held the first reading of an ordinance to provide for the licensing and regulation of licensed alcohol beverage caterers at their regular meeting on July 11, 2022. The Council has determined to further define catering services by licensed alcoholic beverage caterers and determined alcohol beverage catering will promote events within the city and provide for additional economic development of the city. The second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08-08-1 is being conducted tonight. The Council recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-08-08-1 and authorizes the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley to adopt the ordinance and authorize the Mayor to sign. Mayor Owens pointed out the primary reason for introducing this particular item is because up north the entertainment space is becoming extremely congested. It is expected the entertainment world here in Georgia is going to expand and one of the places we are seeing a lot of entertainment activity is in southwest Georgia. Providing an opportunity for promoters to come and utilize one of our three entertainment zones, to include the stadium, could be a tremendous boost to our local economic activity and for that reason he supports the ordinance. Councilman Pollard commented as they look downtown and at downtown businesses and the future growth of Camilla, there are a lot of businesses around 5:00 p.m. that are not thriving. To see increase in growth they must increase foot traffic, which comes from the people. Without people there is no growth and it is time for business owners downtown to have some growth. If there is no action downtown empty buildings will continue. During Cinco de Mayo downtown was packed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and businesses were thriving. To say it will not benefit Camilla, they need to ask the business owners. Councilman Morgan stated this opens an opportunity for some of our local businesses and neighboring communities to come in and assist our community and help move us in the direction we are looking to move to. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote with Councilman Palmer voting in opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-08-1 – CAMILLA YOUTH COUNCIL

The Mayor and Council discussed Resolution No. 2022-08-08-1 at their Work Session on August 1st providing for the establishment of a Camilla Youth Council. The Youth Council will be established to provide city youth an opportunity to participate in the City's decision-making process, create projects and activities in the community, and to instill a sense of civic responsibility, thereby becoming effective leaders and helping to shape the future of Camilla. The Council recommends approval of Resolution No. 2022-08-08-1, allocating a \$5,000 budget from economic development funds, and authorizes the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley to approve the resolution, allocate the budget, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Tucker emphasized she would like to see them make a slight amendment to the proposal on Page 2, Section 2 – Membership Qualifications and Terms. She feels they are exempting some city residents, Camilla taxpayers children, that would not be given the opportunity to participate if they are home schooled or attend school outside the city limits. The current language reads currently reside and attend school and she would like it to be currently reside and in parentheses to include private, public, and charter schools. Mayor Owens commented if Councilmember Tucker would like to offer a substitute motion she could do so. She stated she wanted to see if there was conversation that others came to the same reality it is discriminating against people who are residents of the city of

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-08-1 – CAMILLA YOUTH COUNCIL (cont.)

Camilla, taxpayer's children that reside in Camilla, and if they are exempting children that are home schooled and children that attend school outside the city limits. They are city residents and their parents are taxpayers. Councilman Palmer commented he agreed and the only way to do it right is to make it broader. It is too narrow the way it is drawn up. Councilmember Tucker stated in an effort to be cooperative with the Council and form a Youth Council, she offered an amendment for Section 2: Youth Council members should be a high school aged student that currently resides in the city of Camilla and attending school in a public, private, home school or charter school. Councilmember Tucker offered the amended motion that was seconded by Councilman Palmer. Mayor Owens stated as a council (legislative body) government should not be getting in the business of telling parents where their kids should go to school. If a parent or household has made the decision, and they are a resident of Camilla, Georgia, to send their child to a school outside of Camilla that is clearly the business of those parents. Government has absolutely no business of getting in that. He wants to make sure there is nothing in the resolution that suggests parents are forced to do anything related to where their children go to school. All citizens in the city, whether a property owner or ratepayer, contribute to this city. As it relates to a parent's decision to send their children out of the city for school, it is important to understand the purpose of the Youth Council. He pointed out Section 1 – establishment of a Camilla Youth Council. He read from the section and stated these are students and will be a younger version of the body there. They will determine resolutions and policies to be submitted to the Council in the voice of kids and students in the city of Camilla. One of the ways they will be able to do that is in the schools in Camilla and will have a captive audience. The only way they can affect the policies of the youth in this town to the Council is they have to have the ability to talk to the youngsters in school with them. They will hear students talking about things they want to see in the city and those students, to affect or impact the quality of life, is why the resolution is written as is. They will be their eyes and ears in Camilla schools every day and will bring that back to them. If someone is not going to school here it is impossible to do that. Surely no one is expecting us to develop policies about what kids are talking about in other cities. For that reason he could not, respectfully, support the amendment offered by the councilwoman. Voting to amend the motion as offered by Councilmember Tucker: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Voting in opposition of the amended motion: Councilman Morgan, Councilman Burley, and Councilman Pollard. Mayor Owens broke the tie by voting no and the motion failed. Mayor Owens stated they would go back to the original motion as submitted and ask if there was additional discussion.

Councilman Morgan asked when they expect to begin the new Youth Council. Mayor Owens stated before the year is out and in talking with the city manager is something they are trying to do fairly quickly. Councilmember Tucker stated she is very disappointed in the vote and that a student that lives in the city would be able to participate. She is not sure how home schooled kids will talk to others in the lunchroom and included them but excluded Baconton. In an effort to be supportive of our youth and this is something she has wanted to see occur, she will support the original motion but stating how disappointed she is they cannot have a conversation without the fact there is some disagreement she sees as relatively minor and will affect only a few kids that were interested. She will support because she feels it is necessary for the youth in our community. Councilman Palmer commented the way it is structured discriminates against children who live in this town regardless of where they go to school. It is poorly written and

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-08-1 – CAMILLA YOUTH COUNCIL (cont.)

unfair. Voting for the original motion as submitted: In favor of the motion – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote with Councilman Palmer voting in opposition.

MEAG POWER TENDER OPTION – VOGTLE UNITS 3 AND 4 PROJECT

The Mayor and Council received information and discussed nuclear plants Vogtle 3 and 4. The City of Camilla is part of the project and has an option to tender a portion of its' percentage in the project. Based upon information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the tender option decision pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project, and after consultation with internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender option, the City Council of the City of Camilla hereby notifies MEAG Power that it:

- ☐ Does support exercising the tender option by SPV M
OR
- ☐ Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M

- ☐ Does support exercising the tender option by SPV J
OR
- ☐ Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J

- ☐ Does support exercising the tender option by SPV P
OR
- ☐ Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P

Councilman Pollard made a motion as stated to approve the tendering. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burley. Mayor Owens stated the way the motion is structured, and it came from MEAG Power, they have to vote on all three of the special purpose vehicles (SPVs) for this particular project. Councilman Palmer commented as he said last week he will vote no to tender and is not a smart thing to do. With the price of power we are actually making money with our excess power and it is his always his opinion to have more rather than less. He does not see power getting any cheaper in any of their lifetimes. He thinks it is an unwise move to vote to tender and firmly against it. Councilmember Tucker commented she will not support the exercise for the tender option. In talking with other cities they have all elected not to support the tender option which makes this a moot point because it takes all the cities together unanimously in order for them to exercise the tender option. She will be voting no and we have an excess capacity we are able to sell. Mayor Owens stated in exchange for tender we will give up some of our power generation. It has been acknowledged we are currently selling excess power now. What we are dealing with is we have reached a point for the construction cost of Vogtle 3 and 4 nuclear facilities and was supposed to be online a few years ago. Because of cost overruns, other things, and some would say COVID, Vogtle 3 is not scheduled to come online until spring of next year and Vogtle 4 not until later next year. What we are saying is Georgia Power would take on the responsibility of remaining construction costs of something that was supposed to be ready a few years ago. The fuel has not been loaded in 3 yet and there is a lot of work still to be done. This is an opportunity to trigger the tender so the remaining costs to build these facilities belongs to

MEAG POWER TENDER OPTION – VOGTLE UNITS 3 AND 4 PROJECT (cont.)

Georgia Power in exchange for a nominal amount of future energy when we are already selling the excess. Mayor Owens stated he would ask in the affirmative for SPV M, J, and P since the motion was stated in the affirmative:

The City of Camilla does support exercising the tender option by SPV M:

Voting in favor – Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Pollard

Voting in opposition – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, Councilman Palmer

With a 3-3 vote, the Mayor voted yes to tender SPV M and the motion passed.

The City of Camilla does support exercising the tender option by SPV J:

Voting in favor – Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Pollard

Voting in opposition – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, Councilman Palmer

With a 3-3 vote, the Mayor voted yes to tender SPV J and the motion passed.

The City of Camilla does support exercising the tender option by SPV P:

Voting in favor – Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Pollard

Voting in opposition – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, Councilman Palmer

With a 3-3 vote, the Mayor voted yes to tender SPV P and the motion passed.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Mayor and Council discussed a Youth Employment Program to be hosted and sponsored by the City of Camilla. The program goal is to provide teen participants with real-life work experiences and preparation for the working world. The program will be from October to March and ARPA funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be allocated for funding. The hourly rate of pay is \$10.00 and youth will be employed through an application process. The age group for participation is 14 to 19 years of age. The City will be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to assist in the administration of the program. The Council recommends approval of the Youth Employment Program and allocating \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act to fund the program. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Morgan stated as sponsor of the program he is super excited about it and ready to promote in the community and getting our youth jobs and money in their pockets to assist in this economic climate we are in. Also to give our youth the proper training they need to be successful as they navigate through high school and the real world. Councilman Palmer asked if this is just for kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Owens stated the Boys and Girls Club is only administering the program. If you are a non-profit in the region they will be eligible to hire one or more to work at the non-profit. The vehicle to get the 14 to 19 year old at your office to work will be the Boys and Girls Club and they are strictly the pass through. This is not a Boys and Girls Club program. They are contacting the non-profits and they will then give them the paperwork and set up with the non-profit. They will send the time sheets in to the Boys and Girls Club who will send to us to reimburse. If you are a student or a 14 to 19 year old and looking to work and meet the criteria they will have an opportunity to apply. You do not have to be a member of the Boys and Girls Club. Councilman Palmer asked if it only applied like the Youth Council to Mitchell County schools. Mayor Owens replied the city of Camilla and if you are a resident in the city of Camilla. Councilman Palmer stated it is discriminating against children who attend other schools who live in Camilla. Mayor Owens stated this is strictly a residence

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test. If you live in the corporate city limits of Camilla and are 14 to 19 years old you are eligible for this program. Councilman Pollard commented the word that needs to be spoken is if you are a citizen of Camilla. Councilmember Tucker commented she would like to see if in the general information about the youth being served, it could say a citizen of Camilla or a resident of Camilla. This is the type of program she really likes to get behind and the type of thing she could if they had a functioning Council where they talk to each other and worked out these things ahead of time. Her concern is for a five-month program in the amount of \$100,000 is a little excessive in the amount. Her other concern is the only accountability requirements she sees are time sheets. She thinks they would like to see more than just hours worked and something more quantitative and antidotal information to tell them what the youth were doing for the non-profit. She has been in local government since 1989 and the way the Council should work is they should talk to each other. They have a proposal she would really like to get behind but she has an issue with the amount as well as strengthening the accountability. She cannot support at \$100,000 and if less she could support it. Mayor Owens stated this part is the allocation of the money and there is a memorandum of understanding that will come back to Council. This is about allocating the money and the rough math is this will serve about 16 to 20 kids. The total cost is about \$72,000 to do that. In the M.O.U. they will have with the Boys and Girls Club will be approved by the Council. It is anticipated between 12 and 18 percent for administrative costs. The raw salaries is at \$72,000 for the youth and additional costs for the administration of the program: checks, training, and administrative support required. He commended Mayor Pro Tem Morgan as he proposed this and it is being funded from ARPA. This is what the money was designed to do and for the Mayor Pro Tem to come up with this creative way to get these resources in the hands of our youth is nothing short of outstanding and he truly appreciates him for that. This is the second item tonight on the agenda that talks directly about empowering our youth. Gang activity is on the rise in our region and if we do not get our kids involved in constructive activities they are going to have a problem. The City of Camilla received \$1.8 million in ARPA money. They are dedicating \$100,000 for this particular program to put our kids out in the workforce to learn the responsibility of getting up and going to work for the next six months. He gets it that folks have talked about their work and police task forces and these types of things. He does not have a problem with folks in the business of enforcing the law. They are going to have to get away from the mentality the only way to deal with youth gang activity is to lock the kid up. He submits a war on poverty is a war on crime. There are no words for him to express how important it is to get the kids in this city engaged in constructive activity. The commitment this City Council is putting forward tonight, in terms of history, is one of the most comprehensive amounts of resources they are putting towards our youth in one night that they have probably done in the city's history. He is proud to sit in his chair and witness it. Councilmember Tucker made a friendly amendment to what has been proposed to add on Page 2, under youth served, reside in the city of Camilla. Under reporting and reimbursements, under the verification of hours worked via time sheets, also outcomes and testimonials of work performance. Councilman Morgan commented in conversation with Mrs. Peoples who assisted them in developing the program, the evaluations will be there and something she preached on greatly in the meetings. They want to know how the program is going and how the youth are benefiting and growing from the program. This is simply the budget narrative and a separate M.O.U. Councilmember Tucker commented she understands it is like a drawdown grant. They submit and are reimbursed and not that they will send a check for \$100,000. If they work 15 (fif-

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teen) hours a week that totals up to \$60,000 if they can fully staff with that many and have the time to work 15 hours a week. Now it is getting closer to the amount she is comfortable with and if she can offer as a friendly amendment, she will be in full support. Mayor Owens commented this is the proposal and the actual memorandum of understanding has not been created yet. What they have tonight is the funding source and is the framework of the program and anticipated costs, which is about \$72,000 not counting the administrative costs. He thinks the amendments she is offering should be included in the M.O.U. if not already part of the proposal by putting the language in there as a resident of Camilla and to have a way to gauge the outcomes is important. In September they should have a working document of what this program will be. What they are doing now is outlining the budget. They are voting on the funding source of \$100,000 tonight. Councilman Palmer asked that the amended motion include the M.O.U. be included once received. Councilmember Tucker amended her amended motion to include subject to terms of the M.O.U. with items discussed. She is doing this is an effort to reach a sense of cooperation among the Council. Mayor Owens stated the original motion was not seconded so this is the motion. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Palmer. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Voting in opposition: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Councilman Pollard commented he did not see any need for contingent upon and something they will discuss in the September meeting. Mayor Owens stated the concept of what Councilmember Tucker is speaking of is the items will make it to the M.O.U. The Mayor voted no to the amended motion and the motion failed. Voting in favor of the original motion: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition: Councilmember Tucker and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a 4-2 vote.

DOMINION VOTING MACHINES

The Mayor and Council discussed the purchase of voting machines to be used in City of Camilla municipal elections. The Council recommends authorizing City Manager Stroud to spend up to \$60,000 from economic development funds to purchase required equipment for the city to conduct its' elections with electronic voting technology. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Pollard asked for an update on the electronic equipment. City Manager Stroud commented the last quote was in the amount of \$38,000 for the in-person voting equipment. When added all up it is \$53,637.52. Mayor Owens commented last week we had questions from Councilmember Tucker and the server costs and one other item. City Manager Stroud commented he spoke with Dominion and was told he did not need the server and it is \$2,200 a day for the training. He spoke with Eatonton and Snellville and Eatonton had no issues with running their elections. As far as Dominion they will reduce the number of machines to get to a reasonable figure. Councilmember Tucker stated when he mentioned the EMS server was not needed he will recall she said that she did not think we would be allowed to have an EMS server because no cities in Georgia are allowed to have an EMS server. The EMS server is to create your media and in the absence of us not having a server, how would our media be created for us. She assumes it will be created for us by Dominion and there is no cost shown for that fee. City Manager Stroud stated the cost is what he was told they needed to run a successful election. If something has been missed he will go back to them. She stated one thing omitted is the logic and accuracy testing cost and the last time she saw a Dominion price sheet it was \$2,000 per day. It has to be done every election. It is not included on

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the sheet and in the absence of having an EMS server, who creates the media. SD cards will be needed for every ICP, poll worker cards, and technician cards created. She assumes Dominion is and they will not do it for free and need to know that cost. They are charging \$648 for voter cards and there is nothing in the price sheet that activates a voter card. In a county election you go in to vote and show your form of ID. They have a reader on a poll pad and it reads your drivers license number and correlates you then via your drivers license number with your voter registration information. Everyone has a unique voter ID with the State and have their own combos based on the fact they all live in the second congressional district, Joe Campbell's house district, and Freddie Sims district. As you keeping layering on not all live in the same school board district, city district or county commission district. The combos will be different and the green card will have to be programmed to say I need a ballot with this combination of candidates, they have quoted the cards but how is the ballot going to get on the card. There is a good reason 90%+ of the cities in Georgia contract with the counties to do this is because elections are complicated. She offered a few days after she was elected in November of 2021 and offered the option to let the voter vote on a piece of paper and scan through the ICP. The staff will be much more pleased with that system. Not only are we wanting to have integrity in our system, our intent is to get the results quicker. To get the results quicker the scanner is the only tool that does that for you. If she were to make a recommendation, it would be to buy two ICP scanners so they can have the citizens come in and run it through the scanner. They will also have a verifiable ballot if someone wants to contest that can be counted by hand. She ran numbers on the November 2021 election. They had 1,054 people to vote in that election. She also ran numbers on the special election for Councilman Collins and 600 people voted. Based on our budget of \$10,000 it is about \$17 a vote for the 600 people that voted. If they go to the system proposed it will be three times that because of the additional costs on the operational side. She comes to them having experience in this. In 2001 Cathy Cox, Secretary of State, purchased the first election equipment and she went in 2001 to be trained as an election technician and has worked since then. The election where Councilman Collins was elected at \$17 per vote, if those same people showed up to vote it would be \$50 per vote per person. When talked about in that perspective she thinks citizens start paying attention. All you need to do is talk to any county election official to know their budgets have tripled because of the election equipment. She is fully supportive of getting scanners and believes they are not large enough as a city, based on their size, to warrant the full scale of equipment. She has the information validated with the Secretary of State's office and Dominion officials this is more equipment than we need. The ICP will get them what they want which is results at 7:05. City Manager Stroud stated he was charged with bringing this to them and they would tell him the direction to go. Councilmember Tucker stated she can only offer what experience she has from 2001 to 2022 working every year in elections and equipment. Mayor Owens commented one of the things he wanted to do is allow Councilmember Tucker to express her expertise in this field and it is appreciated. He reminded everyone that municipalities, when it comes to how our elections are conducted, is a little different than everyone else in terms of what the rules are and what we can do. Once these machines arrive it is a little different than how the county operates or even the State. The other aspects of the technical stuff, Dominion will help us with that. Whereas we appreciate the expertise and math the councilwoman said she did, we can truly appreciate that. Other than trying to get results at 7:05 we are also trying is to move Camilla into the 21st century. For that reason it is something he will be supporting and appreciates the city manager getting the extra

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information. Councilman Palmer commented the SPLOST list identifies \$50,000 and where the difference in the money will come from. City Manager Stroud commented he brought three quotes and tonight they have the latest quotes. Mayor Owens stated it was originally discussed it would come from economic development. It is coming from SPLOST that will be voted on in November. The idea will be the reimbursement for that. In the interim, it will be paid from economic development and the funding source. Councilman Palmer asked in the proposed budget would the increased costs be identified in the budget from here on out. Mayor Owens stated it is inclusive when we have an election there is already a budget for the elections. It is somewhere between \$10k and \$12k and we just did about \$18,000 in the current year budget. We had an election in November and a special election. There is already a budget built in for elections in election years and is inherent. The economic development money is unbudgeted and the purchase of this equipment will not have an impact on the budget. Councilman Palmer stated this should not be pulled out of economic development and did not meet the definition of economic development. Mayor Owens stated any time you talk about economic development it is one of those subjects of varying opinions. Anything you can do to improve the quality of life and especially how we select our elected officials fits in the realm of economic development. He thinks folks considering moving here would like to know that we have grown beyond paper and pens to elect our leaders. Councilmember Tucker commented stated she believes she understands now looking at the proposal. If the question posed to Dominion was what do I need to run an election, she knows why they have more on there than is needed. If she was in the sales field she would try to oversell as well. She is disappointed that her 20+ years of technical skills regarding elections are not being considered and it is going to cost the citizens of Camilla additional money. To correct the record, no matter if a city or a county does an election they are subject to all election law under O.C.G.A. 21-2 and we do not run elections as they wish. They follow the law in the city and the county elections. She will be voting no on this because this an excessive amount of equipment for a race such as Mr. Collins with 600 voters or Councilman Pollard's one thousand voters in District 1 and 2 combined. This is an excessive amount of equipment and she will be glad to sit down with the city manager and the mayor and work out the numbers with formulas given from the Secretary of State's office to show them exactly how much equipment they need. She will be voting no. Mayor Owens stated the law, whether it is on paper or technology, has to be followed. We are talking about the method of how we count votes. The good news is as it relates to opinions around the table, there are seven elected officials and it is the majority of the Council that ultimately makes the decision of what makes sense and what does not. He wants to make sure everyone understands the city manager did exactly what he was asked to do. So whether or not the sales person did this or that, the city manager did exactly what he was asked to do. What happens next is on the elected officials in the room. Councilman Pollard commented he appreciates what City Manager Stroud brought to the table, which is to bring back the numbers and it is up to them where they go from there. It is now based on what one's experience may be but a collective Council that makes the decision. Mayor Owens confirmed the amount at \$60,000 from economic development funds. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote and the motion passed.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROJECT

The Mayor and Council discussed a new City of Camilla Resource Center that will house the Boys and Girls Club (BGC). SRJ Architects has prepared preliminary cost estimates for the construction of the center that will be funded with \$1.5 million from MEAG Trust Funds and other funds to include SPLOST, ARPA, and economic development. The architect's scope of services include usual and customary structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services. The Council recommends approval for Mayor Owens to enter into a contract with SRJ Architects to construct the City of Camilla Resource Center and sign the Standard Form of Agreement between the Owner and Architect for the project as submitted, contingent upon final approval from the City Attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Mayor Owens commented the contingency upon final approval by the city attorney has been done. Councilman Palmer commented it is called a resource center and what that is. Mayor Owens stated the current building the BGC is in right now is called the Mitchell County Resource Center and the City of Camilla owns it and wants to make sure that distinction is there. It is a resource center not only because BGC is in there but at least one non-profit operates out of the building. Because BGC is currently in there, once this resource center is built it will house BGC as we are doing now and owned by the City and is the distinction. Councilman Palmer stated he asked for a vote of the Board from the BGC and did not get that, the number of students that live in the city and live in the county that attend the BGC, and not heard anyone say that any outside source for funding was mentioned or even sought out. Without having that information, he supports the BGC and will vote no. Councilmember Tucker commented she is on record with her concerns about maintenance of the building and no discussion about long-term maintenance insurance and a parking lot. She has not had the first resident give support to this project. It all boils down to the \$1.5 million being pulled from the trust fund. People who are supporters of the BGC and the citizens who called her and asked her to vote no have for years supported BGC. She is already on the record being opposed to \$1.5 million that is coming from the trust fund and she will vote no. Councilman Pollard reminded everyone that the BGC sits in District 2 and a lot of the kids that attend are residents of District 2. It is unbelievable to him that someone would vote against putting their kids in a safer environment and complain about how much you spend on the children. They support the BGC, but who is in the BGC? It is young men and ladies that hopefully will be our future that BGC interacts with and house. If they are for the BGC they certainly should be for the kids. You cannot separate the two and there is no difference. He asked which one were they for. Mayor Owens commented he spoke earlier about the investments they are making tonight. Tonight they are making probably the most significant investment in their children that has been made in Camilla's history in one night. He does not know who would be against increasing or improving the technology for children in our town. This is workforce development at its' core. As mentioned earlier, when you are talking about growing a city, the best investment a city can make is in its children. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote and the motion passed.

SPLASH PARK – EXTENSION OF SUMMER DATES THROUGH LABOR DAY

The Mayor and Council discussed extending the hours of operation for the splash park. In accordance with park policy, the splash park is open when K-12 school is on summer break, on weekends when K-12 school is in session, and closed during winter months. The Council recom-

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mends amending the policy to allow the park to be open 7 days a week until Labor Day. A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilman Palmer. Councilmember Tucker stated she wanted to make the distinction this is worded differently than the proposed motion she made at the work session to be brought forward. She is fine with the motion but what she made was the city manager was authorized to adjust park hours and days. Mayor Owens commented she could amend her motion. Councilmember Tucker amended the motion to the city manager is authorized to adjust park hours and days as needed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Palmer. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Voting in opposition of the motion: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Mayor Owens broke the tie by voting no and the motion failed.

GEFA (GEORGIA ENVIRONMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY) LOAN APPLICATION

The Mayor and Council discussed submittal of a GEFA loan application for infrastructure improvements at the City's sprayfield. The City has been identified to receive \$1,578,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund with a potential principal forgiveness of \$710,000. The Council recommends authorizing the Mayor to sign the loan application and forwarding to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Mayor Owens stated he would be signing the application this week and give to the city manager to forward. City Attorney Coleman commented as part of the application he would see the loan documents. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

MEAG TRUST REFUND – GEFA GRANT FUNDS (\$710,000)

The Mayor and Council discussed a request to refund the MEAG Trust Fund in the amount of \$710,000, representing the potential forgiveness of a GEFA loan to make infrastructure improvements at the sprayfield. The Council recommends refunding the MEAG Trust Fund in the amount of \$710,000. A motion was made by Councilman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Collins. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Voting in opposition: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. The Mayor voted no and the motion failed.

COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Mayor and Council discussed the City's relationship and obligation with the Mitchell County High School College and Career Academy Internship Program. Seven high school students will be selected to internship with the City. Three students will be assigned to shadow the city manager, city clerk, and human resources director. Two students will be assigned to the electrical department, one to public works, and one to the water department. The Council recommends allocating \$100,000 from economic development to fund the internship program. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. City Manager Stroud commented across municipalities everywhere city and county workers are getting older and a great opportunity to develop a pipeline of experienced workforce and would love for the body to support. Councilman Palmer commented nowhere in the ARPA funds or any other funds do they have money fund a project like this. City Manager Stroud replied for this particular program it is a prime opportunity for economic development and they are creating workforce

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development. Councilman Palmer asked if they explored other sources of funding and City Manager Stroud replied this is economic development. Mayor Owens stated tonight the city council is making it clear to the world they are serious about developing the youth in the city. Hopefully years from now this night will somehow manifest itself so you can see exactly why this is so important and he is looking forward to the program. Councilmember Tucker stated this is something already committed by a prior Council on September 7, 2021 and a commitment made to the internship program and several others. They are fulfilling a commitment already made. Mayor Owens stated what they are talking about now is the funding source. As Councilman Palmer pointed out, the CCA as is right now, we said we would do some stuff. Councilmember Tucker pointed out this happened in September of last year. It has taken a year to get this done. He appreciates her bringing that up. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

The Mayor and Council discussed the terms and conditions of an employment agreement for Interim City Manager Dennis Stroud. The interim city manager shall receive a base salary of \$110,000 and other rights and responsibilities as defined and outlined in the agreement. The Council recommends executing the employment agreement with a term of June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and authorizing the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Mayor Owens stated City Manager Stroud got here in June and he is glad to see the motion takes it back to June 1st. In about two months this city manager has hit the ground running. They have been extremely active as a Council for the past two months, approving things already approved a year ago. He came here and got to work. This motion says June 1st and he came here – don't worry about me. I am going to do the work and you can get me later. He was not worried about the contract or benefits but getting to work. They are extremely lucky to have him here. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT

City Attorney Coleman commented the contract will be between SMR and Ms. Roberts will not be paid as an employee but a principal in the corporation. The contract has been drafted with that change and can be approved at \$67,500 and they will not be taking out taxes. Mayor Owens asked, based on the city attorney's amendment, for a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the financial consultant contingent upon the changes indicated by the city attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Burley. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

REEVE'S CONSTRUCTION PAVING BID

City Manager Stroud commented in June/July he was asked to look at four primary streets to be bid out – Dogwood, Twitty, Fern, and what has been called Glam. Proposals were put out and

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two companies submitted bids. One company withdrew their bid and Reeve's came in as lowest bidder that met all specifications at \$214,050. He asked for their approval so the project can get going. Mayor Owens asked for a motion to award the paving contract as submitted to Reeve's Construction and for the city manager to supervise and authorize the Mayor to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilman Palmer commented he would like the street to be identified as Underwood Street, which is by the beauty parlor. Councilmember Tucker asked the city manager if he felt comfortable with the Reeve's Construction price since it was the only bid and if competitive. City Manager Stroud stated he was and initially done the math for the tonnage, looked online, and came in with a good number. Councilmember Tucker stated she was reluctant to put it back out to bid if he felt this was a comfortable number. Councilman Palmer asked if it would meet all DOT and other requirements. City Manager Stroud stated it would and you cannot bid out roads or surfaces without meeting all specifications. It has to be put in the bid. Councilman Palmer stated his point was because he only had one bid. City Manager Stroud stated it is not an issue and two companies came to the table and one withdrew. Mayor Owens stated the funding for this is \$300,000 MEAG Trust funds which has been drawn down. One of the streets getting paved is Underwood Street. Businesses are improving their facades right now and if anyone has been over there they know what the road looks like. It has been this way for years and is just one of five that two months on the job we have had a bid and based on the vote tonight, this will get done. Councilman Morgan commented he would like to see them do some creative marketing with the road paving and infrastructure with signage letting residents know their street is being paved, when, and funding sources. The people deserve some type of recognition and awareness when their roads are being taken care of. Roll call vote: In favor – Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition: Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

TOOMBS PARK FENCE BID – SHIPP AND SONS FENCING

City Manager Stroud stated the Toombs Park basketball court and playground area was put out to bid. Three bidders came to the table and Shipp and Sons Fencing met all specs and was the lowest bidder at \$54,826.89. Mayor Owens commented this is part of the enhancements they talked about related to ARPA. They have set aside \$300,000 of ARPA funds for future park enhancements and an extension of that. The pavilion was built last year and two months on the job, the fence is ready to go. It will add a tremendous amount of safety to the park and help the kids play in safety and security. A motion was made by Councilman Burley and seconded by Councilman Pollard to award the bid to Shipp and Sons Fencing in the amount of \$54,826.89 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Stroud stated he spoke with Passero today for the airport fuel farm. The grant application has been submitted and are awaiting on GDOT for approval. He spoke with Barber Contracting and the foundation work for the gateway signs should begin the week of August 15th. The pump for Tyson is ready and should be installed this week.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Owens told the city to continue doing what they are doing and he is extremely proud of everything he is seeing in this city and the work done tonight. He is looking forward to doing more of this and doing things to help move the city forward.

City Manager Stroud briefly reported on the GEFA loans, repayment schedule, and the projects in progress. He will email a progress update on the projects. Councilmember Tucker asked for a similar sheet for ARPA, SPLOST and they have seen a lot of money spent and would like to see balances.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilman Palmer to go into Executive Session for purpose of legal. Mayor Owens commented he is not sure what the legal specifically would be and Councilmember Tucker stated she presented to the city manager earlier in the week. City Attorney stated he would be happy to discuss with Council and indicated at this stage it would go to the insurance carrier. Mayor Owens stated this is not something he would recommend and the lawyers are doing their thing and allow them to continue to do that. If the time comes and they need to have conversation the city attorney will let them know. City Attorney Coleman stated he would not be representing them and knows the attorney who probably will. He will not be advising them about this. Mayor Owens stated if there are questions from the Council to talk about the ante litem notice, a majority of the Council will do that. At this stage it has been forwarded to the attorneys to represent and allow them to do what they do and if the time comes for them to speak on this he is sure the city attorney will let them know. In the interim he recommends to let the process go as is. There is no requirement to discuss this item publically or privately. Councilmember Tucker stated the purpose she was trying to explain is there are councilmembers who have questions. City Attorney Coleman stated all of them are named individually and he will be glad to discuss with them. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Palmer. Voting in opposition: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Mayor Owens broke the tie vote with a no vote and the motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Councilman Pollard.

BY: _____
KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FORD, CLERK

NOTICE

THE CAMILLA CITY GOVERNING AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY ANNOUNCE THE MILLAGE RATE WILL BE SET AT A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 AT 6:00 PM. PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF O.C.G.A. SECTION 48-5-32 THE CITY DOES HEREBY PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING LEVY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

CURRENT 2022 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY WIDE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Real & Personal	147,617,121	141,576,392	159,172,620	152,931,850	158,323,664	149,606,623
Motor Vehicles	4,541,490	3,774,880	2,702,740	2,605,020	2,129,050	1,943,410
Mobile Homes	460,740	509,428	493,964	489,527	519,338	570,684
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	15,355	0	0
Gross Digest	152,619,351	145,860,700	162,369,324	156,041,752	160,972,052	152,120,717
Less M& O Exemptions	21,269,406	16,023,012	17,436,042	12,400,918	15,527,222	10,478,598
Net M & O Digest	131,349,945	129,837,688	144,933,282	143,640,834	145,444,830	141,642,119
Gross M&O Millage	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245
Less Rollbacks	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net M&O Millage	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245
Total County Taxes Levied	\$951,630	\$940,674	\$1,050,042	\$1,040,678	\$1,053,748	\$1,026,197
Net Taxes \$ Increase	37,782	(\$10,956)	\$109,368	(\$9,364)	\$13,070	-\$27,551
Net Taxes % Increase	4.13%	-1.15%	11.63%	-0.89%	1.26%	-2.61%

CITY OF CAMILLA

P.O. BOX 328 - 30 E. BROAD STREET - CAMILLA, GEORGIA 31730
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**PUBLIC HEARING - 2022 MILLAGE RATE - MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS -
CITY HALL - 30. E. BROAD STREET**

AGENDA ITEM #7 - ACTION ITEMS

July 11, 2022

Councilman Palmer

- a. The Mayor and Council reviewed the current 2022 tax digest and 5-year history of levy. The digest and history of levy was published in the August 31, 2022 edition of the Mitchell County Enterprise-Journal and posted on the City's website. The City Council approves setting the millage rate at 7.245 mills for 2022 by approval of Resolution No. 2022-09-12-1 and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

- b. The Mayor and Council reviewed a contract between the City of Camilla, the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners, and the Mitchell County Tax Commissioner for collection of City ad valorem property taxes. The City shall remit upon contract approval \$2,964.50 to Brian Brock and \$2,964.50 to the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners for 2022 ad valorem tax collection services. The City Council recommends approval of the contract and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

- c. The Mitchell-Baker Service Center located in Camilla has a major impact on the quality of life in our community. The Mayor and Council discussed and recommends approval to grant \$5,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Mitchell-Baker Service Center to assist in their delivery of programs and activities at the center.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

- d. The Mayor and Council discussed the success of the Utility Assistance Program initially established May 9, 2022 to assist City of Camilla customers with financial relief for utility bills. The Council recommends extending the program and approval to allocate an additional \$10,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds and include an administrative fee not to exceed 5% of the grant and distribute as follows:

- \$5,000 for citizens
- \$5,000 for senior citizens

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

- e. The Mayor and Council discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) for the Camilla Youth Employment Program. The Boys and Girls Club will partner with the City to administer the program which will run from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. This program is available to all youth residing in the corporate limits of the Camilla between the ages of 14 and 19. The Council recommends approval of the M.O.U. with the Boys and Girls Club.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

- f. The Mayor and Council discussed the application required to be submitted for participation in the Camilla Youth Council. The Council recommends approval of the application and to open the 2022-2023 application cycle upon approval. Deadline for interested participants to return the application is October 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

- g. Municipal Election Superintendent – Mayor Owens
- h. MEAG Documents – City Manager Stroud/Mayor Owens
- i. York & Associates – City Manager Stroud/Mayor Owens
- j. FY 2021 Budget Amendment – Mayor Owens
- k. September 6, 2022 Meeting Conduct – Mayor Owens

**CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-09-12-1**

**RESOLUTION TO SET
AD VALOREM TAX FOR 2022 TAX DIGEST**

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, the millage rate for the ad valorem taxes for the 2022 tax digest was brought before the City Council at a meeting held on September 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, all Notices have been given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 millage rate was 7.245; and

WHEREAS, after full review of the tax rate and the needs for the City, the Mayor and Council find it appropriate to set the current millage rate at 7.245 mills.

UPON CONSIDERATION AND VOTE, the Mayor and Council hereby set the millage rate at 7.245 mills for the City ad valorem tax digest for the year 2022.

SO RESOLVED, this 12th day of September 2022.

CITY OF CAMILLA

Kelvin Owens, Mayor

CITY
SEAL

ATTEST

Cheryl Ford, City Clerk

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES TO BILL AND COLLECT AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES

City of Camilla

Parcels- 2156

Fee per parcel \$2.75 Total \$5929.00

This contract is between the City of Camilla, Mitchell County Board of Commissioners and the Mitchell County Tax Commissioner. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving 90 days written notice to the other party. If notice of other party is given by either party during an active billing cycle in which the municipal taxes have already been applied to the county bills, then such termination will not occur until January 1st of the succeeding year.

Please remit payment upon receiving this contract

Please send \$ 2964.50 to Brian Brock P.O. Box 373 Camilla, Ga. 31730

Please send \$2964.50 to the Mitchell Co. Bd of Comm. 5201 US Hwy 19 S. Camilla, Ga. 31730

(SEAL)



Dena W. Key 6/2/25

COUNTY OF MITCHELL, GEORGIA

BY: *Brian Brock*

Attest:

(SEAL)

CITY OF _____, GEORGIA

BY:

CAMILLA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM – INFORMATION FOR
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mitchell County will partner with the City of Camilla to conduct a Camilla Youth Employment Program. The City of Camilla will solely sponsor the program. The program will run from October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. This program will be available to all youth ages 14-19 residing in Camilla's corporate city limits.

The City of Camilla agrees to:

- Provide all operating funds for the Camilla Youth Employment Program

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Mitchell County agrees to:

- Provide orientation for all youth and non-profits participating in the program
- Coordinate with organizations on youth work hours and job placement
- Collect all timesheets from organizations
- Manage payroll for all youth participants
- Be responsible for coordinating youth and program evaluations
- Ensure all non-profits comply with all State and Federal laws
- Ensure all organizations provide timely and adequate service to youth
- Provide additional on-site-job coaching as necessary
- Ensure that all youth participants are working in a healthy and safe environment
- Ensure all youth participants receive on-the-job training, workforce development, character building, and financial literacy training



CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA YOUTH COUNCIL PROGRAM OVERVIEW (2022-2023)

The Purpose of the City of Camilla Youth Council is to provide opportunities to:

- Acquire greater knowledge and appreciation for the political system through active participation in local government.
- Learn how local municipal government works and how municipal services are provided.
- Provide a means by which the City's youth can be heard and share their perspective on issues affecting young people's lives in social, educational, recreational, cultural, and law enforcement areas.
- Assist the Mayor, City Council, and City staff in policy and decision-making, problem-solving, and accomplishing community goals.
- Provide leadership development and experience that will enable the youth to become productive citizens and leaders in the City of Camilla.

Meetings

- Meetings will be held twice a month on dates and times selected by the Youth Council during their initial Council Meeting in January 2023.
- A mandatory orientation training session will be held in December 2022.
- Additional meetings for committees, special projects, and miscellaneous events will be scheduled as necessary.



CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA

CAMILLA YOUTH COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION (2022-2023)

Deadline for Submission: October 14, 2022

To be considered, a student applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Submittal of this application filled out in its entirety by **October 14, 2022**.
- Submit two personal reference letters and the application no later than **October 14, 2022**.
- Be a resident of the City of Camilla and enrolled in a school or accredited Homeschool System within the corporate limits of the city of Camilla as a **sophomore, junior, or senior in 2022-2023**.
- Attend the **mandatory** December 2022 orientation training session when scheduled.
- Be eligible to participate in school sports and extracurricular activities, if applicable.
- Be able to think critically and articulate thoughts and ideas.
- Have an interest in learning about government and how it functions.
- Obtain parental or guardian permission and support.
- Incomplete application is automatically disqualified.
- Applications and additional documents must be delivered to the City Clerk no later than **October 14, 2022 @ 5:00 pm**.
- All sections of the application and required letters must be submitted together.

City of Camilla Youth Council

Job Descriptions

Council Members: AT-LARGE Youth Council Members

AT-LARGE: Responsible for collaborating with all council members on projects and teen empowerment ideas.

ALL Youth Council members are responsible for working together on committees and service projects.

APPLICATION

AT-LARGE Youth Council Member

(Please print or type)

Applicant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Street & Mailing Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Student Email address: _____

D.O.B.: ____/____/____

Current Classification for 2022-2023: ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Current High School: _____

GPA: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the City of Camilla Youth Council?

What programs, activities, or issues would you like to see addressed by the City of Camilla Youth Council?

What strengths could you contribute to the City of Camilla Youth Council?

What are your extracurricular activities?

List any involvement in community service or special projects:

The City of Camilla Youth Council meets twice a month for approximately two (2) hours. Youth Council members will also be involved in a variety of community events and committee meetings.

Based on the commitments you have already made for the upcoming school year, could you dedicate approximately four (4) hours or more per month to the City of Camilla Youth Council? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you foresee any conflict(s) with the schedule? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, list conflict(s):

Letter of Interest

A *Letter of Interest* must be included with your application. The document must be typed (Minimum of 400 words). This letter can explain why you're a great candidate for the youth council, what you hope to gain from the youth council, what you can contribute to the organization, and any new ideas/activities you would like the Youth Council to begin in the community. The letter must be attached to the submitted application.

PRINT →

I, _____, verify the information that I included on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am interested in serving my community on the City of Camilla Youth Council. If selected, I will abide by all the rules and regulations the Mayor and Camilla City Council set forth.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PRINT →

I, _____, the parent or guardian of _____, grant permission to my son/daughter to serve on the City of Camilla Youth Council and grant permission for him/her to participate in all Youth Council activities. If selected, I will assist him/her in this endeavor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

REFERENCES

The adults listed below as references should be able to answer questions concerning the applicant's qualifications for a membership position on the City of Camilla Youth Council. One of the two letters of reference must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. List references below.

1. Name _____ Relation to applicant: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

2. Name _____ Relation to applicant: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Return completed application form by the deadline date **(October 14, 2022)** to:

Camilla City Hall (City Clerk) – 30 East Broad Street Camilla, GA 31730 or

scan all packet contents to cford@cityofcamilla.com.

If you have questions or concerns contact the City Clerk (Cheryl Ford) at 229-330-2325.

Thank you for your interest!

To: *MEAG Power Participants*
From: *Roger Brand – Director of Bulk Power* *Roger Brand*
Date: *August 1, 2022*
Subject: *Annual Subscription for Supplemental Power*

The annual subscription process for supplemental power supply is now underway and we are providing information for your review and consideration. Attached is your ten-year supplemental power supply estimates based on the latest load forecast and the Year 2022 Annual Subscription Form for Supplemental Power.

After reviewing this information, please nominate your supplemental power supply alternative and return to MEAG Power by October 1, 2022. In order to provide time to complete all transactions and agreements the following schedule has been established per the Supplemental Power Supply Policy:

- Release of information to Participants by Power Supply – Aug 1
- Receipt of Authorization Agreement form to MEAG – October 1
- Completion of Off-System purchase agreements – Dec. 31
- Completion of Inter-Participant Transfers – Jan. 15

Under the Supplemental Power Policy there are four alternatives. The first alternative (i) is for a Participant to acquire the necessary resources itself. The second alternative (ii) is for a Participant to acquire the necessary resources itself through an Inter-Participant Transfer (IPT) Agreement [or off system purchase power contract]. The third alternative (iii) is to subscribe to one or more of the power supply products identified in the attached Nomination Form in specific amounts. TEA has estimated the price ranges for these products and are subject to change. However, we are providing this to you as a benchmark to assist in your decision making process. The fourth alternative (iv) is for a Participant to nominate MEAG Power to act as its agent to acquire the necessary resources to fulfill its supplemental power supply requirements.

Please note that the Supplemental Power Supply Policy also specifies that if a Participant Authorization Agreement form is not received by the October 1 deadline or a Participant that has elected the Annual Self-Supply option does not meet the deadline for acquisition of its supply needs, MEAG Power will acquire the Supplemental Bulk Power Supply resources on behalf of the Participant.

The projections provided identify needs for both supplemental power and reserves. The supplemental power product reflects the value of capacity with energy priced at the hourly market, while the reserve capacity product is the capacity price only.

Participants who have excess capacity for supplemental supply and/or reserves may choose to offer the excess to deficit Participants at the rate specified in option five (v).

Please remember that each Participant is required to carry 15% capacity reserves. If the staff determines that a Participant is not carrying sufficient reserves, we have the responsibility to purchase reserves to fulfill the requirement. The costs would be allocated back to the Participants based on their shortfall of the reserve requirement.

Your regional manager will be in contact with you to discuss in more detail your particular power supply needs. If you have any questions about your nomination, please contact your regional manager, Tina Atchison at (770) 563-0586, or Curt Halstead at (770) 563-0396.

Supplemental Needs

City of Camilla

kW at Delivery Point

[illegible]

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT
Year 2023 Annual Subscription
Under Supplemental Power Supply Policy
between
Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
and
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
(Participant)

In accordance with the MEAG Supplemental Power Supply Policy, the Undersigned Participant hereby elects to: (all Participants must elect one option and return)

- (i) _____ (Opt-out) Acquire the necessary resources for its Supplemental Power Supply Requirements itself;
- (ii) _____ (Annual Self Supply) acquires the necessary resources for its Supplemental Power Supply Requirements for the Power Supply year itself through an Inter-Participant Transfer (IPT) Agreement [or off system purchase power contract];
- (iii) _____ (Subscription) Subscribe to one or more of the power supply alternatives identified in the attached Nomination Form in specific amounts;
- (iv) _____ (Agent) Designate MEAG as its agent to nominate and acquire any combination of resources to optimize their Supplemental Power Supply Requirements. Please specify agency limitations if any, _____;

or

- (v) _____ Nominate my excess capacity for supplemental at \$15.37/kW-Yr plus the hourly energy market price or for reserves at \$13.87/kW-Yr at DP. Supplemental will be allocated first, then any remaining amounts will be allocated to reserves. Please specify amount and limitations if any, _____.

By executing this Authorization Agreement, Participant understands that MEAG will aggregate all MEAG Participant nominations and attempt to contract for the total amount of Participant supplemental power supply requirements nominated under this Annual Subscription. Participant also understands that MEAG will purchase the capacity necessary to ensure that system planning reserve requirements are met and assign this capacity for one or more years to those Participants deemed capacity deficient. Participant agrees that these reserve capacity purchases may be made at "market" prices from other Participants.

Participant agrees to and accepts the above nomination, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Participant: _____

By: _____

_____,
Mayor or other authorized representative

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTEREST TO OFFER

The undersigned Participant agrees and acknowledges that, by execution of this agreement, the undersigned Participant authorizes MEAG Power to inform the other Participants that it is willing to consider offers for a portion of its resources that would serve as a supplemental resource for the other Participants for the 2023 Power Supply year.

Participant agrees to and accepts the above acknowledgement, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Participant: _____

By: _____

Authorized Representative

September 2, 2022

Mr. Dennis Stroud
City Manager
City of Camilla
P.O. Box 328
Camilla, Georgia

RE: Proposal for the
Gateway Signs Improvements on U.S. 19 and
Storm Drainage Improvements on Thomas Street
Camilla, Ga

Dear Mr. Stroud:

Thank you for this exciting opportunity to provide the **City of Camilla** a proposal for engineering services for the two above-referenced improvement projects, the Gateway Signs project, and the Thomas Street Storm Drainage Improvements Project.

A. Gateway Signs Project

As we understand the Gateway signs project, the City of Camilla is having 2 welcome signs (or gateway signs) constructed within the Right-of-way of U.S. 19 Highway or an easement off the Right-of-way. One Gateway sign is located on the north City Limits and the second Gateway sign on the south City Limits. We understand that the signs are currently being constructed. The survey of the easement was performed by Wellston Associates Land Surveyors, LLC of Warner Robins, Ga the early part of this year. The construction of the signs has been approved and permitted by the GDOT. We also understand that the local EMC power company will be providing the lighting design plan and will install the lighting for the illumination of Gateway signs. The Gateway signs area will need landscape plans. Gateway South currently has domestic water available for irrigation connection. Gateway North does not have domestic water available.

B. Thomas Street Storm Drainage Improvements Project

As we understand the Storm drainage issue near the intersection of Thomas and Cochran streets, there has been flooding during heavy rainfall events from the upstream running toward the existing sewer pump station on Cochran Street and flooding the area around the 221 Thomas Street resident.

With our understanding of the above improvement projects, and our understanding of your request for proposal. York & Associates Engineering, Inc. is pleased to propose the following scope of services.

Scope of Services

A. Gateway Sign Improvements Project

1. Landscape plan for Southgate sign where domestic water is available.
2. Landscape plan on the Northgate with a drought-tolerant landscape theme.
3. Specifications and construction contract documents.
4. Bidding Assistance and recommendation of award.
5. Construction administration and monitoring.

B. Thomas Street Storm Drainage Improvements Project

- 1) Topographic surveying as needed for the design.
- 2) Preparation of design, hydrology evaluation on the existing storm structures and pipe in front of the 221 Thomas Street, construction drawings, and construction details. Engineering plans for construction shall be to current civil engineering standards.
- 3) Technical specifications and bidding documents
- 4) Contract Administration, Bidding, and Construction Monitoring.
 - a. Administration of the construction bid process including advertisement and bidding procedures, bid openings and evaluations.
 - b. Post-award services, Notice to Proceed, including the review of shop drawing submittal, warranties, insurance, and as-built drawings.
 - c. Construction services including monitoring the construction, review of payment requests as Owner's representative, change orders, and coordination with the construction contractor. Periodic construction review (at least one visit per week during regular hours) with documentation and photographs to assure proper execution of the work.
 - d. Construction close-out, final inspection, and coordination with the City as required.

C. Fees

Our fee for **Part A** services is \$1,600.0

Our fee for **Part B** services is \$5,400.0.

D. Specifically Excluded Services

Specifically excluded from this scope of services is boundary surveys, geotechnical investigation, construction staking, and wetland delineation. If needed, we will be glad to provide these services at our hourly rate. For Geotechnical investigation, we would work with a Geotechnical engineer.

We look forward to be of assistant to the City of Camilla on the above important improvement projects. If this proposal is acceptable to you, please sign below and return a copy to us as our notice to proceed. Attached and made part of this contract is Attachment A, our Standard Contract Conditions, and Attachment B, our Standard Hourly Rates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via telephone at 229-248-0141 or via email at tyork@yorkassociates.net.

Sincerely,
YORK & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC.



Theresa P. York, P.E.
President

attachments

ACCEPTED:

By: _____
City of Camilla

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A
YORK & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC.
STANDARD CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The client and York & Associates Engineering, Inc. (hereafter called consultant) agree that the following provisions shall be part of their agreement:

1. It is agreed that the Client and Consultant each binds itself and themselves, its or their successors, administrators and assigns to the other party to this Agreement and to its or their successors, executors and assigns in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.
2. Neither the client nor consultant shall assign his interest in this agreement without written consent of the other.
3. In the event any provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid and unenforceable, the other provisions of this agreement shall be valid and binding on the parties hereto.
4. This Agreement may be terminated in whole or part in writing by either party in the event of substantial failure by the other party to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement through no fault of the terminating party; provided, that no such termination may be effected unless the other party is given (a) not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate, and (b) an opportunity for consultation with the terminating party prior to termination. If the Client decides to terminate this Agreement, the Client shall reimburse the Consultant for all equipment, devices, and material installed at the Consultants cost.
5. All claims, disputes, and controversies arising out of or in relation to the performance, interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Agreement, including but not limited to breach thereof, shall be referred to mediation under the then current Construction Industry Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association prior to any recourse to arbitration or a judicial forum.
6. The consulting services provided on this project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions. No additional warranties are provided either express or implied unless agreed to in writing.
7. The Client agrees to limit the Consultant's liability on the project, including its agents and employees, due to the Consultant's negligent acts, errors or omissions, such that the total aggregate liability of the Consultant shall not exceed \$50,000 or the Consultant's total fee for services rendered on this project, whichever is less.
8. The Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant, its principals, employees and agents against any claims arising out of the project based in whole or in part by the conduct or actions of the Client. The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Client against the negligent acts of the Consultant to the extent provided above.
9. To the extent that the proposed services of the Consultant are for design which does not include construction phase services such as the review or site observation of the contractor's work or performance and the review of shop drawings, then the Client agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant from any claim or suit whatsoever, including but not limited to all payments, expenses or costs involved, arising from or alleged to have arisen from the contractor's performance or the failure of the contractor's work to conform to the design intent and the contract documents.
10. Consultant shall not be liable for any and all damages or any and all costs due to its delays in performance including, but not limited to, damages or costs resulting from both excusable and inexcusable delays by consultants, its agents, employees and independent contractors. Additionally, the consultant is not responsible for delay nor shall be responsible for damages or be in default or deemed to be in default by reason of lockouts, accidents, or acts of God: or the failure of client to furnish timely information or to approve or disapprove the consultant's work promptly; or delay or faulty performance by client, other contractors, or governmental agencies; or any other delays beyond consultant's control.
11. Consultant shall not be liable for damages resulting from the actions or inactions of governmental agencies including, but not limited to, permit processing, environmental impact reports, dedication, general plans and amendments thereto, zoning matters, annexations or consolidations, use or conditional use permits, and building permits; and consultant shall only act as advisor in all governmental relations.
12. In the event that client institutes a suit against consultant because of any failure or alleged failure to perform, error, omission, or negligence, and if such suit is not successfully prosecuted, or if it is dismissed, or if verdict is rendered for consultant, client agrees to pay consultant any and all costs of defense, including attorney's fees, expert witnesses' fees, and court costs, and any all other expenses of defense which may be needful, immediately following dismissal of the case or immediately upon judgement being rendered in behalf of consultant.
13. Should litigation be necessary to enforce any term or provision of this agreement, or to collect any portion of the amount payable under this agreement, then all litigation and collection expenses, witness fees and court costs, and attorney's fees shall be paid to the prevailing party.
14. There are no understandings or agreements except as herein expressly stated.
15. All original papers, documents, files, and copies thereof, produced as a result of this contract, except documents which are required to be filed with public agencies, shall remain the property of the consultant and may be used by consultant without consent of client.

16. The terms and provisions of this agreement shall not be construed to alter, waive, or affect any lien or stop notice rights, which the consultant may have for the performance of services under this agreement.

17. The consultant makes no representation concerning the estimated quantities and cost figures made in connection with maps, plans, specifications, or drawings other than that all such figures are estimates only and the consultant shall not be responsible for fluctuations in cost factors.

18. All fees and other charges will be billed monthly and shall be due at the time of billing unless otherwise specified in this agreement.

19. Payment is due upon the presentation of invoice and is past due thirty (30) days from the invoice date. Client agrees to pay a finance charge of one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month, or the maximum rate allowed by law, whichever is less, on past due accounts.

20. In the event that the plans, specifications, and/or field work covered by this agreement are those required by various governmental agencies, and in the event that due to change of policy of said agencies after the date of this agreement additional office or field work is required, the said additional work shall be paid for by the client as extra work.

21. In the event that the utilities are incorrectly located or not located correctly by a utility owner and the design has to be modified due to the utility owner's negligence and additional work is required by the consultant, the additional work shall be paid for by the client as extra work.

22. In the event that any staking is destroyed by an act of God or parties other than the consultant, the cost of re-staking shall be paid by client as extra work.

23. The client shall pay the costs of checking and inspection fees, zoning and annexation application fees, assessment fees, soils engineering fees, soils testing fees, aerial topography fees, and all other fees, permits, bond premiums, total company charges, blueprints and reproductions, and all other charges not specifically covered by the terms of this agreement.

24. Should the Consultant provide observations or monitoring services at the job site during construction, Client agrees that, in accordance with the generally accepted construction practice, the contractor will be solely and completely responsible for working conditions on the job site, including safety of all persons and property during the performance of the work, and compliance with OSHA regulations.

25. Specifically excluded from the Consultant's responsibility are the following:

- Actual, alleged or threatened pollution damages; that being damages caused by the release of solids, liquids or gases which cause environmental damages or require cleanup.
- Fines or penalties.
- Consultant's advice on bonds or insurance.
- Damages arising from handling or disposal of asbestos, asbestos containing materials, or hazardous waste in any of its various forms, as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Rev. 02/01/19

January 1, 2022

ATTACHMENT B

STANDARD BILLING RATES YORK & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC.

1. All time spent by York & Associates Engineering, Inc. personnel that is directly related to the services shall be paid for as indicated herein. Such time related to the services shall include time spent for travel, conferences, correspondence, and reviewing client or vendor information.
2. Regular Rate Schedule:

Professional Engineer	\$145.00/hour
Project Manager	\$130.00/hour
Project Engineer	\$115.00/hour
Registered Land Surveyor	\$125.00/hour
Survey Crew	\$130.00/hour
Engineering Aide	\$80.00/hour
Sub-consultant	Actual Cost + 15%
3. Reimbursable expenses directly related to the services shall be paid for as follows:
 - Transportation, vehicle mileage, and living expenses shall be billed at cost plus 10% for all travel beyond a 50 mile radius from the York & Associates Engineering, Inc. office.
 - Long distance telephone, postage and overnight deliveries, audiovisual aids, reproduction services, binding, outside consultants or specialty services, license fees, and purchases made for the Client's account shall be billed at cost plus 15%.
4. All time spent by York & Associates Engineering, Inc. personnel related to the preparation for and provision of testimony as an expert witness for litigation shall be billed at rates equal to 2.0 times the Regular Rate.

**CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-24-1**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2021; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Camilla adopted a budget to fund the delivery of services for the citizens of the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the year expenditures were made for certain line items and categories of service in excess of the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §36-81-3(b)(1) provides that each unit of a local government must adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §36-81-3(d) provides that adoption of a budget does not preclude a local government from amending its budget to provide and adapt for changing governmental needs; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §36-81-8 provides for an annual audit of local government finances which must be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the submission of an audit showing an unbalanced budget by the City would produce an audit exception and potentially cause the Georgia Department of Audits to demand corrective action by the City which could include posting articles in the newspaper should the local government fail or refuse to take corrective action such refusal being a violation of state law; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the year, the City entered into an unapproved arrangement and later a written contract with Tyson Food Company to provide security at the processing plant located in the City of Camilla; and

WHEREAS, it was the intent of the contract that Tyson pay the full cost of providing this enhanced security by the City at the Tyson plant; and

WHEREAS, it is the strongly held belief of the Mayor and certain members of the City Council that the services rendered by the City of Camilla may not have been fully compensated by Tyson Foods; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief by a majority of the Council that the contract produced significant overtime expenses in the police department and created unapproved and consequently unexpected over expenditures for police services; and

WHEREAS, while a majority of the Council believes it necessary and proper to take appropriate steps to amend the budget so that it is balanced prior to submission of the audit, a majority of the Council disagree with the contract entered into between the City and Tyson; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the passage of this resolution amending the budget, it is the intent of the majority of the Council to conduct an independent financial audit and determine the exact cost of entering into this contract by the City of Camilla; and

WHEREAS, although a majority of the Council intend to transfer funds and amend the budget to cover the operating deficit in the police department, this act should not be construed as to approval of the administration of the Tyson Food contract; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted with grave reservations on the part of the majority of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla as follows:

Section 1. The amendments to the City of Camilla's revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are adopted and approved.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to auditors for the city of Camilla for the purpose of providing for a balanced budget to be audited and forwarded to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Audits.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO RESOLVED, this 24TH day of AUGUST, 2022.



Councilmember

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CITY OF CAMILLA

By: _____

Mayor, Kelvin Owens

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Attest: _____

Clerk, Cheryl Ford

Resolution No. 2022-08-24-1
Exhibit A (Revised: September 6, 2022)

Revenue	Budget Increases
TAVT – Motor Vehicle Tax	128,000
Insurance Premium Tax	32,700
Housing Authority: In Lieu	73,800
GEMA/FEMA Reimbursement	25,600
Reimbursement Damage Property	93,950
Other Miscellaneous Repairs	20,100
Building Permits	15,000
Cemetery Fees	8,975
Municipal Court Fees	14,000
Municipal Court Cost	5,920
Alcohol Beverage Tax	5,855
	423,900
Expenditures	
Finance Administration	144,200
Legal	22,700
Customer Service	93,000
Police	121,000
Fire	43,000
	423,900

Proposed Budget Amendments	Budget Increase
Hotel/Motel Tax	3,000
Economic Development	3,000

CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Kelvin Owens, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Ford, Clerk



City Managers REPORT

Camilla, Georgia

September 9, 2022



GROWING TOWARD TOMORROW

Strategic Highlights

- Demolish 5-7 Blighted Properties 2023-2024
- Airport Fuel Farm Design Update
- Airport CIP
- Grant Writer

Financial Highlights

- 2021 Budget Amendments for Audit
- 4 cemetery spaces was sold in May-June total 875.00
- 39 cemetery spaces was sold in August total 6,300
- December Quarterly Financial brief
- Procurement Policy
- Proposed Waste Management increase Representative October 3, 2022



Operational Highlights

- Visionary City
- Plan First
- Community Resource Officer
- Comprehensive Plan
- Modification to Yard Debris Schedule
- Railroad Repairs
- Animal Control
- LMIG 2023
- Stadium signage concepts
- Gateway signage work in progress
- Storm Drainage Improvement (Roosevelt Street) Projected cost 75-100K
- Fencing Toombs Park Fencing - work in progress
- Interns from College Career Academy
- Toombs Park Phase II restroom