



MINUTES

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2021, 6:30 PM

CALLED MEETING:

Call to Order: The January 19, 2021 Called Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 06:30 PM.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Matt Fields, Kenneth Roach, Wayne Braswell, Lee Strickland, City Manager Ed Andrews and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers. Larry Bowen, absent.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of Agenda: Keith Turman made a motion to approve agenda; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Presentation of FY2020 Audit: Chris Hollifield of Rushton & Associates:** Auditor Chris Hollifield of Rushton & Associates presented the Final FY2020 Audit to the Council via Zoom. The City had a good report – Unmodified Opinion. Mr. Hollifield commented it was a great year for the City despite the challenges of the pandemic for part of the year. Overall, he was very satisfied and remarked the City should be proud of what they have accomplished over the last couple of years.
- B. Recognition of Royston Police Department: Chief Boleman:** Royston Police Department was mentioned in The Georgia Police Chief magazines Winter Edition 2021. The Department was awarded 3rd place for the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety 2019-2020 Governor’s Challenge for Agencies with 1-10 Officers.
- C. 2021 Appointments: Mayor Jordan:** Consent Agenda was approved to re-appoint all open seats on all Boards, Authorities, and Committees with members agreeing to continue with the following changes were made: 2 Open Seats on the Royston Housing Authority remain to be filled; Keith Turman has moved from the Gas Committee to the Police Committee; Wayne Braswell has moved from the Police Committee to the Gas Committee. Keith Turman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0; Keith Turman remained as Mayor Pro Tem – motion made to approve that appointment by Wayne Braswell with a second by Matt Fields. Approved 5-0. Motion to re-appoint City Clerk Sharleen Ayers made by Keith Turman, seconded by Wayne Braswell, and approved 5-0. Motion to reappoint Andrea Grant as City Attorney made by Wayne Braswell, seconded by Kenneth Roach, and approved 5-0. Motion to re-appoint Mayes Davison as City Judge made by Wayne Braswell, seconded by Matt Fields, and approved 5-0.

D. Set Qualifying Fees: Sharleen Ayers: Notice from City Clerk to set 2021 Election Qualifying Fees as \$144 for each council seat and \$216.00 for the Mayor's Seat in accordance with section 21-2-131 if the Georgia Election Code. Motion made by Wayne Braswell to approve the setting of the Qualifying fees as stated. Motion seconded by Kenneth Roach. Motion passed 5-0.

City Manager Update:

- 1.** Website Launce Wednesday Morning January 20th. Please log in and look around and let Beverly or Sharleen know of any suggestions you may have to improve the website.
- 2.** Amphitheatre work is under way. Street and Water Departments putting in some time to help save the City some money.
- 3.** Parking Lot on Mill Street also under way. Rain is causing some delays but progress is being made. Kenneth Roach commended the City Employees on all they were doing to help the City out with projects and keeping up with their regular duties. Councilman Roach express how wonderful it was to see all the departments working together and it is the best relationships between Departments that he can remember.

Adjourn: Kenneth Roach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 07:11 PM.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

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