



## **MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING (Request for Variances- 53 Phillips St.  
Roger C Hart Property)  
March 10, 2020, 6:15 PM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 10, 2020 6:30 PM**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David L. Jordan opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 PM.

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

**A:** Variance Request: Request by Roger Hart was made for Variance of City Ordinance App C 7.41 to allow 2 manufactured homes on one plot of land sized .68 acres.

**Invitation of Public Comment:** None made.

**Response by Council:** None required.

**Close Public Hearing:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to close public hearing; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:29 PM.

### **REGULAR MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The March 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:30 PM.

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

**Approval of All Outstanding Minutes:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the Feb 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve agenda; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

**Main Street Update – Michael Crump:** April 11<sup>th</sup> is the Easter Egg Hunt; April 25 Public Safety Festival and Smoke Out BBQ; Cities Week is April 20-24<sup>th</sup>, events to be determined. City has had quite a few calls from interested parties for spaces downtown. Old Fred’s Building is being renovated for a Dollar Tree. Little Japan is moving to the old Italian Garden building and will be opening a breakfast place at the downtown location. Training Opportunity by the Lavonia DDA at their Depot geared toward city councils. Presented by GMRC about Downtown Development & Historical Preservation Commissions on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-1. It includes lunch. Dept of Agriculture Rep. working on a tourism project with Franklin County businesses to create a County Wide Trail. Tonya Allen & Michael Crump have attended the Census 2020 meeting at Franklin County to help spread the word to citizens about the Census.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Variance Request: Tabled Request from Jan 8 by Roger Hart was made for Variance of City Ordinance App C 7.41 to allow 2 manufactured homes on one plot of land sized .68 acres.** Michael Crump presented that the Planning & Zoning Commission met on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & recommend Council approve the Variance. Code Enforcement has measured setbacks & noted all setbacks were met. 40 Ft between homes setback was met. All Utility & Safety access was as recommended. Motion was made to approve the Variance Request by Matt Fields. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business:**

- A. **2020 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election (Resolution to Verify Election Representative and Alernate Delegate): Ed Andrews:** Annual verification for Voting Delegate & Alternate for MGAG Meeting. Tonya Allen is the Voting Delegate with Matt Fields listed as the Alternate. Motion made by Kenneth Roach to approve the Resolution. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Worker’s Compensation Policy Up for Renewal: Ed Andrews:** City Manager received a recommendation from HR Manager Jan Pearson to change Worker’s Compensation providers to GMA. The Marketplace provider we currently have is not processing the claims timely, we have had issues with claims being paid. GMA can give us a better rate than the current company BITCO with better coverage current coverage is 500K each incident, GMA offers 2 Million per Occurrence. GMA also provides a Safety Grant to Municipalities that join the Worker’s Comp Pool. Comparison Documents were provided to Council. GMA provides us a good service with our Health Insurance, and they would provide us with a contact for all issues. Motion was made to give the City Manager the authority to convert from Market Provider to GMA for Worker’s Compensation Policy. Kenneth Roach made a motion to change providers. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. **Lee Strickland: Presentation of GMA Certificate of Achievement:** Presentation made by Mayor to Lee of the GMA Certificate.

**Other Business – City Manager Update:**

- a. Arbor Day: Susan Russell: Planting trees at the park, 2 Redbuds at entrance; March 19<sup>th</sup> time to be determined. Chief Donnie Boleman with get with Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts to help.
- b. Update of Flood Damage: Current 2019 LMIG funds can be rescoped those funds to the Tanglewood & Pine Valley Damage Repair. City will solicit the County Engineer to help with planning.
- c. Amphitheatre: Met with engineer, Peoples & Quigley doing a drawing. City will contract with an artist to create a drawn rendering to help solidify what we want it to look like before we get to far in the process to make changes. Drawn rendering will be presented to Council once it is delivered.
- d. Need to meet with the Police Committee as time allows. Budget meeting with Finance Committee on Thursday.
- e. Keith Turman is requesting a list of Blight properties to get an update on that.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjourn:** Lee Strickland made a motion to adjourn; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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**Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk**

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