



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2020 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: The April 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:35 PM.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, 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 March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 03, 2020 Called Meeting Minutes; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

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

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: Michael informed council that he is taking advantage to attend every available webinar opportunity to gather information to help local businesses. DCA, GA Dept of Economic Development and UGASBDC is holding a webinar tomorrow at 9AM, he is sending information to council members in case any want to attend. DDA Board meeting will be a Zoom meeting to plan promotions that increase foot traffic for merchants once their businesses are open again. Hope to plan an event for the month of May which is Historic Preservation Month. Working with the Franklin Co Chamber of Commerce to increase tourism in each city. They will develop a Geocaching Trail in the county with locations in each city. National Mainstreet Office has published a report from the survey they sent out to business owners asking how COVID-19 has impacted their small business. That webinar is Thursday afternoon, Michael will send the report to all council once the webinar is over and can answer questions they may have.

New Business:

- A. **Resolution to Adopt 2019 Franklin Co Joint Comprehensive Plan: Ed Andrews:** Updates were made to the initial plan sent out last fall. This resolution will start next steps to complete the Joint Comprehensive Plan with updates made. Wayne Braswell made a motion to pass the resolution. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. **Resolution to Authorize Membership in the GA Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund: Mayor Jordan:** Council had voted in the last meeting to join GMA's Workers' Comp Fund. This resolution will confirm with GMA the Council's intentions. Larry Bowen made a motion to pass the Resolution. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

C. **Resolution Authorizing Volunteer Firefighters and Elected Officials to be covered under GMA Workers' Compensation Plan – Mayor Jordan:** Ed Andrews confirmed this was an addition of listed “part time” workers that are not covered normally since they are not “full time” workers. Our previous policy covered the firefighters and Council, and this will just be a continuation of what we previously had. Kenneth Roach made a motion to pass the Resolution. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business: None

Other Business – City Manager Update: Ed advised the repairs and clean up from the storm is almost complete. Road repairs from the previous flooding - Tanglewood complete, Hobbs St in progress, Pine Valley to use newly re-scoped LMIG 19 funds. Daily Reports about city work during this Emergency State will continue to be sent so council can be aware of what is going on in the city while still following Social Distancing Guidelines. City Manager and Finance Officer intend to get back to the FY2021 Budget in the next couple weeks with the intention of having a draft budget to Council before the next meeting.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Lee Strickland made a motion to adjourn; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

Mayor David L. Jordan

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