



## **MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC HEARING (FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET)**

**May 12, 2020, 6:15 PM**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 12, 2020 6:30 PM**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David L. Jordan opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 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:** Presentation of FY2021 Proposed Budget: Ed Andrews: Ed made a short presentation for council of the Current Proposed Budget and answered questions.

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

**Response by Council:** None required.

**Close Public Hearing:** Matt Fields made a motion to close public hearing; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:31 PM.

#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The May 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:32 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.

**Approval of All Outstanding Minutes:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** D. Georgia DOT Concern regarding Railroad Crossings: Ed Andrews.

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

**Main Street Update – Michael Crump:** Memorandum of Understanding with DCA has been signed by the City Manager & Mr. Crump. DDA is in good standing until next Update. DDA Board met for a planning session May 6<sup>th</sup>. Board approved using \$1,500 from the façade grant fund to purchase gift cards/certificates from Royston Businesses to be given away through a shop local promotion. The promotion is to get shoppers back into the businesses that have reopened. New Lamp Post Banners were placed at the traffic lights this morning and hang tag signs will be added to promote upcoming events and “Shop Local”. Property on Church Street where Western wear store used to be located has sold and the new owners have begun renovations. They have a tenant relocating an existing business to this new location. Most local businesses have reopened. A few are waiting for an increase in foot traffic and plan to reopen by the end of next week. Little Japan will no open for dining at current location but is waiting for new location on the Bypass to open to have dine in services. A notice will be sent out for the Ribbon Cutting once a date has been set. We are working with Franklin Co Chamber of Commerce to offer a class for businesses that are interested in enhancing their online presence & e-commerce.

**New Business:**

- A. **Gas Truck Purchase as provided for in FY2020 Budget: Ed Andrews:** 3 Bids were requested, only 2 responses received. Jefferson Ford around 38K, and Casey Jackson Ford at 40,350. Jefferson Ford truck would not be available until August. Casey Jackson truck will be available in mid-June. After a small discussion about price versus availability, Kenneth Roach made a motion to purchase from Casey Jackson, but tasked the City Manager with discussing a price reduction. Lee Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
  
- B. **Police Department Car Purchase-Used Car utilizing Insurance Proceeds and SPLOST funds: Ed Andrews:** Ford Taurus Interceptor with 8,500 miles came available. City Manger discussed with the Police Committee who supported the purchase. Motion was made by Wayne Braswell to ratify the decision to purchase the Police Car. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
  
- C. **FY2021 Budget Proposal Discussion: Ed Andrews:** Council was provided with a copy of the Proposed FY21 Budget, and a condensed version was made available on the Website on Monday. SPLOST spending was discussed.
  
- D. **GA DOT Concerning Railroad: Ed Andrews:** Joey Dorsey reached out to the City Manager to discuss the Council declining the project proposed by the GA DOT to put up lights and crossbucks at the Bowers St. and College St. crossings. The DOT is not concerned about these crossings, there have been no accidents or issues at those locations. Mayor Jordan mentioned the Emergency Vehicles could be stopped if a train were to be coming toward Royston. Kenneth Roach, Lee Strickland, and Keith Turman voiced similar opinions. Mayor was also concerned if there were a power outage. Kenneth Roach made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to forego the crossing upgrade. Lee Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Other Business – City Manager Update:**

- a. City Hall: working on the software upgrade and a new website.
- b. Gas Dept: Truck Purchase approved; New Meter Reader has begun his training; Regulator Station Maintenance underway; We need to schedule a Retirement Celebration for David Pressley; Transco Service Line has scheduled maintenance September 17 – October 1<sup>st</sup>. Tanks will be trucked in to cover the service area at no additional cost to the City. An on-site meeting has been requested and details will be sent out to the Gas Committee once scheduled.
- c. Water Dept: Sewer Plant has very good reports, no current issues; Water Quality Reports to be advertised in the newspaper; Short Line Force Main in being repaired; Drilling is in process for a new well, currently at the Park.
- d. Street Dept: Tanglewood is mostly complete; Pine Valley in process this week with a plan to finish Mid-June.
- e. Police Dept: Working on Tech projects; Body Cams to be ordered with a cloud based back up system.
- f. Amphitheatre: Copy of designs sent by artist were sent out to Council. Requesting revisions as the current drawings are not consistent with what was requested.
- g. Prison Detail: not back in service until June.
- h. Library: web meeting tomorrow to discuss reopening schedules; Council will be updated.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjourn:** Lee Strickland made a motion to adjourn; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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**Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk**

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