



## **MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING (Alcohol License-BeBop's Bakery)**  
**June 08, 2021, 6:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING (FY2022 PROPOSED BUDGET)**  
**June 08, 2021, 6:15 PM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 08, 2021 6:30 PM**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David L. Jordan opened the June 08, 2021 Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

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

#### **A: BeBop's Bakery: Alcohol Application – Wine Retail Package & Consumption**

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

**Response by Council:** None Required.

**Close Public Hearing:** Kenneth Roach made a motion to close public hearing; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:15 PM.

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#### **B: FY2022 Proposed Budget: City Manager Ed Andrews:**

**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 6:30 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The June 08, 2021, Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:31 PM.

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

**Approval of All Outstanding Minutes:** Keith Turman made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 02, 2021 Called Meeting Minutes; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Keith Turman 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 received fully executed. DDA is in good standing until next Update. Farmers Market is now open on Saturday in the Library Parking Lot. There were 74 entries in the May 22 Car Show, a good turnout for our first big post COVID event. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays are doing well. May coincided with History Month so historical pictures were included in the event, and well received. June 17<sup>th</sup>, we have had interest from some new vendors so the event has expanded to Railroad Street. The Path Pentecostal Church will be holding a Gospel Music Festival that evening from 7-9PM. July 8<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting for the Q Podiatry and Wound Care Office. El Timon Mexican hopes to have a grand opening in July. Herndon House Inn & Events Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Georgia passed a law requiring Short Term Rentals to submit Hotel Motel Tax to the Cities where they are located starting in July. Royston currently has two, the studio apartment above Old Corner Hardware and our soon to Open Herndon House.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Chickens – Woodland Manor:** Jennifer Rotch and Alan Bellford from Louisiana have recently moved to Woodland Manor in a home with 7 acres. They are requesting to have 6 hens in their yard in a coop as pets. Council asked questions about the home location. Ms Rotch offered the signatures from her new neighbors saying they agreed to the poultry. Mayor Jordan related an incident that caused the council to put the ordinance preventing fowl into effect. Mayor Jordan relayed that although current neighbors agree, the city cannot allow one exception and not be open to other citizens asking for the same exception. Keith Turman agreed with Mayor Jordan, stating that chickens in the city limits had caused multiple issues in the past and that current neighbors may agree, what if the next neighbor did not? He also brought up the fact that if they allow chickens, other citizens may then want other livestock allowed as “pets”. City Attorney Grant informed those present, there is no mechanism in our land use set to have a “permitted or

conditional use variance” for the animal ordinance. The only option would be to remove the language from the ordinance completely, or to make a permanent change. Mayor Jordan said he would consider a change to the ordinance that perhaps put in an acreage restriction, but that would take time. When asked, Ms. Rotch confirmed that Woodland Manor did not have an HOA, but they had covenants that prevented homeowners from having livestock for agricultural or income producing or breeding purposes. Ms. Rotch also offered a suggestion to Council by relaying what her former city in Louisiana put in their ordinance. The coop had to be a certain distance from the property line and the number of chickens was limited to 10 and no roosters. Ms. Rotch asked if she needed to re-home her chickens until a change could be made? Mayor Jordan said yes, that is what would need to happen. Mayor Jordan asked that Ms. Rotch and Mr. Bellford contact him later to put in a request for an ordinance change. No action was taken by Council on the request.

- B. **GMRC Private Sector Appointee: Mayor Jordan:** Franklin County has recommended Wayne Randall. Mayor Jordan said deadline was yesterday and asked for any input from Council. Council had no reply. Mayor Jordan declared no action and item closed.

### **New Business:**

- A. **Alcohol License Application for BeBop’s Bakery: Mayor Jordan:** BeBop’s Bakery applied for Wine License for Retail Sale and Wine License for Consumption. Mayor Jordan asked City Attorney Grant if the restaurant could have both licenses. Ms. Grant said if the conditions were met, and they have been, they were eligible for both licenses. Lee Strickland asked the amount for the licenses. City Clerk Sharleen Ayers responded when the ordinance was amended the license fees were updated to \$500 each for Beer and Wine. Matt Crump suggested the Council revisit the Wine Tasting Rooms as part of the Ordinance. Council agreed it needed to be looked at again. Matt Fields made a motion to approve BeBop’s Bakery Wine Licenses. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **FY2022 Budget Approval: Ed Andrews:** City Manager Andrews gave a quick review of the Budget. Mayor Jordan asked if the 2% raise was included in the new budget. Mr. Andrews replied that it was. Mayor asked for a motion. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the FY2022 Budget as presented. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. **2% COLA for City Employees: Ed Andrews:** City Manager presented a pay scale reflecting the 2% increase for City Employees. Mayor Jordan pointed out that the new Gas position and the Police Department pay already included the 2% increase to be effective July 1, 2021. Keith Turman made a motion to accept the revised pay scale. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Noise Nuisance: Keith Turman:** Brandon Lavey of 621 College Street addressed council about noise nuisance at his residence. Keith Turman said the council had addressed this issue before about music and vehicle noise at his home. Councilman Turman stated the Police Department and City Manager had worked with Mr. Lavey on this issue. Councilman Turman wanted City Manager Andrews and Chief Bolemon to discuss what steps had been taken. Mr. Andrews asked Chief Bolemon about tickets that had been issued and visits that had been made

to the address to deal with the nuisance. Chief Bolemon stated they are doing their best, and they have been in communication with Mr. Lavey. They have issued citations and made cases with videos that have been sent to the PD from Mr. Lavey. Chief Bolemon wanted to assure Mr. Lavey they have many officers who are working this issue and trying to work on the situation. Chief Bolemon stated there have been issues with a business located close to the citizen's home. Mayor Jordan asked how the citations that have been issued were made possible. Chief Bolemon stated the officers had heard the actual violation, and if the officers do not witness the disturbance, they cannot issue the citation. Chief Bolemon said they had issued 15 citations for the music and 8 citations for the loud muffler or improper exhaust. Prior year there were 14 total, and years before that maybe a couple. Councilman Bowen said that was a noticeable increase. Councilman Braswell asked if it was more than one violator, and Chief Bolemon confirmed it was. Mayor Jordan stated it was difficult to catch the violators because they would be out of town by the time the officers arrived at the scene. City Attorney Grant asked how far from the home the noise was happening. Chief Bolemon relay sometimes the distance was farther than the ordinance requires. Ms. Grant asked if the noise was coming from private homes, Chief Bolemon responded that it was not, the violations were from motor vehicles. Councilman Turman stated the city is addressing issues, and the citations made shows there is an effort being made to resolve this situation. He stated the council, and the departments, are doing all they can to take every concern seriously and address them. City Attorney Grant pointed out that private actions can be taken to address noise issues also.

**E. Paladin Lease Renewal- 2 years: Ed Andrews:** City Manager reported April was the date the lease was to expire. After talking to the Manager at Paladin, some concerns were raised. Mr. Andrews wants to confer with the attorney to update language to allow personnel in and out of city property to work in their equipment on the tower and update the language regarding upkeep for the tower and how to deal with the equipment. This is now in the fourth lease period and the city needs to consider including an increase in the lease language. We need to have these updates made and reviewed by the attorney. City Attorney Grant stated that the first lease only included one tower space for the original amount and now they lease space on two towers, but the price was never increased. Mayor Jordan said the big concern right now was Paladin needed to inform the city when they needed access to the tower and have observation for safety of both Paladin workers and the cities water source. Mr. Andrews said a coordination effort needed to be made to the Water Supervisor to be sure no violations of EPD regulations occurred as well. Updates would be coordination for entering the property, a two-year lease, maintenance parameters. Councilman Bowen stated there should be an increase in the lease amount. Councilman Turman agreed that it had been years since a price was set and it should be revisited. Councilman Strickland stated there should be a yearly increase of a certain percentage. Mr. Andrews said they would include that in the new language. Mayor Jordan said this was a service to benefit citizens and the original rate was to get the company some time to get started. The company should now be established and be able to pay a reasonable rate. Councilman Strickland recommended a 4-5% increase per year and the lease should be for 5 years. City Attorney Grant reminded the Council the original lease included free internet access to the City, and Mr. Andrews said the city did not use that service and that needs to be taken out. Mayor Jordan declared this would be tabled until next meeting.

**F. Discussion to Revise Sewer Use Ordinance: Ed Andrews:** City Manager Andrews stated the Pre-Treatment Program for Royston needed to be revised per EPD parameters. After working with the engineers on an update, now the city ordinance needs to be updated to reflect the changes. We must look at the current sewer use ordinance and given all the information from the EPD & engineers, a new amendment dealing with copper level limits must be made. The city has requested the EPD to relook the copper levels and during this time we need to be updating the ordinance and Pre-Treatment language. This is something industries look for when finding locations and gives the city a way to check for industry violations and set fines for when the industry is out of compliance. We will need to have a first and second reading of the ordinance and be able to send proof to the EPD of our efforts to make these changes. Letters have been sent to the EPD this week for review of levels and confirming what we need to have in our ordinance updates. The city is in compliance with our levels, there is no concern there at this time. City Manager stated the city has about 90 days to make these updates. Councilman Bowen stated that the business like having the programs and ordinances to follow, and they do want that information. City Manager said these ordinances are not made to drive away businesses but to help them stay in compliance with the city and the EPD. Our compliance schedule is stringent and we have to pass that awareness on to our industries in order to keep the city in compliance.

**Other Business – City Manager Update:**

- a. The city needs to address the alleyway near the parking lot and landscaping around the parking lot. The paving should be starting soon, we are waiting on the contractor. The city hopes to have the parking lot ready for the Fourth of July.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjourn:** Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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**Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk**

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