



MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING (FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET)

June 09, 2020, 6:15 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 09, 2020 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: Mayor David L. Jordan opened the June 09, 2020 Public Hearing at 6:17 PM.

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

A: Presentation of FY2021 Proposed Budget: Ed Andrews: Ed made a short presentation for council of a couple of changes since last meeting for the Current Proposed Budget and answered questions.

Invitation of Public Comment: Rita Shoemaker, Chair of Franklin County Libraries' Board of Trustees requested a last-minute increase to the Library Systems Contribution from Royston. She requested an additional \$2,000 from the current \$18,000 to \$20,000 annually. The increase is due to cleaning supply increase & a staff pay increase.

Response by Council: It was decided the contribution could be increased if other expenditures could be decreased so that the total budget for the Library remained the same.

Close Public Hearing: Kenneth Roach made a motion to close public hearing; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Public hearing closed at 6:31 PM.

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: The June 09, 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, Wayne Braswell, City Manager Ed Andrews, City Attorney Andrea Grant, and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers. Councilman Matt Fields, absent.

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; Lee Strickland seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: J. GMRC Appointment of Private Sector Member to Council: Ed Andrews.

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

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 on Saturday in the Library Parking Lot had a good turnout. DDA Board meeting is June 25th from 5-7:30. Discussions will be an Artisan Walk, a Scavenger Hunt to bring people into downtown stores and for vendors that missed the Events cancelled due to COVID-19 to have an opportunity to sell their items. Mr. Crump inquired with potential business possibly placing a corporate store in Royston. Community Event at the Wellness Park this Friday from 6-7PM involving local spiritual leaders and City representatives including the Mayor & Police Chief. The Picnic Shelters are now open at the park and the playgrounds will be soon.

New Business:

- A. **FY 2021 Budget Adoption by Resolution: Mayor Jordan:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to accept the FY2021 Budget as presented with change made to details of the Library expenditures but no change to Budget Totals. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- B. **Franklin County Water Agreement as required for EPD Permit: Ed Andrews:** The City submitted the Ground Water Permit and Surface Water Permit with the combined withdrawal of 1 million gallons a day. The Permit identifies Franklin County as an emergency source and so requires the City of Royston to have a current agreement with the County. The City Manager has been in contact with Beth Thomas, Franklin County Manager, but a current agreement cannot be located. Mr. Andrews is revising a purchase agreement to send to Franklin County. There is currently one tie-in with the County in our current system. The Water Permit will be active for 10 years. Renewal is due September 1. City Manager is asking for the Council to give the authority to the Mayor to sign the IGA once the County has signed the Agreement. Wayne Braswell made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign an Agreement with Franklin to be in compliance with the EPD Surface Water permit. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- C. **Ordinance to Approve Amendment to MGAG Gas Supply Contract & Supplemental Contract: Mayor Jordan:** Lee Strickland made a motion to approve the Amendment. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- D. **Authority for Finance Officer to Balance the FY2020 Budget: Ed Andrews:** No motion, delayed until changes are presented.

- E. Audit Engagement Letter from Rushton & Associates to perform FY2020 Audit: Ed Andrews:** Larry Bowen made a motion to accept the Engagement Letter from Rushton to perform the FY2020 Audit. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- F. Ratify Non-Renewal of Whitworth Prison Detail for FY2021: Ed Andrews:** Whitworth Prison proposed a new contract at a higher cost, nearly a \$10K increase, than previously contracted. After discussion and review of financial impact, it was decided not to accept the new contract. A letter & email was sent to the Prison. Kenneth Roach made a motion to not renew the Prison Detail for the next fiscal year. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- G. Election of GMA's District 2 Officers for 20-21: Mayor Jordan:** Mayor read off the nominated officers. Keith Turman made a motion to accept the proposed District 2 Officers. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. 1 abstain.
- H. Selection of Voting Delegate and Proxy for GMA Annual Business Meeting: Mayor Jordan:** Keith Turman has been our delegate in the past but offered it up to another councilman. Wayne Braswell volunteered. Keith Turman made the motion to nominate Wayne Braswell as the Voting Delegate. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- I. Purchase of City Manager Vehicle and Transfer of Current Vehicle to Street Superintendent: Ed Andrews:** The intent is to take 2 older vehicles- one F350 and F350 dually – off the street department and roll down the City Managers F150 to the Street Super and his F250 to the Parks & Rec. Larry Bowen made a motion to purchase a 2020 Ford Ranger for the City Manager and pass the current truck down to the Street Supervisor. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- J. GMRC Appointment of Private Sector Member to GMRC Council: Ed Andrews:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to appoint Gerald Voyles if he was willing to serve again. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Business – City Manager Update:

- a. Pine Valley: resourcing materials and on track for end of June. Funds will be LMIG 2019 and SPLOST for the match.
- b. Water Dept: Sewer Plant doing better than expected. Very low levels, sometimes non-detect. In process of having Wet Test approved for Annual rather than Quarterly basis. Monitoring in our new permit for Copper and Metals. New process seems to be eliminating that issue.
- c. Grass Cutting Detail: asking for grace from Council & Public during a change in responsibilities from Prison Detail and due to weather issues. Please notify if areas need to be addressed and be patient for the response.
- d. LMIG 2020: still in process, application received and complete, but funds not yet disbursed.
- e. Software Updates: another data extraction was performed. Coordination for on-site visit in process. Currently set for July 14-17, no change yet.
- f. List retired vehicles on GovDeals and in the local paper. Will retain the van for the time being until committee input is obtained.

Recognition of Employee: Ryan Parks as of 3 March 2020 has successfully completed all requirements for the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement Level 1 Certificate program. Graduation Ceremony scheduled for October 2, 2020 at the Augusta Marriott. Mr. Parks is already enrolled for Level 2. Council expressed their appreciation of the efforts of Fire Chief Parks to complete this program and support the City.

Council Discussion: Citizen Complaint: Keith Turman: Nuisance Order/Noise Complaints. Police Department has addressed complaints. Mayor invited him to call but has not been called. Emails have been sent to council. Keith Turman asked for number of citations for music in the last year. Chief confirmed citations had been issued for loud music but did not know the exact number. Fine is \$275 for noise violation. Complaint was made of Drag Racing, but maximum speed detected was 35mph. Noise Pollution complaint, video was viewed by Officer, but only children (maybe 10,11,12 years of age) playing could be heard. Actions that have been taken addressing Mr. Lavey are Speed Detection, Videos, PD Cars left in the area, officers have responded to each complaint. Mr. Turman emphasized the City has responded and addressed the issue. City Manager assured Council the City will continue to address the issues. No other complaints or issues have been made by any other neighbors upon discussion by Officers. There was a complaint made to the PD of Mrs. Lavey breaking bottles in the street in front of their house. An Officer responded, a warning was issued, the homeowner cleaned up the bottles. No citation was issued. City Attorney responded that none of the actions arise to the level that the city ordinance was violated and that the Police Department can address.

Executive Session: None.

Adjourn: Wayne Braswell made a motion to adjourn; Lee Strickland seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

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