



## MINUTES

### CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

August 31, 2021, 6:30 PM

#### **CALLED MEETING:**

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

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

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** None

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

**Executive Session: To Discuss Personnel: Mayor Jordan:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to enter executive session at 6:36 PM. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Larry Bowen made a motion to reopen the meeting after the executive session. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting re-opened at 6:54 PM.

#### **New Business:**

- A. **Appointment to Vacant Council Seat Post 2:** A motion was made by Wayne Braswell to nominate Paul Crawford for the vacant seat. Lee Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Wayne Braswell made a motion to close the nominations. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Vote was taken to appoint Paul Crawford for the vacant Post 2 seat. 5 yes – 0 no. Paul Crawford appointed to vacant seat.
- B. **Appointment to Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor Jordan:** A motion was made by Wayne Braswell to nominate Lee Strickland for Mayor Pro-Tem. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Motion was made by Kenneth Roach to close the nominations. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Vote taken to appoint Lee Strickland as Mayor Pro-Tem for the remainder of 2021. 4 yes – 0 no. Lee Strickland appointed to Mayor Pro-Tem.
- C. **Discussion of Community Strategic Planning Meeting organized by DDA October 5, 2021: Michael Crump:** August meeting of the Downtown Conference the DDA encouraged the local communities to hold strategic planning meetings. Royston DDA has decided to merge this meeting with Georgia Cities Week. The intention is to bring in people from the community to start talking about what they would support and what type of businesses they would support. This will be a time to plan for Royston. The Meeting will be facilitated by Kathy Papa with the DCA. It is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM at the Depot. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 21 at 7PM at the Depot. All council is encouraged to attend. Please be thinking of community minded people to invite to the meeting so they can help to promote the October meeting and move into the community to start discussions.

**D. Other Business: Ed Andrews:**

- a. Water Committee recommends the purchase of a River Water Intake Pump and a Lift Station replacement pump. The intake pump will cost 44,965 with a 6-8 month lead time. The Lift Station pump will cost \$64,000. This is for the Lee Street/Mize station. City Manager recommended using ARPA funds for these purchases. Motion to purchase both the River Intake pump and the Lee Street Lift Station Pump using ARPA funds was made by Matt Fields. Motion was seconded by Larry Bowen. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Amphitheatre is getting closer to completion, but funds are running low. City Manager Andrews recommended using a portion of the ARPA funds that are available for Parks and Recreation towards finishing the amphitheater. He recommended 50K. Matt Fields made a motion to appropriate \$50,000 of ARPA funds for use to complete the amphitheater. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. Jeremy Gillespie contacted the City Manager to request an early renewal of the Gym Lease so that it will coincide with his Insurance Policy renewal period. He has requested a Sept 1 to Aug 31 date. Matt Fields made a motion to terminate the current lease as of Aug 31 and start a new lease Sept 1. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Lease will be presented at the September meeting for signing.
- d. Mayor requested his city cell phone number be released to him at year end so that he can keep the phone number. He stated he has used this as his only phone for 12 years and it would be a hardship to make a change at this point. Larry Bowen made a motion to allow the transfer of the phone number to David Jordan. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Adjourn:** Lee Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:16 PM.

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Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

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Mayor David L. Jordan

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