

MINUTES



PUBLIC HEARING (Zoning Amendment & Variance)
March 12, 2019, 6:15 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2019, 6:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to order: Mayor Jordan: Public Hearing was called to order at 6:16 by Mayor David Jordan.

Zoning Amendment & Variance Request:

- A. **Request by Roger Hart to change Zoning from HBD to R-2:** No Public Comment.
- B. **Request for Variance of City Ordinance Appendix C Sec 7.41(4): Size of Lot:** No Public Comment.

Invitation of Public Comment: None made.

Response by Council: No response made.

Close Public Hearing: Motion was made by Kenneth Roach to close Public Hearing. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Hearing closed 6:31 PM

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: Mayor David L. Jordan: Meeting called to order 6: 32 PM

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Invocation and Pledge:

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Motion made by Wayne Braswell to approve Feb 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

- A. **Resolution for Request to GA DOT for signs on I-85 directing traffic to Royston for Ty Cobb Museum.**

Approval of Agenda: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the Agenda. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: Hometown Neighbor Ad made for Depot Rentals. DDA Board Members ordered a Tree to plant at the Depot for future Christmas Tree Lightings. Public Safety Spring Festival for April 13 planning is underway. March 25 Host a group to visit the Museum. Backtracks restaurant wants to co-host a car show.

New Business:

A. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission: Hart Property 53 Phillips St: Zoning Amendment and Ordinance Variance: Darryl Ayers from Planning & Zoning Commission:

- a. Mr. Ayers related the recommendation from Zoning Board Meeting of Thursday Feb 21, 2019 for Zoning Amendment is to approve amendment to change from Highway Business to RII. Zoning Commission recommended to deny the Variance to allow 2 Mobile Homes on the .68 acre parcel due to the following: current ordinance not supporting multiple homes on the acreage present; required setbacks could create neighboring property value concerns; setbacks and buffering could become questionable. Councilman Strickland questioned how many members were on the zoning board (5) and how many were present (3) and who is the Chair (Jason Phillips). Mayor Jordan pointed out that was a quorum. Mayor asked if Mr. Hart wanted to ask if this was an all or nothing request. Would the Hart's want the Zoning amendment if the Variance was not granted? City Attorney Grant confirmed they were separate stating the Zoning Amendment could be approved even if the Variance was not.
- b. A motion was made to Change the Zoning Map Amendment from Highway Business to RII by Wayne Braswell. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. Discussion ensued regarding the variance. Julia Lunn emphasized that the setbacks & buffers met the criteria, the only thing they needed a variance for was the lot size. City Attorney Andrea Grant informed council that according to City Ordinance Article 5 if 2 Manufactured Homes were place on that lot it would become a Manufactured Home Park and additional lot size, setbacks, and buffering requirements would be in place at that time. The council would need to review those requirements before granting a Variance. A motion was made to deny the Variance request to allow 2 Manufactured Homes on .68 acres. Questions were posed as to whether the lot could be separated, or other options for a future request. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-2. Lee Strickland & Matt Fields opposed.

B. Hazard Mitigation Resolution: City Manager Ed Andrews: Mr. Andrews presented a letter from Katy Westbrook of Lux Mitigation and Planning Corporation regarding Franklin County's 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan being approved by FEMA & GEMA. The plan has moved into the "adopt" phase and so the council has been asked to pass a resolution to adopt the Franklin Co Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018-2023. A motion was to pass the Resolution by Lee Strickland. Motion seconded by Kenneth Roach. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Public Notification: Development of Franklin Co Joint Comprehensive Plan: City Manager Ed Andrews: Mr. Andrews read a letter of Public Announcement regarding the beginning of Franklin Co Joint Comprehensive Plan meetings & discussions. A copy of the Announcement was provided to the Newspaper and a website that can be visited to be kept informed of upcoming meetings and forums. Announcement states the plan meetings should be completed by October 2019 with the support of Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

- D. Police Department Roof Replacement: City Manager Ed Andrews:** A list of companies and quotes were provided to council. The current PD Roof has multiple leaks and new Computer Equipment is needed by the PD. In order to avoid any damage to new equipment, a new roof was recommended. Some discussion was made as to where the companies were located, what the warranties encompassed, and how to pay for the replacement. Mr. Andrews recommended Turn Key Roofing to replace the existing roof with a new TPO Roofing Material Warranty of 20yr MF/10yr WMS for \$18,640.00. SPLOST dollars would be used for the expenditure. A motion was made by Lee Strickland to have Turn Key Roofing replace the roof for the \$18,640.00. Motion was seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion passed 6-0. A motion was made by Kenneth Roach to use SPLOST Dollars to pay for the roof. Motion was seconded by Larry Bowen. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Budget Amendment Information Technology Fund for Police Department Server: City Manager Ed Andrews:** Budget Amendment of \$9,500 was requested in order to purchase a new Server for the Police Department through the Technology Fee Fund. Discussion ensued regarding software and locations of backups. The Prior Year Fund balance accumulated in the Tech Fee Fund would be accessed to pay for this purchase. An amendment is necessary to add the revenue and expenditure to the budget. A motion was made by Lee Strickland to purchase the Server. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Roach. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. Department of Audits Response Letter for FY2018 Audit: City Manager Ed Andrews:** Department of Audits & Accounts with the State of GA was provided to the Councilmen. Letter states no items were identified for immediate correction. Corrective Action plan submitted by City of Royston were accepted. No further action is required.
- G. GDOT Resolution for Ty Cobb Museum Signage on I-85: Mayor David Jordan:** Resolution to request State Support for a project to erect tourism signage near exits 160 & 173 on I-85. Motion made to pass the Resolution by Keith Turman. Motion seconded by Larry Bowen. Motion passed 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

Other Business – City Manager Update: Gas Department PO for 12,936 needs approval to buy stock items with long lead times. Already budgeted in FY2019. Motion made to approve the purchase by Keith Turman. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Red Hill Community expansion: review of engineering drawings to be made, engineer to be consulted; intent of farmers and how many are really interested in using Natural Gas; A spokesperson will be found to schedule a meeting. Budget Committee meetings will continue in the coming weeks. Baker St Property is cleared. Still in process of pursuing possibilities to be presented to council.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Matt Fields. Motion seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned 7:27 PM.

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