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**PUBLIC HEARING (ALCOHOL LICENSE TABASCO MEXICAN GRILL)
OCT 08, 2019, 6:15 PM**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCT 08, 2019 6:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman opened the Public Hearing at 6:15PM.

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

A: Alcohol License Application: Malt Beverage, Wine, and Distilled Spirits for Consumption on Premises: An invitation was issued to the Public to hear any comments or questions. Tabasco Mexican Grill owner Salvelio Fuentes-Vargas was available for any questions.

Invitation of Public Comment: No public comments were made.

Response by Council: No questions from Council.

Close Public Hearing: Wayne Braswell made a motion to close public hearing; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:30 PM.

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: The Oct 08, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:30 PM.

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

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the Sept 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None.

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

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: Michael discussed the Fall Festival occurring Oct 12. New vendors, 2 Dance Teams, Evening Concert & Fireworks; Trick or Treating with Downtown Merchants Oct 31 from 4-6PM with a costume contest at 6 PM. DDA Planning meeting Nov 6 at 12:30 at Old Corner Hardware. Small Business Saturday Event Nov 30th – Downtown Holiday Market and continue on Dec 3rd for another night. Tourism meeting being hosted in Stephens Co Oct 22nd from 9-1. Ribbon Cutting for Phone repair shop delayed until the business is relocated into the old Ga Power Bldg.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. **Alcohol License Application:** Salvelio Fuentes-Vargas on behalf of Tabasco Mexican Grill to be located at 941 Franklin Springs Street, Royston, GA 30662. Applying for Malt Beverage, Wine, and Distilled Spirits for Consumption on Premises. Application is complete, reviewed by City Attorney, no known issues. Motion to approve the application was made by Matt Fields. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor and Council welcomed the new business to Royston.

- B. **IT Update: Greg Fields with Better IT-Ed Andrews:** Mr. Fields gave Council an update of improvements made to the Cities IT System and Security. Questions by council and Mayor were answered. Equipment has been updated, separate WIFI access for guests and City Computers, Firewalls, Backups, VPN to Police Department has all been installed and maintained. Upgrades are being made to the Police Department equivalent to what is in place at City Hall. The City has made efforts to update and install similar systems City Wide to keep the City vigilant regarding Cyber Security. Ransomware was addressed and Mr. Fields relayed that the City has constant monitoring in place to prevent these attacks. The City is still looking at a conduit of Fiber line from City to the Police Department. City can also look into badge swipes to allow and track who is coming into offices and Police Department. City Hall has installed cameras for security, and Digital Locks to secure the server and backup equipment. Next step is to have backups between City Hall and the Police Department for off-site backup capabilities. The City is looking into a Contractual Agreement with Better IT for Support.

- C. **Bowers Street Parking – Safety Issue – Ed Andrews:** Alley way at back of shops on Bowers Street needs Safety Access and Utility access. At this time it can be blocked due to a parking space on Bowers Street. We need to convert the space to a no parking area to allow a thru-way for Fire and Police Department access in emergencies and for dumpster pickup. A possibility of angle parking will be reviewed with City Manager, Police Chief, and Larry Bowen meeting tomorrow to look at the area. Mayor Jordan voiced concern that the city will get feedback from the public due to already limited parking downtown. City Manager Ed Andrews emphasized the safety is the priority concern. Mayor and Council agreed.

Other Business – City Manager Update:

- a. Finance Committee Meeting and Dept Head Meeting occurred before this Council meeting and they went well.
- b. Gas Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled.
- c. Sewer Plant should come in under budget around 47K. Sol Construction is finalizing the punch list. Peoples & Quigley have issued a Letter of Substantial Completion. October draw will cover all Sol Construction costs other than the retainage. November is planned for final draw on the loan and close of the Project. City Manager relayed what a good job the Water and other Departments have been in helping keep the project on schedule and under budget. The Mayor seconded the praise and included the City Manager in with them. Council agreed.
- d. Paving Projects are waiting on contractors.
- e. Water Tank maintenance and upkeep has been completed, only the Logo Painting remains to be completed.
- f. November will bring a packed agenda. We will discuss a new Police Department Vehicle and Christmas Plans.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Lee Strickland seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

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