

## MINUTES



**PUBLIC HEARING (2019 Millage Rate)**  
**November 12, 2019, 6:15 PM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 12, 2019, 6:30 PM**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

#### **Call to Order: Mayor Jordan**

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

#### **Hearing Subject(s):**

##### **A. Proposed Millage Rate for 2019 of 10.00 Mills**

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

**Response by Council:** None made.

**Close Public Hearing:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **REGULAR MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David L. Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

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

#### ***Invocation and Pledge:***

**Approval of All Outstanding Minutes:** **October 8, 2019** Regular Meeting Minutes were presented to council. Wayne Braswell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** Items were added to the agenda as follows:

- e. Addition to Item E : Power Financial Shares Resolution
- G. Resolution to Support Locally Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings.

**Main Street Update – Ed Andrews:** DDA will have a work session on November 18 at 12:30 at Old Corner Hardware Store. November 30 is the Small Business Saturday/Holiday Market from 10-3. Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Christmas in Royston & Tree Lighting. Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- A. **Rushton & Associates: Sam Latimer : FY2019 Audit:** Audit was presented to the council with an unmodified opinion, which is the best results you can obtain. Mr. Latimer related the audit went smoothly with no issues.
- B. **US Census Bureau Presentation: Jessie Clayton** Ms. Clayton talked to council and those present about efforts the Census Bureau is taking to ensure the best census possible, and about how important an accurate count is for the city. She related that they are looking for temporary employees to fulfill some of the processes and wages are fair. Any questions could be asked of her, she handed out business cards to those present and said she would send more information later. Census Date is April 1, 2020.
- C. **Setting of the Millage Rate for 2019 Taxes: Mayor Jordan** A motion was made by Matt Fields to keep the city's millage rate at 10.00. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. **Gas Expansion: Ed Andrews:** City Manager Ed Andrews discussed a future gas expansion Gas Supervisor David Pressley is working on regarding the industrial park area of Carnesville. The potential dates are August or September 2020. The Gas department will be working with their committee on planning and present later to council.
- E. **Sale of Brighthouse/Metlife Stock and Power Financial:** A Resolution that gave Mayor Jordan the authority and direction to sell the shares remaining in Brighthouse Financial (Metlife) stock was read. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. A Resolution that gave Mayor Jordan the authority and direction to sell shares held by Power Financial Inc relating to the Ty Cobb Baseball Memorial Commission that were recently discovered to be in the name of the City of Royston. As the City should not hold stock by Georgia Code, the council agreed the stock should be sold. Kenneth Roach made a motion to sell the shares. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. **Software Purchase: Ed Andrews:** City Manager Ed Andrews related to the Council the process the City Hall office staff had taken to evaluate possible software upgrade options and impressed the need for such upgrades. Current software had not been updated since 2007. Mr. Andrews answered questions from council regarding the recommended software. Larry Bowen made a motion to give the City Manager direction and authority to proceed and negotiate terms and price with BS&A software for the Financial Software Upgrade. We will bring a negotiated final term contract before council for a final vote. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- G. **Resolution Supporting Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings: Mayor Pro Tem Keith Turman:** A resolution was read in support of retaining local power to establish building design standards in single and double family dwellings in order for the city to have a positive impact on economic development efforts. A motion was made by Keith Turman to approve the resolution as read. Lee Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**H. Election Results Read to Council: Ed Andrews:** Election Results as certified by the Election Supervisor Beverly Pullian were are follows: Wayne Braswell 180 votes; Wesley Fricks 120 votes; Lee Strickland 136 votes; Keith Turman 207 votes. Council remains the same – incumbents have been re-elected.

**Other Business – City Manager Update:**

- a. **GMRC Meeting/Award Dinner date set as Dec 6 : 9 tickets for Council**
- b. **Cities United Summit– formerly Mayor’ Day- Jan 24-27- Registration is open – deadline Dec 6**
- c. **Completion of WWTP** – Certificate of Completion to be submitted. Final Loan draw scheduled for the next week. Expect to have around 40K undrawn on the GEFA Loan. Plant is online & working well. Just have to get the biological process up to standards.

**Executive Session: Legal Counsel Consultation/Potential Litigation/Personnel:** Motion made by Wayne Braswell to enter the closed session 7:35PM. Motion seconded by Lee Strickland. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to re-enter regular session was made by Kenneth Roach. Motion seconded by Keith Turman at 8:18 PM. Motion passed 6-0.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Lee Strickland. Motion seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned 8:19 PM.

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Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

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Mayor David L. Jordan

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