



## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2019, 6:30 PM

#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The August 13, 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, Matt Fields, Wayne Braswell, Lee Strickland, City Attorney Andrea Grant, City Manager Ed Andrews and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers.

**Approval of All Outstanding Minutes:** Lee Strickland made a motion to approve the July 09, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

#### **Additions or Deletions to Agenda:**

- F. Request for Gas Service for Poultry Houses on Starrs Bridge Rd by Mary Pham
- G. Notification/Education for Debris Pick Up-Policy Review

**Approval of Agenda:** Matt Fields made a motion to approve agenda; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

**Main Street Update – Michael Crump:** Michael informed council he had attended the GA Upstate Lakes Board of Realtors Meeting on July 18. Planning a 2 Day Vendor Fair/General Meeting at the Depot and possibly further training session. Only one application for the Façade Grant, still open until end of August. Farm House Flowers moved up a couple spaces downtown, still waiting to hear for date of Ribbon Cutting. Fall Festival Applications have been sent out. Regional Tourism Planning Meeting @ Hart Co Ag Center to discuss the Art Trail Brochure. Royston will place an ad in the Travel Association Brochure. There has been some business obtaining leases downtown & some buildings sold, hoping for some growth soon. New product – Rainworks Sidewalk Designs. Makes a design that shows up when sidewalk is wet. Using with downtown businesses & the DDA itself. Huddle House will re-open as Mexican Restaurant. Old Fred's Building is under contract, but don't know with whom.

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

- A. **Water Tank Maintenance Bids: Ed Andrews City Mgr:** City received bids from 4 companies. Suez, Southern Corrosion, The Leary Construction Co, Inc., and American Tank Maintenance all placed bids with the Water Superintendent Jammie Cawthon. Bids to repaint the By-pass Water Tank. Leary had done tank maintenance for us before, but the **Committee recommends Suez due to the proposal including a spot prime and full prime before the paint, not just a spot prime.** This more completely

meets the requested work the City requires to keep the tanks well maintained. City Manager also supports the Committee decision to use Suez. Larry Bowen confirmed for the Mayor that the Committee did recommend Suez. Larry Bowen made a motion to Accept the Bid of \$53,215 from Suez for the Water Tank Painting including a new logo on two sides of the Tank Wall. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Tank Maintenance is expected to last about 10 years. Motion passed 6-0.

- B. Ratify Water Committee Decision to replace Gaines Home Station Pump #2 for \$6,972 – Ed Andrews:** Water Committee met and discussed with the Water Superintendent the replacement of the pump. This is one of the three pumps left on the list for Water Lift Stations to be upgraded. We elected to replace a pump last year and elected to rebuild the old pump. The cost was more to rebuild than to replace, so we are going back & ratifying the decision that was made to replace instead of re-build. Larry Bowen made a motion to replace the Gaines Home Station Pump #2 for \$6,972. Matt Fields seconded the motion.
- C. Authority for Finance Officer to Balance the FY19 Budget – Ed Andrews:** Keith Turman made a motion to give the Finance Office the authority to amend the budget as needed. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. GMA/GMEBS Premium Rate for 2020 Update; No change – Ed Andrews:** 2020 will not have a rate increase. The rates will remain the same for the next year.
- E. Noise Ordinance Review & Discussion – Ed Andrews:** Concerned Citizens and Councilmen have reached out to City Manager and Police Chief of an area in town where some loud noise complaints have been made. A specific complaint was made on July 25<sup>th</sup> that prompted this review. City Manager is proposing to the Council to place signs around town about the Noise Ordinance. City Manager has tasked the PD with being vigilant in those areas & write citations if someone is breaking the noise ordinance. Councilmen have been contacted by an individual, and the City is taking it seriously and attempting to mitigate the problems. Type of noise was loud vehicles and music. Questions have been asked about Fireworks also for consumer not commercial use. Placement will be chosen in coordination with the PD. If an ordinance update is needed, City Manager will bring that before Council. City Attorney had some comments about re-enacting a noise ordinance in compliance with the new HB 419. She can give us some ideas for language, so the PD has some options to enforce. May wait for signs until after the noise ordinance revision or use language to allow for changes. Public areas are prohibited for Fireworks use unless there is an organized event, not consumer fireworks.
- F. Request for Gas Service for 6 Poultry Houses on Starrs Bridge Rd by Mary Pham-Ed Andrews:** The Gas Superintendent was not present, but the City Manager was asked to present some information about new chicken houses being built on Starrs Bridget near Casey Road and is asking for Gas Service. Information as to cost of the project was given to council to review. The Poultry Houses are expected to be completed December 1, and owner needs to know if she would be able to receive Natural Gas so she can order equipment. Payback would take about 2 years, new houses are expected to last up to 12 years. City has a main running down Starrs Bridge Rd, so total cost would be 25,327.06 City has funds put aside under SPLOST V & Department Funds in the 2020 Budget. Lee Strickland asked if we had the time to get the project completed in time. Mr. Andrews said yes, with Harrison doing their portion we would. Matt Fields made a motion to approve the project at the cost of \$25,327.06. Matt Fields then amended the motion to approve the project costs up to \$25,327.06 contingent upon the approval of the Gas Committee after they meet with the Gas Superintendent. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**G. Notification/Education for Debris Pick Up-Policy Review- Ed Andrews & Street Superintendent**

**Patrick O Brian:** City has had a few incidents over the past few months in regard to Chipping – that is what is referenced as debris. Street Superintendent asked for some help with policy to help manage the workload to provide services and complete services. Main discussion is the size of piles and how they are bundled and managed for City to remove them. Street department is working diligently to keep up with the load. As far as education of citizens, Mr. Andrews is recommending a door hanger with information as to who to contact about how the items need to be prepared for the City to remove. Keith Turman is wondering if the Door Hanger is late in informing the Citizens. Mayor believes we could send out a mailer but is uncertain the citizens would read the mailers. He agrees the Door Hanger is a good idea. Michael Crump suggested using the Garbage cans as a place to put a flyer to inform citizens since just about all citizens will see it. Larry Bowen suggested using 2 or 3 methods to reach a larger number of citizens.

**Other Business – City Manager Update:** Sewer Plant Update: Blowers will be tested this week. Water Department still has to complete the airline connections. Clarifier has been inspected and Sol needs to do some grouting in the Clarifier. Next will be concentrating the aeration lagoon to pass through to the clarifier to get it online. 15 to 20 days to get it online. Mr. Andrews proposes a walk through with the Superintendent before the next council meeting. Mayor suggested a Ribbon Cutting.

**Executive Session:** Lee Strickland made a motion to enter executive session for discussion of real estate; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Executive session entered at 7:18 PM.

Larry Bowen made a motion to reopen meeting at 7:57 PM; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

**Adjourn:** Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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**Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk**

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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