

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Carswell, Vice Mayor Lewis, Council Members Anderson, Williams, Jones, Byne and Tinley, City Manager Coalson, City Attorney Dube

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carswell at 6:30 p.m.
2. Council Member Tinley gave the invocation.
3. Council Member Anderson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Council reviewed the minutes and Executive Session minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2018. Council Member Byne made a motion to approve the minutes and Executive Session minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2018. Vice Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
5. Council conducted the first reading of Budget Ordinance 2019-01. Council Member Tinley made a motion to approve the first reading of Budget Ordinance 2019-01. Council Member Byne seconded the motion. Council Members Tinley, Byne, Williams, Jones and Vice Mayor Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Anderson voted against the motion. The motion carried 5-1.
6. Council reviewed Resolution 2019-01-01 approving the 2019 Schedule of Rates and Fees which increases the City Distribution Charge (a portion of the Natural Gas Rate), the Natural Gas Monthly Meter Charge and Solid Waste Rates. The rate increases are included in the 2019 budget.

	<u>Rate or Fee Description</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Natural Gas			
	City Distribution Charge:		
	Residential	\$4.75	\$6.15
	Commercial	\$4.75	\$6.15
	Industrial	\$3.35	\$4.35
	Monthly Meter Charge:		
	Residential	\$3.25	\$8.00
	Commercial	\$3.25	\$8.00
	Industrial	\$50.00	\$75.00

Solid Waste	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Polykart Service	\$20.64	\$22.00
Dumpsters Service:		
2 Yard 1 pick-up per week	\$87.93	\$93.00
2 Yard 2 pick-up per week	\$175.76	\$185.00
4 Yard 1 pick-up per week	\$118.62	\$125.00
4 Yard 2 pick-up per week	\$227.74	\$240.00
6 Yard 1 pick-up per week	\$149.29	\$157.00
6 Yard 2 pick-up per week	\$279.82	\$294.00
8 Yard 1 pick-up per week	\$179.97	\$190.00
8 Yard 2 pick-up per week	\$331.88	\$350.00
Cubic yards in sharing zone	\$20.64	\$22.00
Roll-Off Service:		
Roll-Off container rental/month	\$98.38	\$105.00
Haul charge – Burke County	\$183.30	\$200.00
Haul charge – Richmond County	New Rate	\$250.00

Council Member Tinley made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-01. Council Member Byne seconded the motion. Council Members Tinley, Byne, Williams, Jones and Vice Mayor Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Anderson voted against the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

7. Council reviewed a 2019 Classification and Pay Plan and 2019 Salary Study prepared by City Manager Coalson. The data to conduct the study was obtained from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Local Government Wage and Salary Survey. The data includes job titles and a short job description for most City positions. If a position did not exist, data from several existing positions was compared to determine the appropriate classification. The 2019 Salary Worksheet includes a calculation of the annual rate for each employee in the City using the Salary Study. The Worksheet also includes a separate calculation for each employee using an across the board 3 percent cost-of-living increase. The proposed 2019 salary included in the budget is the higher of those two salaries for each employee. Following discussion, Council Member Tinley made a motion to approve the 2019 Classification and Pay Plan and 2019 Salary Study. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
8. Council reviewed Resolution 2019-01-02 Authorizing Temporary Borrowing of Money for 2019. Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-02. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
9. Mrs. Cheryl Herrington from 418 Jones Avenue addressed Council regarding a high water bill she received in November 2018. Mrs. Herrington explained to Council that she did not have any water leaks that could have caused a high bill and requested that Council adjust her bill back to her regular monthly usage. City Manager Coalson explained to Council that electronic data from Mrs. Herrington's meter clearly shows that a large amount of water passed through the meter between November 11, 2018, and November 17, 2018, resulting in a high water bill. City

Manager Coalson recommended that Council adjust only the sewer portion of the bill back to regular usage. Council Member Tinley made a motion to accept City Manager Coalson’s recommendation. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. Council reviewed Qualifying Fees for the November 5, 2019 General Election. The fees are as follows:

Office	Incumbent	Monthly Salary	Qualifying Fee
Mayor	Gregory A. Carswell, Jr.	\$830.00	\$298.80
Council Member, Ward 1, Post 1	Bill Tinley	\$440.00	\$158.40
Council Member, Ward 2, Post 2	James “Chick” Jones	\$440.00	\$158.40
Council Member, Ward 3, Post 3	Brenda Lewis	\$440.00	\$158.40

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the above Qualifying Fees. Council Member Byne seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

11. Council reviewed a request from Tyrus Deal at Jacobs to purchase new pumps for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The following quotes were received for the pumps:

- Pioneer: \$8451
- Gorman Rupp: \$9272

Following discussion, Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the purchase of three Gorman Rupp pumps at a price of \$9272 each, totaling \$27,816. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

12. City Manager Coalson provided an update on the Fire Booster Pump Station Upgrades:

- The control units have been replaced.
- Valve replacement and painting still needs to be done.

13. The Regular City Council Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2019, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

14. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.