

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 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 Byne gave the invocation.
3. Council Member Tinley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Council reviewed the minutes and Executive Session minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2019. Council Member Byne made a motion to approve the minutes and Executive Session minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2019. Vice Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
5. Council reviewed an Application for Alcoholic Beverages License from the Downtown Organization of Retailers (D.O.O.R.) for the annual Boss Hog Cook-off, scheduled for May 10-11, 2019. Council Member Tinley made a motion to approve the request. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
6. Council discussed the Approval of a Proposal to Replace the Column Pipe and Pump at the 6th Street Well. Council reviewed a proposal submitted by Lee Smallwood to replace the column pipe and pump, totaling \$167,305. Council Member Byne made a motion to accept the proposal. Council Member Tinley seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
7. Council discussed the AM-PM Truck Stop Deceleration Lanes and Utilities EIP Project. The owners of the AM-PM Truck Stop have submitted an application to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funds to help support the project. The City will not match funds for the project; instead, the owners of the AM-PM Truck Stop must match the funds if the grant is awarded. If DCA approves the project, it will be brought back to Council for approval at a later date.
8. City Manager Coalson provided an update on the following projects:
 - Hwy 56 Well: The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) has tentatively approved the location and the engineer will start the design process for the project. The bid process should begin this summer.

- TIA Projects: There have been several conflicts with utilities. City Manager Coalson will meet with DOT this week to discuss.
 - New City Hall Building: Plans are being finalized for the new City Hall building. The vaults on the first floor will be demolished and the Council Room will be located on the first floor. Offices will be located on the second floor. The project should be completed by the end of the year.
 - LMIG Projects: The 2018 LMIG Project is complete. Ninth Street, Chaucer Street and Short Street have been paved. East 13th Street has been paved but will need repairing. The 2019 LMIG Project includes Eighth Street from Liberty Street to Perry Street and Myrick Street from Sixth Street to Barron Street. The project will be completed later this year.
 - Georgia One Fund: Council previously authorized the City to transfer savings funds to the Georgia One Fund. First National Bank will match the investment terms presented by the Georgia One Fund and place the funds in a money market account so the funds will stay local.
 - Comprehensive Plan: The Comp Plan has been submitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and then will be brought before Council for approval.
9. Council discussed the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project. Following discussion, Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve Gilbert and Associates, Inc. as grant administrator and Parker Engineering for engineering services for the 2019 CDBG Project. Vice Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
10. At 7:03 p.m., Council Member Byne made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
11. At 7:37 p.m., Council Member Jones made a motion to enter back into Regular Session. Council Member Byne seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
12. Back in Regular Session, Council Member Jones made a motion to enter into a Retirement Agreement with Chief Augustus Palmer effective immediately. Council Member Tinley seconded the motion. Council Members Jones, Tinley and Byne voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Williams, Anderson and Vice Mayor Lewis voted against the motion. Mayor Carswell voted in favor of the motion, breaking the tie. The motion carried 4-3.
13. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.