

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 19, 2019

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

ABSENT: Council Member Byne

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carswell at 6:32 p.m.
2. Reverend Doris Tongo 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 on August 5, 2019. Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes and Executive Session minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on August 5, 2019. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
5. Mayor Carswell recognized Pastor Lacy Baker for her support of the Waynesboro community.
6. City Manager Coalson discussed the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) (2022-2032) Round Table Report. The TIA Board is currently in the process of selecting which transportation improvement projects will be on the ballot next year, most likely in July 2020. Burke County has submitted eight projects to the TIA Board for review.
7. Council discussed a proposed amendment to the Personnel Policy to allow employees to donate vacation leave to other employees affected by serious and prolonged medical conditions. City Manager Coalson will discuss the amendment with City Attorney Dube and Human Resource Generalist LaTonya Wimberly and bring more information back to Council at the next regular meeting.
8. Council discussed the formation of the Homelessness Taskforce Committee. Mayor Carswell recommended that Ms. Lottie Higgins serve as the Chairperson for the Committee and that Vice Mayor Lewis serve as the liaison from the City Council. The members of the Committee include the following:
 - Lottie Higgins (Chair)
 - Mamie L. Parks
 - Patricia Jones

- Reverend Doris Tongo
- Reverend Terri Degenhardt
- Diana Royal
- Vice Mayor Brenda Lewis

Following discussion, Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint the above members to the Homelessness Taskforce Committee. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- Council discussed the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. To date, the City has been raising awareness of the 2020 Census by providing information on the City's social media pages and speaking to local civic clubs. Council still needs to appoint members to the Committee. No official action was taken.
- City Manager Coalson provided an update on the following projects:
 - Roll-Off Truck: The new roll-off truck has been received, the City now has two.
 - New City Hall Request for Proposals (RFP): City Attorney Dube is reviewing and finalizing the RFP.
 - Western Truck Route Project: The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) needs to clear the right-of-way. This project is currently on hold due to being over budget.
 - Highway 56 Widening Project: This project includes water, sewer and natural gas relocation. This project is currently on hold due to being over budget.
 - LMIG Project: Streets for this project include East 8th Street (Liberty Street to Perry Street), part of Myrick Street, Ward Street and part of Barron Street. The request for proposals (RFP) for this project should be advertised in the *True Citizen* this week. The bid opening for this project is scheduled for September 16th.
 - Pauline Jenkins Street Sign: The proof for the sign had an error; however, the proof has been corrected and the sign is in the process of being created with installation scheduled within the next 30 days.
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on August 13, 2019 were provided to Council.
- Major Duncan from the Waynesboro Police Department provided an update on the Department's certification to Council. The Department will not receive recertification from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) due to not meeting all required standards in the recertification process. However, the Department will reapply for certification in March 2020 and should be recertified by May/June 2020.
- With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.