

**Summary**  
**ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 6:00PM**  
**ADRIAN ANNEX, NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA. 31002**

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** at 6:00 PM.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation by CM O. Hutchinson** all in attendance stood for the pledge. All council members were present at the meeting.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM Fountain** made a motion to accept the agenda; **CM Yawn** made a second to the motion and all council members were in favor. Motion passed.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
  1. **Jason Bennett – Pending Ordinances** – Expressed concerns about Chapter 26 ordinances as well as the vagueness of all he has reviewed.
    - a. **Mayor Smith** once again explained to the citizens the process of the approval of the ordinances. She reiterated that the ordinances going around are not the correct ones, and if anyone has any questions or concerns they can come to her office or call her.
  2. **Ginger Green – Dogs** – Expressed her concerns about the dogs that have brought harm to other animals in the city. She gave the council a copy of “Georgia’s Responsible Dog Ownership Law”.
  3. **Ricky Beck – City Business** – No show.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: December 14<sup>th</sup> minutes** – **CM Love** made a motion to accept the adoption of the December 14<sup>th</sup> minutes; motion was seconded by **CM O. Hutchinson**. All council members were in favor. Motion passed.
- VII. **Reconciliations: December 2022 Bank Statements & Reconciliations** - **CM S. Hutchinson** made a motion to accept the December 2022 statements and reconciliations; motion was seconded by **CM Yawn**. All council members were in favor. Motion passed.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
  1. **Concession Stand – Mayor Smith** informed the council that the remaining work to have the concession stand up and running needed to be completed. She recommended hiring someone to get it taken care of. **CM Love** said there were only a few things that needed to be completed. **Mayor Smith** asked **CM Love, O. Hutchinson & S. Hutchinson** to work on getting bids from different companies for getting the remaining work needed, completed.
  2. **Ordinances – Mayor Smith** discussed these when **Jason Bennett** spoke.
  3. **Charter** – This was tabled from December 2022 meeting due to not all council members were present. **Mayor Smith** informed the council that the Charter has been completed and discussed the required amount of times. It needs to be voted on to be passed. **CM S. Hutchinson** made a motion to pass the Charter. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All council members were in favor. Motion passed.

4. **Christmas Festivities – CM S. Hutchinson**, there were 12 vendors that were satisfied with the sales and interactions during the Christmas Festivities. **CM Love**, the recreation department made a small profit on the raffle. Pictures that were made with Santa are at City Hall.
5. **2021 Audit – Mayor Smith**, informed the council that **Keith Waters, CPA** is waiting on a letter from the bank on bank account confirmations. Once the letter is received the audit will be complete and the city can begin applying for grants to help with improvements.
6. **Bank Building Renovations Update – Mayor Smith**, the renovations on the bank building have begun.
  1. **CM Yawn** brought up the need to obtain some bids for keying the vault at the bank.

**IX. New Business:**

1. **Mayor Pro Tem – CM O. Hutchinson** nominated **CM Yawn** to be the Mayor Pro Tem for the term of 2 years. No other nominations made. **CM Yawn** accepted the nomination. All council members were in favor.
2. **2023 Proposed Budget** – The budget has been tabled until the February 2023 meeting.
3. **Contents in buildings on Fountain St. – Mayor Smith** after doing a walk through the building, she informed the council there is a lot of old farm equipment and other miscellaneous items. She wanted to know what the thoughts of the council were on the remaining content in the building. **CM Yawn** informed her, he was approached by someone who would clean it out for the contents. **CM Fountain** will go look in the next few weeks and make his recommendation.
4. **Streets to be resurfaced by TIA (Transportation Investment Act) ---DOT** – Mill and Hall Street are covered under the TIA program, therefore, will not be able to be paved until 2025 or 2032.
5. **Streets to be resurfaced with LMIG – Mayor Smith** encouraged the council to keep notes on what roads need to be resurfaced so they can be included on the grant.

**X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM Yawn** motioned to recess regular meeting. **CM Love** seconded motion, all council members in favor. Motioned passed.

**XI. Executive Session** called to order at 6:28 PM.

**XII. Call Regular Meeting to order** motioned by **CM Yawn** and seconded by **CM Love**. All council members in favor. Motion to resume regular meeting passed.

**XIII. Reports:**

**(1) Department Head Reports**

**(A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported the FD had approximately 13 calls for the month of December. **Yawn** encouraged everyone to call 911 if they noticed any fires that look unsafe. He also discussed the structure fire that occurred before Christmas and the events that occurred during that time.

**(B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** - all is good with the departments. The freezes during Christmas didn't affect any of the main water lines. There were a few citizens that requested their water to be cut off until their leaks were fixed.

**(C) Police Department- Chief Strickland**, several arrests were made in the month of December. Johnson County has been assisting with speeding through the construction area by the bridge.

**(D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson**, only needing to order the rain coats for the fire department and the safety traffic cones to have everything purchased. The deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**(E) Recreation Department- CM Love**, nothing to report.

**(2) Council Members**

**(A) Suzanne Hutchinson-** expressed to everyone that due to recent events, she will only be posting events and updates for the City of Adrian on the page, and her personal page will only be used for friends and family. If anyone would like to discuss city business, they can call her or come see her.

**(B) Jesse Yawn- Nothing**

**(C) Michelle Love- Nothing**

**(D) Orweco Hutchinson-** Bingo will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Encourage people to come.

**(E) Robert Fountain Jr. -** Encouraged everyone to try and pay attention to the functionality of the streets. Expressed the need to look into working together with Johnson and Emanuel Counties to handle the dog situation.

- a. **Chief Strickland** gave an overview of the current case involving the dogs. As a city we have exhausted all avenues that we can take. It has been put in the counties' hands.

**(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith - Nothing**

**XIV. Adjournment – CM Yawn** made a motion to adjourn the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:58 PM. Motion seconded by **CM O. Hutchinson**; all council members were in favor. Motion passed.