

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2023 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA. 31002

- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation by **CM OHutchinson**. All in attendance stood for the pledge.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM OHutchinson, and CM Yawn**.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Jason Bennett – Importance of Communication:** Spoke to the council about an email he sent to each council member. He stated that he would appreciate it if they read his email and got back with him.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **May 8th minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM Fountain, and CM Yawn**.
- VII. **Reconciliations: Not Ready – Bank Statements provided to council**
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **EPA Grant Update – Mayor Smith** stated that she was proud to announce that the city was approved to receive the EPA grant. They will be assessing several properties in Adrian and then the next step of the project will be cleaning and redeveloping the properties. The grant has potential to up to \$500,000.
 - b. **Dylan Lowery Police Academy –** Will be attending in July.
 - c. **July 4th Update-** **CM SHutchinson** stated that everything is coming along well. So far they have 20 vendors set up, a car show, t-shirts, and 25 sponsors for the event.
 - d. **Knapp Building Update – Mayor Smith** stated that Georgia Power has been in contact and done what they needed to do for the building. Shannon will start working on the building when he is able to.
 - e. **Feed A Kid Program –** The program has started. For the month of June it will be provided from Emanuel County. They are currently looking into finding someone for July lunches as well. Lunch pickup is every Monday at 12:45.
 - f. **New City Hall Update – Mayor Smith** stated that they have moved into the new city hall. Once everyone is settled she hopes to do a grand opening.

IX. New Business:

- A. LIDAR and speed trailer/alert** - The council received packets of information from Chief Strickland. The chief spoke about speed signs, a speed trailer, and LIDAR. The speed trailer is \$9,537.00 and the LIDAR is \$2,271.50 and would be paid out of the court account. **CM Love** made a motion to purchase the speed trailer and LIDAR. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn, CM OHutchinson, and CM SHutchinson**.
- B. Temporary Police Officer – Mayor Smith** introduced the new temporary part time officer, Michael Milton.
CM Love had to step out of the meeting for a moment.
- C. Deputy Clerk – Mayor Smith** states that they are currently accepting applications for the deputy clerk position.
- D. Playground Equipment – Will discuss later.**

X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM Yawn made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 6:34pm. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Fountain**. **CM Love** was absent for the vote.

XI. Executive Session: Personnel

CM Love returned to the meeting.

XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: CM Yawn made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 6:43pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM SHutchinson, and CM OHutchinson**.

CM Yawn made a motion to move Michael Milton from temporary to a permanent part time position. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM OHutchinson, and CM SHutchinson**.

CM Yawn made a motion to terminate Jennifer Roberts's employment. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM Love, and CM Fountain**.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that the fireworks have been purchased for the 4th of July. The department will be helping with road closures the day of the event. The council discussed the parking for vendors and setup for the event.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** reported that the department is working on clearing out some ditches and drain lines. There is some work needing to be done with the draining at the ball field as well along with the fencing there.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** stated he wanted to clarify something that was mentioned earlier about enforcing a speed limit. He read the state law and explained it. He then welcomed Officer Milton and said he has been very helpful and glad to have him. He thanked the council for voting for the purchase of the items earlier. He then discussed some things that have happened with the department lately such as domestic violence and a car chase.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** stated they'll be having a meeting in July.

(E) Recreation Department- CM Love presented quotes for new playground equipment. The council reviewed and discussed the quotes. The council decided on the Harpers Place for \$28,000 which included the equipment and a swing. **CM Yawn** made a motion to purchase the Harpers Place equipment. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM OHutchinson, and CM Fountain**.

(2) Council Members

(A) Suzanne Hutchinson- nothing to report.

(B) Jesse Yawn- spoke about possibly removing the speed bumps on Kelly St. The council discussed using the speed trailer there to assess the situation.

(C) Michelle Love- nothing to report.

(D) Orweco Hutchinson- nothing to report.

(E) Robert Fountain Jr.- nothing to report.

(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith – Reminded everyone that the council did vote to allow her to temporarily hire employees when needed. She then reminded the council that their financial disclosures are due by the end of the month.

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. **CM OHutchinson** seconded the motion. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson, CM Love, and CM Fountain**.