

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 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 Suzanne Hutchinson.** All in attendance stood for the pledge.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Yard of the Month and add Michael Weeks in placement of it. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor. **CM Love** made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Jason Bennett – City Charter and Ordinances** - Jason Bennett passed out packets of information regarding the council and mayor’s ordinance about pay. *
 2. **Tiffanie Bennett – City Charter and Ordinances** – Chose not speak.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **October 9th ordinance workshop, minutes and executive minutes, October 26th 11:00am and 6:00pm minutes and October 31st 10:00am minutes.** Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.
- VII. **Reconciliations: CM Love** made a motion to accept the **September 2023 Reconciliations and Bank Statements.** Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. **Mayor Smith** said the clerks will be cross training and working on the October reconciliations together.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Ordinance Reading: CM Love** read the manufactured housing ordinance. No questions or comments were made.
 - b. **Trunk or Treat: Mayor Smith** stated that the trunk-or-treat event had a good turnout.
 - c. **Digital Sign: CM SHutchinson** stated that the company was waiting on a delivery for the needed materials for the sign and they hoped to have it up by Thanksgiving.
 - d. **Playground:** The new pieces of equipment have been put together and they are in the process of restoring the older equipment. Everything is coming along.
 - e. **Evans Disposal Contract- Mayor Smith** stated that the contract with Evans has been finalized.
 - f. **Election: Mayor Smith** stated that she ran unopposed for mayor, Robert Fountain Jr. ran unopposed for Post 2, and Jesse Yawn was elected for Post 3.
 - g. **Millage Rate: CM Yawn** made a motion to set the millage rate at 8.608. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.
 - h. **Social Media Policy: Mayor Smith** presented the council with a copy of a social media policy for the city’s employees. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the social media policy. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.

- i. **Maintenance Worker: Mayor Smith** asked the council to terminate Keith Grant's employment due to the fact that he returned to his previous job. **CM Love** made a motion to terminate Keith Grant's employment. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. All in favor.
- j. **Breast Cancer Awareness Donation: Mayor Smith** reported that the city made a donation to the Susan G Coleman foundation of \$150.00.

IX. New Business:

- a. **Public Safety Emergency Ordinance:** postponed.
- b. **Grand Opening – City Park:** Saturday, December 2nd at 10am. There will be free hot dogs and drinks for those who attend.
- c. **Christmas Festivities:** Saturday, December 2nd starting at 2pm with car show and vendors. Parade is at 6pm.
- d. **Police Vehicle:** Chief Strickland presented the mayor with a packet of information on vehicles. **Mayor Smith** stated that she needed to get the figures together and they would discuss it at next month's meeting.
- e. **Christmas Cards to Troops:** Clerk Jennifer Roberts stated that there has been a good response to the program. Cards will be mailed out on November 22nd.
- f. **Michael Weeks:** Presented the council and citizens with a call to action to attend the Emanuel County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30 to voice their opinions on the bids for the Adrian School Property.
Dumpsters: **Mayor Smith** informed the council that the price the city is being charged by Evans for dumpsters is more than the city is charging customers. She asked the council to think about what the price should be changed to and for them to discuss it at the next meeting and make it effective in January.
***CM Fountain** made a motion in response to the public speaker to hand the matter over to the city attorney and to review and respond appropriately. Motion seconded by CM Yawn. All in favor.

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM Love** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 6:48pm. Motion seconded by CM Yawn. All in favor.

XI. Executive Session: Personnel & Real Estate

- XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: CM Yawn** made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 7:22pm. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. All in favor.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that he has designated a few fire fighters to be here during the Christmas event but he will be at training. The only thing they will need help with is blocking off the road.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** reported that the leak on Hwy 15 has been repaired. The department also had a couple other water leaks to deal with.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that F-150 is in bad shape and could go out any day now. He also mentioned the Chevrolet will be out of service for over 4 days shortly. The council discussed leasing a vehicle or purchasing one. The mentioned holding a special meeting to vote on the matter.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** reported that the grant has been turned in.

(E) Recreation Department- CM Love mentioned the park grand opening and stated what a good job the guys working on the park have been doing. She will be sponsoring the group for thanksgiving and stated they are asking for coat donations.

(2) Council Members

(A) Suzanne Hutchinson- nothing to report.

(B) Jesse Yawn- nothing to report.

(C) Michelle Love- nothing to report.

(D) Orweco Hutchinson- nothing to report.

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

(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith- nothing to report.

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.