

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 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: Mayor Smith** asked the council to amend the agenda to include a reading of the charter. **CM Fountain** made a motion to amend the agenda to include a reading of the charter. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM OHutchinson,** and **CM Yawn**. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn, CM Fountain,** and **CM OHutchinson**. Agenda Adopted.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 - a. **Jason Bennett- Limb Committee Leader:** Mr. Bennett shared some research he had done on what the city could do to dispose of limbs. He suggested getting a dumpster through Evans Disposal and estimated a cost of about \$4,000 to \$12,000 a year.
 - b. **Ginger Green – Dogs:** Mrs. Green stated that there have been several issues with two dogs around her neighborhood. The dogs have shown aggression and then attacked and killed one of her cats. She asked what was going on with the situation and how the dogs were still out when they attacked her cat. **Mayor Smith** asked for Chief Strickland’s account of the matter and he stated that he has reached out to Swainsboro Animal Control several times over the matter and the dogs were supposed to be picked up on the day of the attack but the animal control did not show. The **Mayor** and council agreed to reach out to Animal Control to see what’s going on.
 - c. **Nick Alfonso – Budget:** Mr. Alfonso spoke briefly about the millage rate and the city budget.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the **August 5th Special Meeting Minutes & Executive minutes and August 8th minutes and executive minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM Love,** and **CM SHutchinson**. Motion passed.
- VII. **Reconciliations: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to accept the bank statements and reconciliations. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM Yawn,** and **CM Fountain**.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Charter Reading-** Attorney Calhoun presented the second reading of the charter. **CM Yawn** asked about the districts being included. The council agreed to remove the districts from the charter and to include the posts. Revisions will be made.
 - b. **Reconciliation Update-** All reconciliations are up to date.
 - c. **Bank Building Roof-** The work on the roof has been completed.
 - d. **Bank Building Renovation Bids-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the city is now taking bids for the interior renovations of the building. She asked to spread the word if anyone knows anyone who is interested. There is a scope of work already done.

- e. **Update of EPA Grant- Mayor Smith** stated that everything should be ready to submit the grant in November 2022.
- f. **Audit 2020 Findings- Mayor Smith** shared the audit findings with the council and stated copies are available at City Hall.
- g. **Cleaning of City Properties- Mayor Smith** stated that the properties are starting to be cleared off. They have worked on the bank property and a property on Nora.
- h. **Tractor Repairs- Mayor Smith** shared that the tractor has been repaired after several months.

IX. New Business:

- a. **YOTM- Yard of the Month for October 2022** was awarded to Milton Ricks.
- b. **Introduction of new Employees-** The new employees Michael and Elizabeth were not in attendance.
- c. **Charger Repair-** Chief Strickland informed the council that the police charger is in the shop. The transmission needs to be replaced. They are unable to find a used transmission but found a rebuilt one for \$4300. The council agreed they would rather sell the vehicle at auction.
- d. **Halloween Festivities Details-** Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 31st from 6-8pm.
- e. **Candy Donations-** Candy donations are being accepted at City Hall.
- f. **Adrian Baptist Church Appreciation Dinner- Mayor Smith** shared that the city council, employees, fire department, and first responders were invited to a dinner hosted by Adrian Baptist Church.
- g. **Millage Rate-** The council agreed to go with the rollback millage rate of 9.336 and there will be a meet adopting the millage rate on October 24th at 6:00pm.
- h. **Adoption of Emanuel County Joint Comprehensive Plan- CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the Emanuel County Joint Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM SHutchinson, and CM Fountain**.

X. Executive Session: Not needed.

XI. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that things are going well with the department. The department needs more volunteers. They are working on a grant with the county.
- (B) Street/Water Department-** The departments are doing a good job. Currently working on cleaning up properties. Harry Ricks will be attending water training class this month.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that the department has been busy. Dylan Lowery will be attending training in January. **CM Fountain** asked about traffic light.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** reported that the safety grant was turned in.
- (E) Recreation Department- CM Love** reported that there has been progress on the concession stand and they are looking for volunteers. Bingo will be held once a month on the third Thursday at 7pm.

(2) Council Members

- (A) Suzanne Hutchinson-** Reported that things are coming along with the Christmas parade. She has reached out to vendors and they will be meeting soon to discuss the event.
- (B) Jesse Yawn-** nothing to report.
- (C) Michelle Love-** nothing to report.
- (D) Orweco Hutchinson-** nothing to report.
- (E) Robert Fountain Jr.-** Asked about the dog situation and for the attorney to look further into it to see if there anything else the city can do.

(3) Mayor Wynola Smith reported that Shannon Watkins reached out to her with a potential solution for the limb problem. He is getting in contact with the EPD to see if it is a viable solution.

XII. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM OHutchinson, and CM SHutchinson**.