

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 6:02pm.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation by CM Michelle Love.**
CM Fountain not in attendance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda:** CM Love made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by CM Yawn. Motion carried by CM OHutchinson and CM SHutchinson. Agenda adopted.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Keep Emanuel Beautiful** – Richard Claxton represented the organization. He presented the council with information about the plans for the organization and informed them of a meeting on Thursday.
 2. **Jason Bennett – city business** – Jason Bennett asked the mayor about the ordinances discussed in the august meeting. The mayor explained the council did not receive them then and they were pushed off and received at the December meeting.
 3. **Marcel Dubois & Michael Weeks – introduction** –
 4. **Nick Alfonso – ordinance** – Nick Alfonso spoke about the confusion with the ordinances and state he was glad they would be formatted for the city of Adrian. He said everyone needs to work together for the city.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the **January 9th minutes and executive minutes.** Motion seconded by CM Love. Motion carried by CM SHtuchinson and CM OHutchinson.
- VII. **Reconciliations:** CM SHutchinson made a motion to accept the **January 2023 Bank Statements & Reconciliations.** Motion seconded by CM OHutchinson. Motion carried by CM Yawn and CM Love.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 1. **Bank Building Renovation Update – Mayor Smith** stated that the renovations are coming along. They are currently placing down the flooring. They said everything would be complete in a few weeks.
 2. **Community center renovation bids** – Another bid is coming. Item tabled for now.
 3. **Bids for clearing outside of bank building** – Received 3 bids last month. Motion made by CM Yawn to go with Fred’s Tree Service (Fred Hernandez). Motion seconded by CM O. Hutchinson. All were in favor, motion carried.
 4. **Bids for Concession Stand** – Awaiting a set date and time.
 5. **Proposed Ordinances** – Mayor Smith informed everyone that the updated ordinances have been received by the council for review. She went on to explain the process that has to take place before the ordinances are passed.

6. **Charter Update – Mayor Smith** informed the council of the corrections made to the charter and the resolution.
7. **Tax bills** – Were mailed out January 26th and payments will be due by March 26th.
8. **2021 Audit** – Audit has been completed, and will be posted online.

IX. New Business:

1. **Qualifying Fees**- The qualifying notice was posted in the paper. Qualifying will be August 21st to August 23rd from 8:30-4:30. Qualifying will be for Post 2 & 3 (\$54) and Mayor (\$234).
2. **Safety Grant – Artiffany Stanley** with GMA presented the checks for the safety grant.
3. **GEFA Loan** – 20 Years, \$400,000 has been paid off.
4. **Proposed Adrian Community Center Rental Agreement** – The agreement was reviewed by the council and it was suggested to add “no alcohol” and “subject to inspection by law enforcement”
5. **2023 Proposed Budget** – Dates are for review are as follows:
 - a. **Public Hearing** – February 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM (Budget & first notice)
 - b. **Meeting** – March 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM (Second notice)
6. **YOTM---February 2023 – Henry Moore on Gill Street**

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM S. Hutchinson** made a motion to recess from regular meeting and enter into executive session; this motion was seconded by **CM Love**. All were in favor and motion carried at 6:40 PM.

XI. Executive Session: Employees & Litigation

- XII. Call Regular Meeting to order:** At 6:48 PM **CM Yawn** made a motion to exit Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by **CM O. Hutchinson**. All were in favor and motion carried.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** Everything is going well. There was a structure fire outside of the city the FD assisted with.
- (B) Street/Water Department-** Looking at ditches and culverts on Mill St. Discussion about trading with Shannon for work needing to be completed with jaws in exchange for items from old building.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** – Reported to several calls and had a few arrests. There have been complaints about speeding. Chief Strickland informed the people that he is working on it and is moving forward with the speed bumps for the city roads. The Waymaker’s teen night went well. There were 20 teens present.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** – First Meeting of the year will be held on February 16, 2023.
- (E) Recreation Department-** Working on improving the park.

(2) Council Members

(A) Suzanne Hutchinson- Asked Chief Strickland about the timeframe on the speed bumps.

He said he is looking to have something within the next 90 days.

(B) Jesse Yawn- Nothing to report

(C) Michelle Love- Nothing to report

(D) Orweco Hutchinson-Nothing to report

(E) Robert Fountain Jr.- Not in attendance.

(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith – Nothing to report

XIV. Adjournment: Motion made at 7:03 PM by CM Yawn to adjourn from the February 2023 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by CM O. Hutchinson. All were in favor, motion carried.