

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, December 12th, 2022 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA. 31002

- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation by CM Jesse Yawn.** All in attendance stood for the pledge. **CM Love and CM O. Hutchinson** were not in attendance.
- III. **Chief Strickland** took a moment to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bennett for their assistance, and presented them with a letter of accommodation.
- IV. **Adoption of Agenda: CM S. Hutchison** made a motion to adopt and accept the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**. Motion passed.
- V. **Announcements: None**
- VI. **Public Speakers:**
 - a. **Jason Bennett- Ordinances-** Mr. Bennett asked why he has been unable to receive copies of the ordinances that were discussed in the August 2022 meeting. Mayor Smith explained if he would give her a few moments, the ordinances were on the agenda to be discussed.
 - b. **Nick Alfonso-ARPA-** Inquired about the moneys dedicated to the ARPA. Mayor Smith explained the money was kept in the general account with a running amount of the money that has been spent, and what is remaining. Mr. Alfonso asked if someone could request this information and she informed him that any citizen could put in an open records request and get the desired information. Mr. Alfonso also asked what the remaining moneys would be used for. Mayor Smith informed him the money could be used for the water, sewage and the renovations of the bank.
***Mr. Bennett asked about the money being used for the park; Mayor Smith said that the money couldn't be used for the park.**
- VII. **Adoption of Minutes:** **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **November 14th Meeting Minutes & Executive Minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**. Motion passed.
- VIII. **Reconciliations:** **CM S. Hutchinson** made a motion to accept the **November 2022 Bank Statements & Reconciliations**. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn**. Motion passed.
- IX. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Tag Reader:** Mayor Smith asked Chief Strickland about adding to the tag reader. Chief Strickland explained that a seatbelt, insurance and any registration information could be added with the new software. The new software just went live in Dublin.
 - i. **CM Fountain** expressed how much better the lights are.
 - b. **Bank building renovations – Mayor Smith** opened the two bids that had been received. The first bid was from Kirkland Construction out of Swainsboro, which was \$138, 000. The second

bid was from Roberson Construction out of Swainsboro, which was \$62,250. **CM Yawn** made a motion to go with Roberson Construction. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM S. Hutchinson**. Motion passed

- c. **Cleaning side of bank building – Mayor Smith** opened the two bids received. The first bid was from John Page for \$1,200. The second bid was from Keith Isaac for \$5,000. This will be tabled until next meeting to try getting more bids.
- d. **Christmas Festivities Update-Mayor Smith-** there were 12 vendors that were satisfied with the sales and interactions during the Christmas Festivities. Santa was the biggest hit of the day. **CM S. Hutchinson** thanked everyone who helped make the day such a success. She has started planning on the 4th of July festivities. This year the Grand Marshall will be a veteran. She requested if anyone knew a veteran and wanted to put them in for it to get with her.
- e. **Ordinance Update-Mayor Smith** reported the updated ordinances have been received and distributed to the council. Once they have reviewed and made their suggestions, the attorney will make changes. Once all this has been completed, the ordinances will then be put online for the citizens to look over and give them the opportunity to make suggestions.
- f. **Charter Update-Mayor Smith** reported all public readings for charter have been completed. It will be voted on once all council members are present. The current charter is still online for review. She informed the council and the present citizens if they have any questions or concerns they would like to discuss they could come to her office anytime.
- g. **Business License Review-** Melvin Holder, Jr. was denied to open a game hall next to Post Office. Melvin Holder, Sr. asked the mayor to reconsider. The council expressed that due to the location, parking would be a problem. Business license denial holds.
- h. **2021 Audit Update-Mayor Smith** informed the council and citizens that the CPA should have the audit completed by the end of the week next week. Once it has been completed, the budget will then be able to be worked on.

X. New Business:

- a. **Account for Animal Control –** It was requested to be able to open an account for the donations that have been made. **CM Fountain** asked what the money would be used for. **Chief Strickland** expressed the money would go towards supplies, food, shelter and possibly a license for holding and adopting animals that are held. **CM S. Hutchinson** motioned for an Animal Control account to be opened. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**. Motion passed.
- b. **November Yard of the Month- Mayor Smith** announced Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Smith were December's YOTM.
- c. **Business License – Mayor Smith** made a suggestion about raising the cost of the business licenses beginning January 2023. The licenses are currently \$25. She suggested increasing to \$50.
- d. **Employee 2023 Paid Holidays-** **CM S. Hutchinson** made a motion to accept and approve the paid holidays for 2023. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**. Motion passed.

XI. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

(A) Fire Department- **Chief Yawn** reported that they had 104 calls from December 2021 through November 2022, which are 17 more calls than 2021. They had 27 trainings/meetings, some were 8 hours and some were 4 hours.

(B) Street/Water Department- **CM Yawn** reported that the department is doing a great job. The streets and the town are looking great.

- (C) **Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that in the past month, the call volume has increased. Expressed to everyone, “See something, say something”. There have been reports made of people in citizen’s yards.
- (D) **Safety Department- CM S. Hutchinson** reported that the department has been approved for the Safety Grant and the purchases have been made.
- (E) **Recreation Department- CM S. Hutchinson** reported the Christmas raffle would be drawn 12/13/22.

(2) Council Members

- (A) **Suzanne Hutchinson-** nothing to report.
- (B) **Jesse Yawn-** nothing to report.
- (C) **Robert Fountain Jr.** expressed that he is willing to speak with anyone regarding city affairs, but anyone wanting to do so should reach out to him in person or on the phone. Social media is not an appropriate way to communicate with him.

- (3) **Mayor- Wynola Smith-** Reiterated that if anyone had any questions or concerns or just wanted to talk, her door is always open.

XII. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm. Motion seconded by **CM S. Hutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**.