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**MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th, 2024 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, 107 NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA 31002**

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Mayor Wynola Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation by CM Robert Fountain.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda:** Mayor Wynola Smith asked the Council to amenda the agenda to add Fire Dept. equipment. CM Michelle Love made a motion to add Fire Dept. equipment to the agenda. Seconded by CM Robert Fountain. All in favor.
- IV. **Announcements:** None
- V. **Adoption of Minutes:** CM Orweco Hutchinson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 23rd, 2024 Special Meeting. Seconded by CM Suzanne Hutchinson. All in favor.
- VI. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Brownfield Assessment Grant Update:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that the company CHA has been hired. She would be having a zoom meeting with them and the project manager the next day.
 - b. **Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Update:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that it was going smoothly so far. Adrian is looking to hire a contractor. A representative from Georgia Rural Water came the previous Monday to get the spreadsheets started. The deadline will be mid October.
 - c. **Electric Rate Savings Update:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that Rob Hoffman had audited the City of Adrian's GA Power Accounts and the City Hall building was able to save \$1000 so far.
 - d. **Safety Training Update:** CM Suzanne Hutchinson and CM Michelle Love gave updates from their Safety Training class that they attended. Mayor Wynola Smith read a resolution designating them both as safety coordinators.
 - e. **Patching Holes Update:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that Johnnie Smith had come and patched more holes recently.

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VII. New Business:

- a. **GMA Convention Summary:** Mayor Wynola Smith gave an update on her training from the GMA Convention. She stated that GIRMA would be increasing premiums. She also stated that there are a lot of grants that the City will hopefully be applying for. Mayor Smith also discussed the current housing crisis. Many city representatives at the convention discussed this issue and the importance of having more affordable housing options.
- b. **Storm Damage to Maintenance Area and Fire Department:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that the last storm did damage to the Maintenance Area and Fire Department. She stated that she had submitted a claim along with photos to GIRMA. The City has received two estimates that will also be submitted.
- c. **Law Enforcement Appreciation Reception:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that the Law Enforcement Appreciation Reception went well and that the City appreciates our officers very much.
- d. **Law Enforcement Update:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that as of August 8th, 2024, Michael Milton is the new Interim Chief of Police for Adrian. She also stated that Kyle Strickland had stepped down as chief and is now working as a part officer for Adrian.
- e. **Qualifying Information:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that qualifying packets are now available. There will be four posts available. Qualifying dates are Monday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- f. **New Work Schedules for Clerks:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that the City and Deputy Clerk would each now be working four days a week. They will rotate taking a certain day off each week and prn employee, Jessica Kersey, would work those days.
- g. **Water Savings:** Mayor Wynola Smith asked the council to consider stopping monthly payments to the Water Savings Account from the Water Account until the end of the year.

Fire Chief Justin Johnson addressed the Mayor and Council, letting them know that the Tarrytown Volunteer Fire Department had some used but nice extraction equipment for \$3200.00 that he would like for the City to purchase. He showed the Mayor and Council pictures of the equipment and explained the importance of having this equipment on hand and that several fire fighters and police were trained on how to use it.

CM Suzanne Hutchinson made a motion to purchase the equipment from Tarrytown for \$3200.00 upon receiving certifications. Seconded by CM Michelle Love. All in favor. Mayor Wynola Smith stated that the money would come out of ARPA funds.

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Justin then gave a report on the calls from the past month.

- VIII. **Executive Session – Personnel:** At 6:38 p.m., CM Michelle Love made a motion to go into executive session. CM Robert Fountain seconded the motion. All in favor.
At 7:28 p.m., CM Michelle Love made a motion to come out of executive session and enter back into regular session. CM Orweco Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor.

CM Michelle Love made a motion to stop making deposits to the Water Savings Account from the Water Account through the end of the year and to revisit the subject in January of next year. CM Suzanne Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor.

IX. **Reports:**

(1) **Department Head Reports**

- (A) **Fire Department:** Already given by Chief Justin Johnson.
- (B) **Street Water Department:** Mayor Wynola Smith stated that the maintenance workers had been cutting grass and that as soon as the temperature cools off some, they would begin working on the yard work at the school.
- (C) **Police Department:** Chief Michael Milton gave a report on the last month's calls.
- (D) **Safety Department:** CM Suzanne Hutchinson stated that she would be ordering AED's for the City Hall and Community Center with money from the Safety Grant. The City would also like to host a CPR class for all workers and citizens.
- (E) **Recreation Department:** CM Michelle Love announced that the Waymaker's would be hosting a Kid's Day on September 7th, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the ball field.

(2) **Council Members**

- (A) **Suzanne Hutchinson:** Nothing to report.
(B) **Michelle Love:** Nothing to report.
(C) **Orweco Hutchinson:** Nothing to report.
(D) **Robert Fountain Jr.:** Nothing to report.
- (3) **Mayor – Wynola Smith:** Nothing to report.

- X. **Adjournment:** At 7:34, CM Orweco Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by CM Robert Fountain. All in favor.