

**MINUTES**  
**ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 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 Fountain** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn, CM OHutchinson,** and **CM SHutchinson**.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
  1. **Dwayne Sumner – Budget-** Mr. Sumner passed out information to the council and then asked about the ordinances. **Mayor Smith** stated once the council has reviewed them and changes have been made to suit the city they will be available to the public. He then asked about the charter resolution. **Mayor Smith** informed Mr. Sumner his speaking time was up. **CM Yawn** suggested he sit down with the mayor with anymore concerns.
  2. **Jason Bennett – City Business-** Mr. Bennett stated that the signup date was the day before the agenda was posted and it makes it difficult for citizens to sign up to speak about something on the agenda. He then asked about the 4 ordinances mentioned in the august meeting.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes:** **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **February 13<sup>th</sup> minutes, executive minutes, and February 22<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing Minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM Yawn,** and **CM Love**.
- VII. **Reconciliations:** **CM Love** made a motion to accept the **February 2023 Bank Statements & Reconciliations**. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson, CM Yawn,** and **CM OHutchinson**.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
  1. **Charter Update-** **Attorney Calhoun** stated that he has submitted the charter to a state representative for them to submit to legislation.
  2. **Community Center Renovation Bids-** **Mayor Smith** opened 2 bids for renovating the community center. Bids: Roberson Construction - \$22,500 & Kirkland Renovations - \$57,000. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to accept the bid from Roberson Construction for \$22,500. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM OHutchinson,** and **CM Fountain**.
  3. **Bids for Concession Stand-** **Mayor Smith** opened 2 bids for renovating the concession stand. Bids: Roberson Construction - \$3,600 & James Ledford - \$3,000. **Mayor Smith** stated that James Ledford is **CM Love's** brother and she will abstain from voting. **CM OHutchinson** made a motion to accept the bid from Roberson Construction for \$3,600. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn** and **CM Fountain**. **CM Love** abstained from voting.

4. **Bank Building Renovation Update- Mayor Smith** stated the renovations are coming to a close and they hope to be done with in the next 1-2 weeks.
5. **Budget Vote-** The council reviewed the budget. **CM Fountain** made a motion to adopt the 2023 budget. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM Yawn,** and **CM OHutchinson**.
6. **Court Account/Budget-Mayor Smith** stated that she spoke with the CPA and he stated the city is not required to create a budget for the court account due to the funds only being able to be used for certain things.
7. **Speed bumps Update- Mayor Smith** stated that one speed bump has been installed on Mill St and more will be installed once the signs come in.
8. **Update on New Police Officer training-** Chief Strickland stated that Dylan Lowery has been approved by post for training and will be taking the PAT on March 30<sup>th</sup> and will begin training in April if approved. **CM Yawn** made a motion to hire Dylan Lowery full time as of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM Fountain,** and **CM Love**.
9. **Proposed Ordinances Update- Mayor Smith** discussed the process of the ordinances at the next meeting and asked the council to focus on the nuisance ordinance to review next month.

**IX. New Business:**

1. **YOTM- Mayor Smith** stated the YOTM has been delayed and will be announced at the next meeting.
2. **Police Vehicle-** Chief Strickland informed the council of the current state of the police vehicles. He stated that the truck is doing well but has 240,000 miles on it. The charger is okay right now with 140,000 miles on it but with the trouble the city has had with chargers in the past he was worried and suggested purchasing a new vehicle with a new full time officer starting soon. Chief Strickland said that the vehicles currently in stock and fully equipped are Chevrolet Tahoes (\$54,000) and Silverados (\$57,000) with 4 year financing available. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to proceed with the Silverado and the council will discuss the payments at a later date. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM Fountain,** and **CM OHutchinson**.
3. **GMA District 9 Spring Listening Session- Mayor Smith** stated that the session will be held in Hazelhurst on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm.
4. **City of Adrian Deputy Clerk- Mayor Smith** introduced the new deputy clerk, Jennifer Roberts, who was hired on a temporary basis. **Mayor Smith** asked the council to vote for her to be a permanent part-time employee. **CM Yawn** made a motion to hire Jennifer Roberts as deputy clerk. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM OHutchinson,** and **CM Love**.

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 7:01pm. **CM Love** seconded the motion. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM Yawn,** and **CM Fountain**.

**XI. Executive Session: Personnel & Litigation**

- XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: CM Yawn** made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 7:11pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson, CM OHutchinson,** and **CM Fountain**.

**CM Yawn** made a motion to give employees who have been employed a year or more a \$1 raise. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM OHutchinson, and CM Fountain**.

**CM Yawn** made a motion to start Dylan Lowery at \$15/hr. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**, Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM Love, and CM SHutchinson**.

**XIII. Reports:**

**(1) Department Head Reports**

**(A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that the department has been busy.

**(B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** reported that they are replacing the culvert on Mill St and the Water Tower is currently being painted.

**(C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** thanked the council for voting on the vehicle. He stated the department has had a few calls recently.

**(D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** reported that they had their meeting last month.

**(E) Recreation Department- CM Love** stated they have been sanding equipment and waiting for the weather to clear up to paint them.

**(2) Council Members**

**(A) Suzanne Hutchinson-** stated that the clerks brother, Alex Wiggins, was valedictorian and wanted to congratulate them.

**(B) Jesse Yawn-** nothing to report.

**(C) Michelle Love-** nothing to report.

**(D) Orweco Hutchinson-** Bingo is the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**(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 7:21pm. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson, CM Fountain, and CM Love**.