

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10TH, 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 Robert Fountain Jr. CM OHutchinson** was not in attendance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain** and **CM Yawn**. Motion passed. Agenda Adopted.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Jason Bennett – Speed Bumps:** Mr. Bennett asked where the money for the speed bumps came from. **Mayor Smith** stated that they were paid out of the T-Splost fund. He mentioned some areas in the city that had erosion. **Mayor Smith** asked for any citizens who noticed issues like this to inform City Hall immediately so the matter can be taken care of.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes:** **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **March 13th minutes, executive minutes, and March 28th Minutes**. **CM Love** seconded the motion. Motion carried by **CM Yawn** and **CM Fountain**. Motion passed. Minutes adopted.
- VII. **Reconciliations:** **CM Love** made a motion to accept the **March 2023 Bank Statements & Reconciliations**. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn** and **CM SHutchinson**. Motion passed.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Bank Building Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the majority of the work for the bank building has been completed. There are just some small touches that need to be completed.
 - b. **Concession Stand Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the work on the concession stand has been complete and all that was left was for the equipment to be put together. **CM Love** stated that the lights also needed to be installed.
 - c. **Community Center Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the renovations have been started.
 - d. **Charter Update-** Attorney Paul Calhoun stated that the charter was not drafted to legislation in time. It will be submitted next year.
 - e. **Speed Bumps Update-** The speed bumps were discussed earlier. **Mayor Smith** added that the speed bumps will be installed where speeding is occurring and there will not be any exceptions. The placement of the speed bumps does not have to do with anything else. The city cannot have an officer on duty at all times of the day on every street and these speed bumps will help keep people safe. She stated that the same goes for the tag reader cameras.
 - f. **Police Officer Training Update-** **Mayor Smith** reported that Dylan Lowery was not able to make the April class and has been registered for the July one.
 - g. **Proposed Nuisance Ordinance Update-** **Mayor Smith** reminded the citizens that this ordinance was a proposed ordinance and not final. Once the council gives their input and corrections are made by the attorney it will be available to the public for input before being voted on.

- h. **GMA District 9 Spring Listening Session- Mayor Smith** reminded the council that the listening session was taking place on the 11th.
- i. **Police Vehicle Update- Chief Strickland** stated that the vehicle has been picked up and is currently being equipped.

IX. New Business:

- a. **Business License Application- Mayor Smith** presented a business license application from Grant Oak Personal Care Home. **CM Yawn** made a motion to accept the business license. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain** and **CM Love**.
- b. **Renewal of Business Licenses- Mayor Smith** informed the council there have been several people not renewing their business licenses and the clerks will be working on a list to send out reminder letters to business owners.
- c. **YOTM-** Ralph and Sue Page on North Poplar Street were the April winners.
- d. **Knapp Building-**The **Mayor** and council discussed the current condition of the building and agreed something needed to be done immediately. **CM Yawn** made a motion to take down the building. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. **CM Fountain** stated that there comes a point where the historical value of the building is not worth the hazard to people's safety. Currently the building is dangerous and it would take years before the city received money to be able to repair it. He stated that he is disappointed action was not taken sooner to stop the building from its current condition but that it's important to protect the integrity of the buildings that are left. Motion carried by **CM Love** and **CM SHutchinson**.
- e. **July 4th T-Shirts-** Jennifer Roberts showed the council the T-shirt design for the 4th of July. She stated that t-shirts would be \$15 for kids and \$20 for adults. You can pre-order t-shirts at city hall. Sponsorships will be \$50, their name will be printed on the back of the t-shirt, and they will receive a free t-shirt. T-shirt order forms and sponsorships will be due by June 1st.

X. Recess Regular Meeting:

XI. Executive Session: Not needed

XII. Call Regular Meeting to order:

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** informed the council and citizens about the incident with the crane at the bridge. He stated there was some misinformation spread but there was only one worker injured and he should make a recovery. He is currently working with Emanuel County on some grants for the department.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** report that everything is going well. Its grass cutting season and they've been busy. They did have to work on the vault at the bank building to remove some rust. **CM Yawn** spoke about the speed bumps stating that they slow people down and will be safer for the citizens. There are a lot of kids and people who walk in the community. Lastly he stated that the water tank has been repainted per the water tank maintenance contract.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** stated everything with the department had been covered with talking about training and the vehicle.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** stated the next meeting will be in July.
- (E) Recreation Department- CM Love** stated they will be working to finish the concessions stand.

(2) Council Members

(A) Suzanne Hutchinson spoke about the 4th of July and setting up the first planning session.

(B) Jesse Yawn stated he would like to get the dumpsters for this month.

(C) Michelle Love read a letter she prepared speaking about the council, citizens, speed bumps, and more.

(D) Orweco Hutchinson- not in attendance.

(E) Robert Fountain Jr. stated that he, like most people, are not a fan of speed bumps but the need of them comes down to safety. He stated that realistically the city cannot have officers at all times of the day in all areas. They city is working to see the effect and they may not be permanent. Lastly he stated the importance of slowing down in the bridge work area on HWY 80 East.

CM Yawn added that Meeks Rd will be closed approximately from May 1st to June 29th

Keep Emanuel Beautiful- There will be a county wide park clean up on April 22nd from 9am to 12pm at the city park for anyone who wants to help.

(3) Mayor Wynola Smith stated that she enjoys working with the city council and is glad they have the working relationship that they do.

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain** and **CM SHutchinson**. Meeting adjourned.