

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2024 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, 107 NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA 31002

- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation by **CM Fountain**; All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda - CM R Fountain** made a motion to adopt the agenda. **Seconded by CM O Hutchinson**. All in favor.
- IV. **Announcements:** None
- V. **Adoption of Minutes: Mayor Smith** asked the council if they had had a chance to review last month's minutes. **CM S Hutchinson** made a motion to adopt the minutes from last month's meeting. **Second by CM Love**. All in favor.
- VI. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Speed Bumps/Humps - Mayor Smith** advised the council that she had obtained pricing for speed humps, but was very pricey. She asked the council to consider using the speed bumps that the city already has, and make a decision at next month's meeting.
 - b. **RFP - Mayor Smith** stated that this is Requests for Proposals regarding \$500K EPA Grant. RFPs have been posted on websites to have contractors to start coming in to assess.
 - c. **Budget Update - Mayor Smith** advised that the budget is still pending because of the audit.
 - d. **Audit 2022 Update - Mayor Smith** advised the CPA has everything they requested. CPA may need a few more invoices, but until they ask for that, they have everything that they need
 - e. **Reconciliations Update - Mayor Smith** advised that the reconciliations go along with the budget and audit, and can't get them done until the audit is complete.
 - f. **Police Agreement - Mayor Smith** advised that the police agreement is in place, and has been signed by Officer Lowery
 - g. **Trash Ordinance** – Mayor Smith passed around the trash ordinance for council review. The misspelling of the word ordinance on the first page had been correct, and the progression of fines has been corrected on the last page. 1st time will receive a verbal warning, the 2nd time will be a written warning, and the 3rd time will be a citation with the judge determining the appropriate resolution. Council signed ordinance and it will be effective as of 5/1/2024
 - h. **Air Evac – April 14, 2024 at 3pm** – Mayor Smith reminded everyone that the Air Evac will be April 14, 2024 at 3pm – weather permitting.

VII. New Business:

- a. **Ron Hoffman – Electric Rate Savings** - Mr. Hoffman with Utility Management Services advised that they help cities find savings in their utility bills based on how each individual account is using electricity. No upfront cost. 50/50 share of gains and losses during program, which is 48 months; no cost if no savings. They will need 1 month of statements from each of the city's power bills to get started. The council will review info to make a decision at next month's meeting.
- b. **Water Bills – Mayor Smith** asked the council to consider increasing the water cutoff fee from \$25 to \$50. In order not to receive a cutoff fee, bills must be paid in full, including any late fees, by end of business day on the 20th of each month. Cut of is still on the 21st of the month. **CM S Hutchinson** made motion to increase cutoff fee from \$25 to \$50. Motion seconded by **CM O Hutchinson**. All in favor.
- c. **Emanuel County BOE - Mayor Smith** advised that the Emanuel County Board of Education has signed over the deed for the Adrian School to the City of Adrian. Already looking for grants.
- d. **Summary of Newly Elected Training** – CM R Fountain gave report of recent 2-day training in Tifton. 480 attendees. Training was very intense.
- e. **John Moore – Emanuel County Commissioner Candidate** – Running for District 3 Commissioner. Election is May 21, 2024. Items he would like to see addressed: working on roads, debris dumpster, and making sure the fire department has the supplies they need.
- f. **Fences – Repair – Mayor Smith** advised that Central Fence will be repairing fences at the old city hall that were damaged during storm. File was claimed with insurance, and insurance is paying in full.
- g. **Fire Department Agreement** – Mayor Smith advised it was received last month, as well as the by-laws. CM S Hutchinson inquired if reimbursement of \$15 per call was within the budget. Mayor Smith advised that wouldn't know until the audit was complete, and budget is done. Danton clarified that support members can do anything but go into the fire. Wording needs to be changed on #10 to add Emanuel County, and #4 needs to state pre-approved; then agreement should be ready to sign. Danton advised that they are already working on fireworks for the 4th of July, and will get back with the mayor and council on pricing. Ladder test was done on April 1st and pump test is coming up. Danton advised that they did have 3 first responder calls last month, but any other info Chief Johnson would give next month.

VIII. **Recess Regular Session - CM O Hutchinson** made a motion to recess regular session and go into executive session at 6:55pm. Seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.

IX. Executive Session – Personnel

X. **Call Regular Session to Order – CM Fountain** made a motion to recess executive session and return to regular session at 7:12pm. Seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.

Mayor Smith asked council to vote to increase Amber’s pay by \$2 per hour, starting this pay period. **CM S Hutchinson** made motion to increase Amber’s pay by \$2 per hour. Motion seconded by **CM O Hutchinson**. All in favor.

XI. Reports:

1. Department Head Reports

- a. **Fire Department** – Will update next month
- b. **Street Water Department** – **Mayor Smith** stated that workers are cutting grass, putting up stop signs, and working on the school.
- c. **Police Department** – **Chief Strickland** gave department statistics for March.

	Dylan	Michael	Kyle
Vehicles Stopped	33	25	20
Speeding Citations Written	0	2	2
Other Citations Written	3	2	3
Warnings Given	30	21	15
Accidents Worked	0	0	1
Motorists Assisted	8	5	10
DUI Contacts Made	3	2	2
DUI Arrests Made	0	0	0
Other Arrests Made:	0	6	1
Suspended License	0	1	0
Drugs	0	1	1
Others	0	4	0
Calls Answered:	33	1	28
Domestic	2	0	2
Unlocks	4	1	4
Disorderly – Remove persons	0	0	3
Others	27	0	19
Buildings Checked	80	55	32
Reports Written	3	1	3
Transports	1	1	2
Hours Spent In Court	2	3	3
Escorts	0	2	3
Assisted Another Agency	6	10	6

Chief Strickland stated that they have had complaints about kids on golf carts and bikes. Stated the police would leave them alone as long as they were being safe and obeying laws. **Chief Strickland** advised that gang activity is coming to Adrian. **Mayor Smith** expressed her appreciation for the police department and all that they do.

- d. **Safety Department** – **CM S Hutchinson** advised she will be going to training for the safety grant in Statesboro.
- e. **Recreation Department** - Per **CM Love**, the animals still have to be put back on at the park, and that painting still needs to be done. She stated that there was a very low turnout at the

last Bingo night. Stated that there is a big misconception that they are gambling, but prizes are being given, not cash.

(2) Council Members:

- a. **Suzanne Hutchinson** – CM Hutchinson asked council to consider allowing local businesses to advertise on the sign at City Hall. Will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- b. **Michelle Love** - Nothing to Report
- c. **Orweco Hutchinson** - Nothing to Report
- d. **Robert Fountain Jr.** - Nothing to Report

(3) Mayor: - Nothing further

- XII. **Adjournment: CM O Hutchinson** made a motion to adjourn at 7:33pm. Seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.