

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8TH, 2023 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA. 31002

- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation by **CM Suzanne Hutchinson**. All in attendance stood for the pledge.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM Fountain, and CM SHutchinson**. Agenda adopted.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Dwayne Sumner – Local Government – Not in attendance.**
 2. **Jason Bennett – Social Media** – Discussed the use of social media. He stated that the city picks and chooses what to share on social media and thinks it should be all in or not at all. He shared a few posts from facebook.
 3. **Zelda Sumner – Speed Bumps** – Asked who makes the decision about the placement of speed bumps and how the decision is made. **Mayor Smith** stated the police chief has been suggesting areas where speeding complaints have been made. She presented the council with a petition not to have speed bumps in her neighborhood.
 4. **Philip Love – Speed Bumps** – Stated that he lives on Mill St. and that his life has been made better by them. People are slowing down and kids have been able to be out playing. He stated that he is supporting the council.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **April 10th minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM OHutchinson, and CM Yawn**.
- VII. **Reconciliations: April 2023 Bank Statements & Reconciliations – Not ready.**
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Proposed Ordinances Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the proposed ordinances are currently online available for viewing. She asked for the citizens to keep in mind that these are still in the draft process and there is a lot of information that will not pertain to the City and will be removed.
 - b. **Bank Building Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that renovations are complete and she will be doing a walk through this week to see about the final touches. She said the next phase will be purchasing the furniture, alarm system, phones, the sign, and to have it deep cleaned. She stated that she has a quote for cleaning for \$700. She said after this phase is complete they will be planning on the opening of the New City Hall.
 - c. **Community Center Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that they are waiting on some materials for the community center. If everything is available on time it should be done by the end of next week.

- d. **Concession Stand Update—Grand Opening---May 20, 2023 – Mayor Smith** announced that there will be a grand opening for the Concession Stand on May 20th from 11am to 4pm. The City will be partnering with Aaron Sanchez for his “Wake Up and Live” event. There will be a bouncy house, water slide, free food, and more. The Hinton House will be giving away tennis shoes for children who need them as well.
- e. **Speed Bumps Update – Mayor Smith** – Stated that the speed bumps are to discourage people from driving too fast. **CM Yawn** recommended reaching out to Kite and asking about their speed bumps and the ambulance companies to see if there was an issue with them.

IX. New Business:

- a. **Feed a Kid---Emanuel County School – Mayor Smith** stated that the City will be working with the EmCo school system for the feed-a-kid program for the month of June. Lunch pickups will be every Monday at the community center from 12:45-1:00pm. She stated that the month of July will be covered by Emanuel Baptist Association but there are not sure of the times and dates yet.
- b. **Michael Weeks---Owner of Retirement Inn** – He presented the council with their Business Plan. He stated that there will be renovations on the personal care home on College Street and then they hope to open within the next few months. He then stated that they are in works with the Emanuel County Board of Education about the old Adrian School. He stated that they hope to open an adult day care there and then branch out into apartments and more.
- c. **Social Gathering---July 4th Events – Mayor Smith** stated that the first July 4th planning will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 11am.
- d. **YOTM---Irene Cephus Godfrey---May 2023**
- e. **Event for Kids---Aaron Sanchez---May 20, 2023** – Discussed earlier.
- f. **Reporting to U S Treasury---ARPA – Mayor Smith** stated that she has submitted the next stage of reporting.

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** reported that things are going well with the department. They had helicopter training over the weekend with a new helicopter. He stated that the new helicopter is more weather resistant. He then brought up the fireworks for the 4th of July. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to donate \$2,500 for the fireworks to the Fire Department. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM Fountain, and CM Yawn**. Motion passed.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** apologized for some of the marks for the speed bumps that were put down. He stated they were from the maintenance department and they just marked the best spot to put one if one were to go on those streets. The marks are not final placements. He stated that the department is working on cleaning out some ditches and will be working with Shannon soon. Lastly he said that the building on the corner will be torn down due to the hazard but they are waiting to hear from Georgia Power because of the utility pole and wires.

(C) Police Department- Chief Strickland reported that he has been working with several other departments on a few things. He reminded everyone that he is the only officer at the moment and is doing his best. He stated that he has a prospect for a part time officer. He then discussed some traffic issues such as speed bumps and stop sings. Lastly he mentioned a training class he would be attending.

(D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson - had nothing to report.

(E) Recreation Department- CM Love passed around some quotes for a building to be put at the park. The council reviewed them.

(2) Council Members

(A) Suzanne Hutchinson- had nothing to report.

(B) Jesse Yawn- had nothing to report

(C) Michelle Love- stated that they hope to have bingo on the 25th.

(D) Orweco Hutchinson- had nothing to report

(E) Robert Fountain Jr.- had nothing to report

(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith – addressed some comments about the revival that was held on the ball field. She stated she wasn't sure what exactly happened but the person hosting it never asked for the lights to be turned on or the city would have done so.

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM SHutchinson, and CM Fountain**.