

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2024 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA. 31002

- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Smith** called meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation by **CM SHutchinson**. All in attendance stood for the pledge. **CM OHutchinson** was not in attendance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** recommended amending the agenda to recognize Firefighters and Law Enforcement. **CM SHutchinson** made motion to adopt agenda for January 8th council meeting. Seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.
- IV. **Announcements:** None
- V. **Public Speakers:** None
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Love** made motion to adopt December minutes; Seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.
- VII. **Reconciliations: November & December – Mayor Smith** advised that reconciliations for November and December have not been done, and once Jennifer and Amber receive training needed, they will get caught up.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Public Safety Emergency Ordinance – Mayor Smith** asked for discussion regarding the ordinance. **CM Fountain** advised that the draft has not been finalized yet. Discussion is still needed. Exceptions are still being looked at, and he thinks discussions with other municipalities might be helpful to see how they have handled this in the past. Also need to contact Evans regarding method to pick up trash, where it could accept exceptions to curbside location of trashcans. **CM Fountain** stated it is an ongoing process, and proposed presenting proposal at a later date, and still in the stage of gathering information. All in favor.
 - b. **Police Vehicle – Mayor Smith** advised that a 2024 Expedition has been purchased, and will be ready for pick up in the next two weeks.
 - c. **Chemical Training – Mayor Smith** advised that all maintenance employees will be attending a one day class, on January 12th, 2024, in Statesboro regarding chemical spills.
 - d. **Charter Update – Mayor Smith** asked council members to review charter, and make suggestions for items that needed to be added or removed, before it is presented to legislature.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a. **Mayor Pro Tem 2024 – Mayor Smith** suggested discussing Mayor Pro Tem at next month's meeting due to absence of **CM OHutchinson**. Council agreed.
 - b. **YOTM – Mayor Smith** stated this will be suspended until further notice.
 - c. **Landfill – Mayor Smith** stated that she has been advised that it is possible to open a landfill for yard trimmings ONLY (grass, limbs, and leaves). Researching to find more information about landfill and how to apply for grants to help fund

landfill. EPD rep is helping, and will come out to look at property to make sure it is acceptable, and will give all info to be able to open landfill.

- d. **Community Involvement Group – Mayor Smith** advised this is part of the Assessment Grant received from the EPD. The group consists of citizens that will get together every quarterly and identify sites that need to be assessed for the grant. EPD will provide information for sites to consider. Group is very important to grant and will start soon.
 - e. **Special Election – Mayor Smith** stated she has been told by the registrar’s office as long as Council votes to not have a special election, that it can wait until regular election this November. There is more than a quorum. Council agreed to postpone vote until next month, due to absence of **CM OHutchinson**.
 - f. **Budget Update – Mayor Smith** advised that the 2024 budget is not ready. Budget will be the first item addressed once Jennifer and Amber receive training. Will continue operation with the 2023 budget for the time being.
 - g. **Reconciliations Update** – Mayor Smith reiterated that reconciliations for November & December have not been done, and will be completed once training received.
 - h. **Open Record Requests – Mayor Smith** advised that requests will be answered in a timely manner, and as soon as requests are done, recipients will be notified that requests will be ready as quickly as possible. Requests may be delayed due to workload and training.
 - i. **Municipal Court Clerk Training – Mayor Smith** advised Jennifer will go for training in February in Athens
 - j. **Firefighter and Law Enforcement recognition – CM SHutchinson** recognized all firefighters for their hard work over the past two weeks, and is proud of all that has been done. She stated that the council backs them 100%. She advised that tomorrow is Law Enforcement Day, and recognized all officers.
- X. **Recess Regular Meeting: CM SHutchinson** made motion to recess regular session and go into executive at 6:15pm. Seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.
- XI. **Executive Session: Real Estate & Personnel**
- XII. **Call Regular Meeting to Order: CM SHutchinson** made motion to go from Executive Session back to Regular Session at 6:49pm. Seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor. **CM Love** made motion to increase Jennifer’s pay from \$12.50 an hour to \$14.50 an hour. Seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. All in favor.
- XIII. **Reports:**
- (1) **Department Head Reports**
- a. **Fire Department – CM SHutchinson:** advised there were 12 calls for October: 6 first responder, 2 MVAs, 2 vehicle fires, 1 powerline down, and 1 fire alarm
6 Calls for November: 6 first responder
4 calls for December: 2 first responder, 1 landing zone, and 1 MVA
 - b. **Street/Water Department** - Mayor Smith stated guys are working hard to keep everything clean, and trash picked up. Going to start bumping streets to get grass off curbs.

- c. **Police Department – Chief Strickland:** Helping Johnson County along with State Patrol with road checks. Trying to have at least 2 road checks a month in order to receive grant. Road checks have been very fruitful, and have consisted of almost 12 drug charges, several DUI's , several open containers, multiple driving on suspended license, multiple driving without license, and apprehension of wanted offenders. Car chase the other night; trying to identify offender. Calls included domestic, unruly children, and shoplifting. Trying to schedule where someone is on duty at all times. Excited about new vehicle, F-150 started knocking after the car chase, and is using about 2 quarts of oil a week. Maintenance on Charger and Silverado is coming up soon.
3 quotes presented for body cameras – current camera battery life and memory is not very good and can only record 3 or 4 stops.
Option #1: Wolf Cam - \$1908 for 3 without back display and includes docking station and charger; \$250 Annual Service charge for software
Option #2: Wolf Cam - \$2809 for 3 with back display and includes docking station and charger; \$250 Annual Service charge for software
Option #3: Body Cam – Body Cam 4 - \$1575 for 3 with back display and includes docking station and charger – cheaper, but better quality per Chief Strickland and Major Milton. Great battery life and holds up to 100 stops and has playback screen.
Charger and New Truck have cameras and docking stations
Backup batteries can be bought. Quote doesn't include backup batteries.
CM Love made motion to purchase 3 Body Cam 4 cameras. Seconded by CM SHutchinson. All in favor.
Major Milton advised he would obtain pricing for backup batteries.
Chief Strickland advised he would be attending a conference and speaking to our liaison about legislation at conference in Coumbus January 16-19, and that Major Milton and Officer Lowery will be here those days.
- d. **Safety Department – CM SHutchinson:** Trying to locate all receipts for safety grant to submit for reimbursement
- e. **Recreation Department – CM Love:** Moving BINGO back to 3rd Thursday of the month starting in February. Also, people are loving the park. A lot of people every day.

(2) Council Members:

- a. **Suzanne Hutchinson:** Reminder of Boot Drive for Jesse on February 3rd from 8am to 12pm. Raffle will be the same day also.
- b. **Michelle Love:** Nothing to report
- c. **Orweco Hutchinson:** Not in attendance
- d. **Robert Fountain Jr.:** Nothing to report

(3) Mayor: Wynola Smith: Nothing to report

- XIV. **Adjournment: CM Fountain** made motion to adjourn at 7:11pm. Seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.