

**MINUTES**  
**ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<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 Robert Fountain Jr.** All in attendance stood for the pledge. **CM Yawn** was not in attendance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to amend the agenda to include Yard of the Month. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers: None**
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Fountain** made a motion to adopt the **November 13<sup>th</sup> minutes and executive minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.
- VII. **Reconciliations: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to accept the **October Bank Statements and reconciliations**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **Digital Sign- Mayor Smith** stated the new sign has been installed at City Hall. She stated the sign has already been informational and helpful. They are looking into signing up for the alert program to display on the sign as well.
  - b. **Playground Opening-** The playground has reopened and the Grand Opening was Saturday, December 9th. **Mayor Smith** said the event went well and over 120 hot dogs were given out. She thanked everyone who helped with the project including the Braswell House in Swainsboro, CM Michelle Love, Phillip Love, Kyle Strickland, the city workers, and more.
  - c. **Christmas Celebration- Mayor Smith** stated the event held on December 2nd went well despite the rain. The parade was a big hit. She thanked everyone who attended and helped including CM Suzanne Hutchinson, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Roberts, the Fire Department, and the Waymaker's Group for their help.
  - d. **Emergency Public Safety Ordinance-** Postponed to the next meeting.
  - e. **Police Vehicle- Mayor Smith** stated she is still looking into the finances but will present it to the council once she has them together.
  - f. **Christmas Cards for Troops- Mayor Smith** stated that the City mailed almost 500 Christmas cards from the help of citizens to the United Soldiers and Sailors of America program. They also made a donation of \$50 to help with the expense of mailing cards overseas. She thanked Jennifer Roberts for finding the program.
  - g. **Dumpster Price Increase- Mayor Smith** stated that the city is charging less for dumpsters than Evans Disposal is charging them so they must increase the price. **Mayor Smith** suggested going with the following changes: 4yd dumpster: \$87.51 to \$107.51, 6yd dumpster: \$97.89 to \$117.89, and 8yd dumpster: \$114.99 to \$139.99. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to proceed with the changes presented by the mayor. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.

- h. Community Center Price Increase- Mayor Smith** stated that the council discussed increasing the price of the community center and she would like for them to vote on it starting in January 2024. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to increase the price of the Community Center rentals from \$125 with a \$25 refundable deposit to \$175 with a refundable deposit. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.

**IX. New Business:**

- a. Chemical Training- Mayor Smith** stated that the Chemical Spill training class is coming up in January 2024 and the maintenance workers, Johnny, Harry, and Sylvester have been signed up along with Danton Morris and Justin Johnson from the Fire Department.
- b. Swearing In- Mayor Smith** stated that the swearing in ceremony for herself, **CM Fountain**, and **CM Yawn** will be held on Friday, January 5th at 6:00pm.
- c. Holidays for 2024- CM Love** made a motion to accept the 2024 Employee Paid Holiday List. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.
- d. Council Meetings for 2024-** The council reviewed the meetings list for 2024 and will inform the mayor of any conflicts they may have.

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM OHutchinson** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 6:32pm. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. All in favor.

**XI. Executive Session: Real Estate & Personnel**

- XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 8:07pm. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.

**XIII. Reports:**

**(1) Department Head Reports**

- (A) Fire Department- Danton Morris** presented the council with packets on rescue tools, the Jaws of Life, the department needs. He explained the difference between the two quotes presented and stated that the majority of the department is trained on these tools. He invited the mayor and council to attend any of their meetings, held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm. He stated that the department is hosting two gun raffles for Chief Yawn and they are looking into hosting a boot drive.
- (B) Street/Water Department- Mayor Smith** stated there haven't been any water leaks and things are going well for the department.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that it has been an eventful month for the department. Things overall have been steady. There has been an uplift of shoplifting cases from the Dollar General due to the self-check out and advised everyone to make sure they are paying for their items. They had a road check Saturday night and it went well and he hopes to continue having them monthly.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** reported that the City has been approved for the safety grant and items are starting to be delivered.
- (E) Recreation Department- CM Love** reported that the department is doing great. The playground has been installed and Bingo had a great turn out. She mentioned looking into starting a dance class.

**(2) Council Members**

**(A) Suzanne Hutchinson** stated that she heard she was the topic of Facebook over the weekend and did not appreciate being spoken about.

**(B) Jesse Yawn**- not in attendance.

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

**(D) Orweco Hutchinson**- nothing to report.

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

**(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith**- nothing to report.

**XIV. Adjournment: CM OHutchinson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.