

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 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 Orweco Hutchinson.** CM Love was not in attendance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain** and **CM SHutchinson**.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers: None**
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Fountain** stated that there were two typos in the minutes. **CM Fountain** made a motion to adopt the **July 10th minutes and executive minutes** with corrections. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson** and **CM OHutchinson**.
- VII. **Reconciliations: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to accept the **June and July 2023 Reconciliations and Bank Statements**. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Yawn**.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Business License Update – Mayor Smith** stated that business licenses need to be renewed every year. Notices will be going out to remind businesses.
 - b. **Nuisance Ordinance - Mayor Smith** stated that there will be a workshop on Thursday, August 24th at 10am. The public is welcome to attend and give their suggestions as the council reviews the ordinance. Suggestions can also be made online where the ordinance is posted.
 - c. **Dumpsters- Mayor Smith** stated that the dumpsters were available for two weeks. There were tires put in the dumpsters and it cost the city for the dumpsters when they should have been free. The dumpsters are for household items and limbs only; surrounding counties like Treutlen will be accepting tires for free this month.
 - d. **Qualifying Information -** Qualifying for 2 council posts and the mayor will be August 21-23 from 8:30am-4:30pm at City Hall.
 - e. **Old City Hall- Mayor Smith** stated that maintenance department was interested in using the building. There was also mention of using part of the building as an exercise room for the fire department.
 - f. **Playground Equipment Update- Mayor Smith** stated that the playground is not completed because we do not have the manpower at this time. They are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping can contact Michelle Love.
 - g. **Community Center- Mayor Smith** stated that the community center has been renovated and ready for rentals.

IX. New Business:

- a. **GMA Small Cities Conference-** **CM SHutchinson** stated that she will be attending the small cities conference in Dublin. She listed the classes she will be attending.
- b. **Property Tax Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that past due letters for property taxes have gone out and they are starting to receive payments.
- c. **Grand Opening – City Hall** will be having its grand opening on August 23rd from 2-3pm. The public is welcome to attend for a tour and light refreshments. **Mayor Smith** stated they are proud of the building and excited for everyone to stop by.
- d. **Software Update-** **Mayor Smith** stated that they will be able to take card payments for recreation and misc. items. This will include community center rentals, t-shirts, vendors, etc.
- e. **Brownfield Training-** **Mayor Smith** stated that she attended the Brownfield conference in Detroit. She went over training stating that it was informative and meant for first time grant recipients. It is a requirement of the grant to attend.
- f. **Maintenance Worker-** Discuss in executive session.
- g. **YOTM-** **Mayor Smith** announced that Ronnie and Ellen Palmer are the YOTM winners for August. She also announced the YOTM raffle winner for the first part of the year, Bruce Miller.

X. Recess Regular Meeting: **CM Yawn** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 6:18pm. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson** and **CM Fountain**.

XI. Executive Session: Personnel, Real Estate

XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 7:00pm. **CM Fountain** seconded the motion. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Yawn**.

CM Yawn made a motion to terminate Walter Herrington. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Fountain**.

CM Yawn made a motion to hire Sylvester Harris and move him from temporary to a part time employee. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM SHutchinson**.

CM SHutchinson made a motion for Dylan Lowery to start back with the department and train with Michael Milton and Kyle Strickland. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain** and **CM Yawn**.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

(A) Fire Department- **Chief Yawn** spoke about the heat and reminded everyone to keep cool in the weather we've been having. The council discussed the I-16 bridge and how the traffic may affect the city.

(B) Street/Water Department- **CM Yawn** stated that things are about the same with the department. They have received new stakes for the speed bumps and they are keeping them down.

(C) Police Department- **Chief Strickland** reported that there have been a few vehicle accidents in the area and they have received a few calls about domestics. The LIDAR has

been delivered but they are still waiting on the speed trailer. Lastly he shared that he will be qualifying to run for sheriff in Treutlen County.

- (D) **Safety Department- CM SHutchinson** reported that she has been working on the grant. She has taken a course that is required and they had their meeting last month.
- (E) **Recreation Department- CM SHutchinson** stated that she has been looking into a digital sign for the city and asked if the council wanted her to present something next month. They agreed they would like to look into the matter.

(2) Council Members

- (A) **Suzanne Hutchinson-** stated that the community has lost two vital citizens, Nick Alfonso and Gary Green Sr. She then spoke about the agenda being posted on Facebook.
- (B) **Jesse Yawn-** nothing to report.
- (C) **Michelle Love-** not in attendance.
- (D) **Orweco Hutchinson-** Bingo is Thursday, August 17th
- (E) **Robert Fountain Jr.-** nothing to report.

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

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain** and **CM SHutchinson**. Meeting adjourned.