

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2022 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.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM Love** made a motion to amend the agenda to include the November Yard of the Month. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson, CM Fountain, and CM SHutchinson**. **CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson, CM OHutchinson, and CM Love**.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 - a. **Jason Bennett- Limb Pickup & 2020 Audit-** Mr. Bennett asked if the 2020 audit was a clean audit and if it would count towards grants as one of the clean audits. The **Mayor** replied that it was a clean audit and it would once the audits were up to date. He also asked about when the previous city clerk was terminated. Lastly he asked about the limb pickup proposal he presented last month.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes:** **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the **October 10th Meeting Minutes & Executive Minutes and October 24th Special Meeting Minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM Fountain, and CM Yawn**. Motion passed.
- VII. **Reconciliations:** **CM Fountain** made a motion to accept the **October 2022 Bank Statements & Reconciliations**. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn, CM OHutchinson, and CM SHutchinson**. Motion passed.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Bids for clearing land at Bank Building-** **Mayor Smith** stated that they are still taking bids for clearing the land. She has received one so far and is hoping to get more before the next meeting.
 - b. **Bids for renovating Community Center-** **Mayor Smith** stated that they are still taking bids for the community center and have only received one so far.
 - c. **Bids for renovating Bank Building-** **Mayor Smith** stated that they are still taking bids for the bank building and have only received one so far.
 - d. **City continuing to clean up streets and property owned by the City-** **Mayor Smith** stated the maintenance department is continuing to clean up the city streets. They are currently working on edging and taking care of the buildup of leaves.
 - e. **Charter Update-** **Mayor Smith** reported that the changes the council requested to the charter last meeting have been made and the revised version is online for viewing.

- f. **Ordinance Update-** The council received the proposed Animal Control ordinance. Attorney Calhoun stated it was based on state law and should have everything the city needed included. The other ordinances are still being worked on. The Animal Control ordinance is posted online.
- g. **Christmas Festivities Update- CM Love** informed everyone that there is a Christmas Raffle going on. Tickets are \$10 each with the chance to win an Xbox Series X, a 14ft trampoline, and a Nintendo Switch Lite. All proceeds will go to the Recreation Department. **CM SHutchinson** stated that festivities will take place on Nora Blvd. and the parade will start at 6. She spoke about vendors and Polly Fountain being the grand marshal.
- h. **Update to Dog Situation-** Chief Strickland stated that charges have been pressed against the owners of the dogs. The cases have been transferred to state court.
- i. **Concession Stand Update- CM Love** reported that the electrical work has been done. The guys are currently working on the plumbing and once that is done they can get the equipment inside and finish up.
- j. **2021 Audit Update- Mayor Smith** stated that the 2021 audit is in progress. The auditor asked for a few more things and the clerks should have them to him by the end of the week.
- k. **ACP Info- Mayor Smith** informed everyone that the ACP is available through pineland and suggested reaching out to the electric companies as well to receive financial help with any home utility bills.

IX. New Business:

- a. **Introduction of New Employee- Mayor Smith** introduced the new deputy clerk, Elizabeth Carter.
- b. **New Employees 90 Evaluations- Mayor Smith** stated that two employee evaluations will be done for Elizabeth Carter and Walter Herrington. The council will revisit this topic after executive session.
- c. **Christmas Compensations-** The council will revisit after executive session.
- d. **Fire Department Reimbursements- CM Yawn** stated that they will have the totals ready at the first of December.
- e. **Newly Elected Officials Training- Mayor Smith** stated that the newly elected training will be coming up on March 2023. There are some technical issues with registering right now. There should be virtual and in person training taking place.
- f. **Employee Christmas Dinner- Mayor Smith** stated that the Employee Christmas Dinner will be on December 9th from 6-8pm.
- g. **November Yard of the Month- Mayor Smith** announced the Bobby Coxwell was the YOTM winner for November 2022.

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM Yawn** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 6:36pm. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM Fountain, and CM OHutchinson**. Motion passed.

XI. Executive Session: Personnel

- XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 6:56pm. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain, CM Love, and CM Yawn**. Motion passed.

CM Yawn made a motion for Walter Herrington to become a full time employee and to receive a \$2 per hour raise. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. Motion carried by **CM Love, CM SHutchinson, and CM OHutchinson**.

CM SHutchinson made a motion for Elizabeth Carter to go from part time to full time employee and receive a \$1 per hour raise. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**, **CM OHutchinson**, and **CM Yawn**. Motion passed.

Mayor Smith stated that the council discussed the city council and administrative employees receiving pay out general account, water and maintenance to be paid out of the water account and the police department to be paid out of the court account. **CM Yawn** made a motion for the city council and employees to receive Christmas Compensation as the **Mayor** stated. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Fountain**, **CM Love**, and **CM SHutchinson**. Motion passed. **CM Fountain** asked if he could opt out of receiving the compensation.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that they are currently working on getting their yearly reports together. He thanked the Adrian Baptist Church for the banquet from the previous month.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** reported that the department is currently working on cleaning out the street drain lines.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that there was a chase over the weekend that ended in a wreck at the traffic light. He urged the community to be careful while traveling due to the increased reports being filed for crashes involving deer. He stated that Michael Thomas has stopped working for the department and he will present the council with his resignation at the next meeting.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** reported that the department is still waiting to hear back about the Safety Grant.
- (E) Recreation Department- CM OHutchinson** reported that there will be bingo Thursday, November 17th at 7:00pm. It's \$10 for 10 games.

(2) Council Members

- (A) Suzanne Hutchinson-** stated that they will be decorating the park for Christmas soon and the lights are being put up later on in the week.
- (B) Jesse Yawn-** nothing to report.
- (C) Michelle Love-** nothing to report.
- (D) Orweco Hutchinson-** nothing to report.
- (E) Robert Fountain Jr.** asked the clerk about the issue with the water bills. He was informed all bills were corrected but they do not know the exact cause of the issue. He then stated that he would like the council to look into getting remote readers for the water and see if it would be worth the cost.

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

XIV. Adjournment: **CM Yawn** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson**, **CM Fountain**, and **CM SHutchinson**.