

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 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 Michelle Love.** All in attendance stood for the pledge.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM Fountain** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM SHutchinson**. All in favor.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Jason Bennett – ARPA:** Jason Bennett suggested that the city spend a portion of the ARPA money towards hardware for virtual meetings in case there is ever a need.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Yawn** made a motion to accept the **September 11th minutes, executive minutes, and September 26th minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.
- VII. **Reconciliations: August & September 2023 Reconciliations and Bank Statements:** September reconciliations were not complete. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to accept the August 2023 bank statements and reconciliations. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Trunk or Treat-** October 31st from 6pm-8pm on Nora Blvd. Candy donations are being accepted for the Fire Department at City Hall. The city is encouraging all to come and participate.
 - b. **Digital Sign Bids-** The council reviewed the previous bids along with a new bid from a company that presented a demonstration to them. **CM Fountain** made a motion to go with sign A from Vantage for \$32,505.00 with the intent to have a flower bed built around the sign using bricks from the demolished buildings for historical purposes. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.
 - c. **Update on Playground Equipment Bids-** **Mayor Smith** stated that someone approached her about assembling the playground equipment. **CM Yawn** made a motion to allow the group to assemble the equipment. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.
 - d. **Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the fundraiser has been taken out of context by some and stated that it was designed as a way to make a donation to a charity. The flyer states that the Recreation Department will receive an amount of the money collected to pay for the supplies.
 - e. **Evans Disposal Service Contract Renewal-** Skip Evans spoke to the council stating that he sold his company but will still be working with the business. He presented the council with a contract for renewal.
 - f. **Property Tax Reminders-** **Mayor Smith** stated that past due property tax reminders are going out and penalties and interest will be added to the accounts that have not been paid.

- g. **Election Update- Mayor Smith** stated that early voting will start October 16th and end on November 3rd from 9am-5pm at the New City Hall at 304 W Main Street. The election will be on November 7th from 7am to 7pm.
- h. **Millage rate-** The council reviewed the example paperwork for the millage rate and agreed they would like to go with 8.608 for the proposed millage rate. There will be 3 separate public hearings before it is brought to a vote.
- i. **Knapp Building- Mayor Smith** stated that the Knapp building has been torn down and they have received several compliments on the area. They will be starting to clean up the city's other properties on Monday.

IX. New Business:

- a. **YOTM- Mayor Smith** announced that Melanie Knapp was awarded YOTM for October.
- b. **Social Media Policy-** Item is postponed.
- c. **Brownfield Training- Mayor Smith** stated that she attended the second training session in Alabama this past month. She spoke about the training session and that the city will be assigned a project officer soon.
- d. **Maintenance Worker- Mayor Smith** stated that Keith Grant was hired temporarily. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to move Keith Grant from temporary to part time. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. All in favor.
- e. **Line Service Inventory- Mayor Smith** stated that the EPA is now regulating the use of lead and galvanized pipes. There is a grant available and the mayor has submitted the pre-application the week prior. There is an estimate for the city to be approved for \$26,000 in funding to help complete the project.
- f. **Bingo Update-** Bingo will be moved to the first Thursday of the month that is on or after the 3rd starting in November.

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 7:04 pm. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. 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 7:37pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.

CM Yawn made a motion for the city to lease the property next to City Hall from Sonja Hines. Motion seconded by **CM Fountain**. All in favor.

CM Yawn made a motion to end Jennifer Roberts' probation period and to increase her pay to \$12.50/hr. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that the department is taking things day by day. He stated that unfortunately the Fire Department has training the day of the Christmas Parade and they will be looking for someone else to drive the trucks in the parade.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** reported that the department is working on a water leak on HWY 15 South. Grass cutting has slowed down and they will be working on edging.

- (C) **Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that the department's F150 is having issues. They have worked on the vehicle a few times and the issues continue to return. He stated that the vehicle has 260,000 miles on it and it may be time for a new one. The council asked him to look into quotes for a new vehicle and they will discuss it at the next council meeting.
- (D) **Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** reported that the grant is due this month. She is waiting on the lists from the departments and will be submitting it as soon as possible.
- (E) **Recreation Department- CM Love** stated that the department always has one citizen who is available and volunteers as much as she can. She presented Julie Griffin with a certificate of appreciation for all of the hard work and time she has dedicated to the betterment of the community. Julie Griffin thanked everyone for the recognition.

(2) Council Members

- (A) **Suzanne Hutchinson**- thanked the council for voting to purchase the sign.
 - (B) **Jesse Yawn**- nothing to report.
 - (C) **Michelle Love**- nothing to report.
 - (D) **Orweco Hutchinson**- nothing to report.
 - (E) **Robert Fountain Jr.**- stated that he would like to see a mural painted on the side of the building where the old building used to be. The council and mayor agreed.
- (3) Mayor- Wynola Smith**- nothing to report.

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.