

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 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 Suzanne Hutchinson**. **CM Fountain** was not in attendance. All in attendance stood for a moment of silence and the pledge.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to amend the agenda to add recognition of fire fighters and adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn** and **CM OHutchinson**.
- IV. **Announcements:**
 1. **Recognition of Fire Fighters & Police: CM SHutchinson** stated that they attended a banquet for the Fire Department where a few of our fire fighters were recognized. Chief Yawn was recognized for 15 years of service and Justin Johnson was awarded fire fighter of the year for Adrian. They thanked the fire fighters and police officers for everything that they do.
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Bruce Miller – Parks & Recreation Dept.** – Not in attendance. He speaks later on.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes:** **CM Love** made a motion to adopt the **August 14th minutes and executive minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Yawn** and **CM SHutchinson**.
- VII. **Reconciliations: August 2023 Reconciliations and Bank Statements** – not ready.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Digital Sign – CM SHutchinson** went over the quotes she received from 3 companies for 2 signs each, 1 4x8 and 1 4x6. The council reviewed the quotes and postponed the matter to next month's meeting.
 - b. **Playground Equipment- CM Love** stated she had 2 bids and was waiting on more for the playground equipment installation. One was from Charles Hayes for \$5,300 and the other was from Allen Ferrell for \$2,500. The council decided to postpone the matter until the next meeting.
 - c. **Election & Qualifying- Mayor Smith** stated that the following qualified for each post: Post 2, Robert Fountain Jr., Post 3, Jesse Yawn, Sharon Jackson, and Jason Bennett, Mayor, Wynola Smith. She stated there will be an election held on November 7th from 7am-7pm. Early voting starts October 16th and ends November 3rd. All voting will take place at the New City Hall.
 - d. **Water Test- Mayor Smith** stated that **CM SHutchinson** met someone from GRWA at the small cities conference and they were able to stop by and help train the Water Department to better prepare for the Water Test.
 - e. **Maintenance Worker- Mayor Smith** introduced the city's new maintenance worker, Sylvester Harris, to the council.

- f. **Nuisance Ordinance Workshop- Mayor Smith** stated they are working on rescheduling the workshop and are waiting to hear when the city attorney is free and able to attend.

Public Speaker: Bruce Miller spoke to the council and volunteered his time to help the recreation department. He stated that he would like to see more activities for the citizens.

IX. New Business:

- a. **Trunk-or-Treat- Mayor Smith** stated that the Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 31st from 6pm-8pm on Nora Blvd. Donations for candy are being accepted at City Hall.
- b. **Child Safety Kits- Mayor Smith** stated that there will be safety kits given out on Halloween.
- c. **Millage Rate- Mayor Smith** stated that they have just received the numbers from the county and will be working on it shortly.
- d. **Savings Account- Mayor Smith** stated that she would like the council to consider a monthly amount to add to the general savings account. They agreed to work it into next year's budget.
- e. **Grant Training 101- Mayor Smith** informed the council that there will be grant training classes available online at no cost to the city. There will be 12 classes in total.
- f. **Small Cities Summit- CM SHutchinson** spoke about the small cities summit she attended. She stated that the part most interesting to her was about how other cities spent and handled their ARPA money. She said the city of Adrian was not the only city to renovate a new building or vote on projects as a whole and not step by step. She mentioned some other areas that city spent their funds.
- g. **Newly Elected Official Training- Mayor Smith** stated that the training will be February 28th- March 1st in Athens and March 20th through March 22nd in Tifton.
- h. **Lighthouse Project-** Stephanie Morris spoke about The Lighthouse Project. The program was founded by the Kite First Baptist Church. To fund the new outreach center they will be raising money by displaying flags and plaques for soldiers. They will be displayed along HWY 57 in Kite. She asked if the council would allow flags to be displayed in Adrian as well. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to work with the Lighthouse Project and allow the flags to be displayed in front of City Hall. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love** and **CM Yawn**.
- i. **Evans Contract Renewal- Mayor Smith** stated that her and Attorney Calhoun have been in touch with Evans Disposal about renewing the contract. **Mayor Smith** said she has asked for the dumpsters to be available 3 times per year.
- j. **Trash Cans- Mayor Smith** stated that the price of the second garbage can that the city charged was only \$8.50 and the cost from Evans was \$13.01. **CM Yawn** made a motion to raise the price of the second trash can from \$8.50 to \$15.00. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson** and **CM OHutchinson**.
- k. **Yard of the Month- Mayor Smith** announced that Debra Webb on Norris St is the YOTM winner for the month of September.
- l. **Clerk Training- Mayor Smith** stated that Jennifer Roberts was attending clerk training.
- m. **Police Department- Mayor Smith** addressed that there were rumors of the police department being told they needed to reach a quota of tickets and stated the rumors are not true.

- X. **Recess Regular Meeting: CM Love** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 7:22pm. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson** and **CM OHutchinson**.

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. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Yawn**.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

(A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn reported that the department has been dealing with a lot of power outages lately. He is working with the county and waiting to hear about new equipment as well.

(B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn reported that the department is slowly replacing the spikes for the speed bumps as the old ones come up.

(C) Police Department- Chief Strickland reported that there will be a traffic enforcement meeting in the area at the end of the month along with a road check. He spoke to the council about the possibility of the city paying the POAB retirement fees for officers along with other benefits he would like to see in the future. He mentioned some items the department is looking into getting and replacing. He updated the council on the speed trailer and stated the department is working on stopping people from speeding.

(D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson stated they will be having a meeting and she will be doing the building inspections this month.

(E) Recreation Department- Department had nothing to report.

(2) Council Members

(A) Orweco Hutchinson- Thanks Chief Strickland and Chief Yawn for their work when responding to an emergency at his house and stated he appreciated everything they do.

(B) Suzanne Hutchinson- nothing to report.

(C) Jesse Yawn- nothing to report.

(D) Michelle Love- nothing to report.

(E) Robert Fountain Jr.- not in attendance.

(3) Mayor- Wynola Smith stated that the city will be leasing an area property next to City Hall. She then mentioned that for breast cancer awareness month there will be pins & bracelets sold at city hall and all proceeds will go to charity.

XIV. Adjournment: CM Yawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Motion seconded by CM SHutchinson. Motion carried by CM Love and CM OHutchinson. Meeting adjourned.