

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Councilpersons, Markus Boenig, Gary Snow, Mary Quinn, Kenneth Tweedell, Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond, and City Attorney Al Stone.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2016. Councilperson Tweedell moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilperson Quinn, three votes were in favor. Councilperson Snow abstained.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on the Grant Easement. Councilperson Tweedell moved to grant Mayor Ferrelle permission to sign on behalf of the City, a grant easement to Athens-Clarke County to install water lines on North Georgia Avenue and Marigold Lane. Mayor and Council requested the City Attorney's vetting and approval of the documents prior to signing. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Second Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to close out the 2011 SPLOST Sewer Project/Funds. Councilperson Quinn moved that Mayor and Council accept a recommendation by City Engineer, George Chandler, to close out the Sewer Funds from the 2011 Sewer SPLOST so the funds can be made available for Public Works and Infrastructure Improvements, pending approval by the SPLOST Administrator and Oversight Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Chief Finley submitted to Mayor and Council, a quote from McClaggan Communication dated December 28, 2016. In compliance with a statewide, the quote is \$32,456.70 for a 2017 Dodge Charger police car. Councilperson Quinn moved to accept the bid as quoted and approve the purchase using SPLOST 2011 public safety funds as previously scheduled in the SPLOST referendum. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Fourth Item of New Business: The Library Advisory Board liaison Marth Beach stated Brenda Keen and Scott Oliver have been recommended for approval as new members of the board. Councilperson Snow moved to accept the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to approve 3 members to serve as the Variance Hearings Board as follows: Jack Beach, Eddie Bouknight and Kenneth Hodges. They have agreed to continue serving as needed. A term limit is not known at this time. Councilperson Quinn moved to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Sixth Item of New Business: Historic Preservation Commission. After some discussion Councilperson Quinn moved to table this item for further discussion at the next workshop meeting. Councilperson Boenig seconded the motion. All votes were in favor to table.

The Seventh Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on the City 2017 Holiday Calendar. Councilperson Tweedell moved to approve the holiday schedule calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Eighth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on the 2017 City Council, Workshop, Court, and Planning and Zoning Schedules. Councilperson Quinn moved to approve the schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Ninth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to set the Qualifying Fee for City Council election cycle of 2017. Councilperson Quinn moved to set the qualifying fee for two City Council seats at 3% of the current salary of the seats being elected. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Tenth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle stated that the committees will remain the same as currently being served: Finance Committee: Councilpersons Quinn and Snow; Public Safety and Public Works: Councilpersons Boenig and Tweedell. No vote necessary.

The Eleventh Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2017 year. Councilperson Snow moved to appoint Councilperson Tweedell as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2016. Summary copies are available for public review.

Winterville Community Center – Jack Eisenman was unable to attend. JoAnn Snow stated things are going well and rentals are up.

Police Department – Councilperson Boenig stated the Police Department is stepping up patrol on Main Street and gathering information on how to proceed further with increasing traffic safety in the corridor.

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Gabriel stated things are good and training continues.

Public Works – No report.

Library Report – Ashley Shull gave a verbal summary of the attached report. She will be leaving the library and going back to a full time position at the Athens Library.

Clerk's Report – None.

City Attorney's Report – None.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Ferrelle gave an informal verbal report to the attending public.

Public Comment – None.

Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to go into Executive Session. Councilperson Quinn moved to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor. Councilperson Snow recused himself from the session.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to close the Executive Session at 8:08 pm and return to the Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor. Councilperson Snow returned to the regular session.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to create a part time Administrative Assistant position to serve the Winterville Community Center and City Hall at an annual salary not to exceed \$12,000 and to be performed not more than 30 hours per week. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to hire JoAnn Snow to fill the position created by the Mayor and Council. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. Three votes were in favor. Councilperson Snow abstained.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to adjourn at 8:14 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

Clerk

Date