

## Regular Meeting - Minutes

November 14, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Councilpersons Mary Quinn, Gary Snow, Kenneth Tweedell, and Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Mayor Ferrelle swore in Mark Farmer as the newly elected City Council Member, elected November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Special Election, held in conjunction with the regular election, to fill the seat vacated by Markus Boenig.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Quinn moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 regular City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. Three votes were in favor, Councilperson Farmer abstained, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to table this item until further notice. Councilperson Snow moved to table: City Council Meeting time change/Tree Commission Appointments/Fire Chief Appointment/guidelines. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Farmer. All votes were in favor.

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on the Dozier Street closure. Several comments were made by the public and residents of Dozier and South Church Street voicing their opinions for and against the proposed closure. Each Councilperson stated their position or commented on the issue. After a discussion on the matter Councilperson Snow moved to close Dozier Street permanently. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn. There was one vote in favor of the closure and three votes against the closure. The motion did not carry and Dozier Street will be reopened upon the end of the 90 day trial.

The Second Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on the Front Porch Bookstore Restroom Project. Councilperson Snow moved to approve up to \$26,000 from the 2005 SPLOST Fund and the 2011 SPLOST Public Works Infrastructure Fund to fund the restroom/renovation project and fieldwork at the Front Porch Bookstore. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Farmer. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle stated he would like for everyone to read through the Historic Preservation Ordinance over the next week so the City can schedule a Public Hearing for December 5, 2017 5:30 pm at Winterville City Hall prior to the regular scheduled Workshop Meeting.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to approve funding for the City seal. Councilperson Farmer moved to approve funding from the Public Works Infrastructure fund up to \$1,950 to cover the cost of the 30 inch cast aluminum seal for installation on the exterior of City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle appointed Councilperson Farmer to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee for the duration of 2017.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided a financial report for the year to date ending October 31, 2017. Copies are available for public view. Councilperson Quinn stated the City’s performance to budget is looking very good and thanked City staff for their efforts to keep expenditures under control during this financial quarter.

Winterville Community Center – Jack Eisenman, Director, gave a brief report of the Community Center. He also stated the City will be the host of the Home and Garden Show on April 14, 2018, an event that is sponsored by the Athens Area Homebuilders Association.

Police Department – Chief John Finley submitted a written report. (Attached.)

Fire Department – Asst. Chief Michael Gabriel stated the Fire Department continues with calls and training. They would also like to keep the number of officers at 2 until further notice.

Public Works – Councilperson Tweedell stated Public Works has really been working hard keeping the park and the City looking beautiful.

Library Report – Tonya Sands gave a verbal summary of her report. (Attached.)

Clerk’s Report – Wendy Bond stated Christmas in the Park will be on Friday December 1, 2017 @ 6 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact her at City Hall. The City is also requesting donations for the Mayor’s Motorcade and Toys for Tots.

City Attorney’s Report – No attorney report.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Ferrelle gave an informal verbal report to the attending public. The Mayor commended David Matthews-Morgan for his work submitting the Fox Theatre Grant Application. The City has been awarded the Fox Theatre Grant of \$55, 576 which will be used to install the HVAC, finish the ceiling and work that can be accomplished in the Historic Auditorium with the funding.

Public Comment – None.

Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to go into Executive Session. Councilperson Farmer moved to go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm for a Personnel Matter. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to close the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting. Councilperson Farmer moved to close the Executive Session at 8:19 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Councilperson Tweedell made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

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