

Regular Meeting - Minutes

June 13, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Councilpersons, Markus Boenig, Gary Snow, Mary Quinn, Kenneth Tweedell, and Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond. City Attorney Al Stone was unable to attend.

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 May 9, 2017. Councilperson Boenig moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilperson Tweedell, all votes were in favor.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote regarding the USDA loan repayment plan. Councilperson Quinn stated the current balance of the loan at 12/31/2016 was \$477, 804. The next scheduled payment of \$65,123 is due in August 2017. Councilperson Quinn moved to increase the annual payments to USDA to pay off this loan commensurate with the receipt of SPLOST 2011 funding. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Second Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle talked on the possibility of Winterville completing its own 2018 Comprehensive Plan away from Athens-Clarke County. After discussion and comments by all Councilmembers, he called for a vote. Councilperson Snow moved for Winterville to complete their own Comprehensive Plan for 2018 and pay Northeast Georgia Regional Commission up to \$7500 to help guide Winterville through the process. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle stated the 2018 LMIG project was approved previously by Council and Mayor Ferrelle will submit the application.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to approve the New City Council Meeting Procedures as follows: Citizens must sign up before each City Council Voting Meeting to have 3 minutes at the podium to discuss an agenda item. Citizens may address more than one item. If more than 5 citizens wish to speak on a single agenda item, the group will have 15 minutes to divide up as they wish. Mayor and Council may extend that time if an agenda item warrants more discussion. Councilperson Tweedell moved to adopt the procedures as written, as a tool to keep the meetings in an orderly fashion. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided financial reports for the month ending May 31, 2017 which are available for public review on request.

Winterville Community Center – The Center continues holding classes and is doing well.

Police Department – A monthly report requested by Mayor and Council was provided by Chief Finley at the June 7th workshop and will continue to be provided monthly.

Fire Department – The Fire Department has been busy.

Public Works – Tom Doonan commented on all the visitors to the park in relation to the Bike Ride Across Georgia.

Library Report – Librarian Tonya Sands arrived late due to patrons in the Library. She gave a brief summary of her submitted reports for May and June.

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 – Brenda Keen announced the party for the Library’s 43rd birthday.
George Chandler made several personal comments regarding TSPLOST.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig.
All votes were in favor.

Clerk

Date