

## Regular Meeting - Minutes

January 12, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Councilpersons, Markus Boenig, Mary Quinn, Gary Snow, Kenneth Tweedell, City Attorney Al Stone, and Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Snow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. Two votes were in favor and the minutes were approved. Councilperson Tweedell moved to approve the minutes of the Called City Council Meeting of December 22, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. Two votes were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to approve the members appointed to the Finance and Public Safety Committees. Councilperson Boenig moved approve Mary Quinn and Gary Snow as the members of the Finance Committee and Kenneth Tweedell and Markus Boenig as representatives of the Safety Committee. Councilperson Quinn seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

The Second Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to hire the Senior Center Director. Councilperson Quinn moved to approve the hiring of Jack G. Eisenman as the Director of the Senior Center. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to establish a Community Center committee to guide and represent the center. Councilperson Boenig moved to approve Mary Quinn and Gary Snow as members appointed by the Mayor to represent the Community Center Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle provided a copy of a study called "Preserving the Winterville Look: A Plan for Defining, Maintaining, and Enhancing the Winterville Look." This study was compiled by a group of UGA students and their professor in 2004 as a guide to offer an outsider's perspective on Winterville and to provide direction for future planning initiatives aimed at preserving the Winterville Look. The goal of the study was to provide specific observations, recommendations and resources that could be used to manage cultural resources and accommodate future growth within the Winterville community.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to give the Planning and Zoning Commission the authority to approach the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and explore the designs, guidelines and costs associated with helping retain the town's identity of being a Historic Train Town. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle is recommending establishing several councils as listed below. Councilperson Boenig moved to approve the creation of the councils as suggested. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn. All votes were in favor.

### **Winterville Arts Council**

This council will work in partnership with the Historic Restoration and Preservation Committee to renovate the Auditorium. Once the Auditorium has been renovated the Winterville Arts Council will oversee the day to day operation of the Auditorium and work to grow the Arts in Winterville. This council will give direction to the Business Development Committee as to the branding and marketing of Winterville as a small-business-friendly community. Duties include providing vision and leadership, running fundraising campaigns as well as identification of grant resources and grant writing. Structure, terms and meeting schedules will be determined later.

### **Community (Senior) Center Advisory Council**

This council will ensure that we are serving our senior citizens and the Winterville Community as a whole with multi-level programming and events. This council will be charged with assisting in daily, weekly and monthly duties and activities as laid out by the Center Director. This council will serve to aid the Director in creating and sustaining a successful business model for the Center. The structure, terms and meeting schedules will be determined later.

### **Collaborative Governance Council**

This council will be made up of City employees and elected officials, Winterville Elementary staff, Coile Middle staff, Winterville Library Board Members and community members. This council will work to share resources to strengthen our schools and library.

### **Business Development Committee**

This committee will work with the branding and vision provided by the Winterville Arts Council in order to attract small businesses which serve the daily needs of Winterville's population as well as our growing recreational tourism. The committee will work to encourage a pedestrian friendly business corridor.

The Sixth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle introduced Lee Hartle and called for a vote to appoint him as Curator for the Carter-Coile Country Doctors Museum. Councilperson Boenig moved to approve the appointment. Councilperson Snow seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

### **Committee Reports:**

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided a financial report for the month ending December 31, 2015. Councilperson Snow reported incomes were ahead and expenses well controlled within the departments.

Police Department – Asst. Chief Wayne Gabriel report the police department is quiet and stated there have not been any thefts over the last three months of 2015 when crime is at its highest.

Police patrol car #05 a 2008 Crown Vic is currently out of service and in need of a transmission. After getting bids for a replacement transmission Councilperson Tweedell moved to approve Main Street Garage to repair the vehicle at a cost of \$2675.00 with a 3 year warranty.

Asst. Chief Gabriel stated the Police Department has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the GOHS due to their participation in the PATEN program (Piedmont Area Traffic Enforcement Network) and this grant was made possible by the diligence of Major Jimmy Fulcher's monthly reporting and dedication to his job.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety administers grant funding for various programs that address 11 national traffic safety priority areas of impaired driving, police traffic services, speed control, roadway safety, occupant protection/child passenger safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, traffic records and community traffic safety.

Focusing on these areas has historically proven to be more effective than other efforts to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

Funding for these grants is allocated to Georgia GOHS and other states annually from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) using a formula based on population and road mileage. GOHS then awards the funding to state and local safety-related agencies as "seed" money for the development and implementation of programs that address traffic safety problem areas or expand ongoing activities in safety priority areas.

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Michael Gabriel reported the Winterville Volunteer Fire Department is quiet. Recently both fire trucks were out of service simultaneously due to different mechanical problems. They hope to have them fully repaired soon. They have applied for a \$600,000 FEMA grant. It is a 2% match grant formerly approved by council.

Public Works – Tom Doonan stated they are working toward purchasing a skid-steer/Bobcat for Public Works in the near future. This will be discussed further at the next workshop meeting.

Library Report – Austin Jenkins gave a verbal summary of the attached report.

Clerk's Report – Wendy Bond commented on how enjoyable it has been the first couple of weeks working with the new Mayor.

City Attorney's Report – No report.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Ferrelle thanked everyone for their hard work and that Winterville is alive and well! We are working on updating the website and getting more information out for public view.

Jill Helm, Athfest Educates, informed Mayor Ferrelle that Winterville Elementary was awarded \$4800 in grants for various items and musical equipment for the school.

The first Town Hall Meeting will be held at the depot on Tuesday January 26, 2016.

He thanked former Mayor Eisenman and everyone for the smooth transition into his position.

Public Comment – Dorothy Heintz, 150 Parkview Road, expressed her concern of the rainwater run-off into her yard coming from the newly installed disc golf course. She also has concerns of people smoking in the park and individuals in the park after hours during the night when the park is closed.

Tom Doonan said he will address the issue of the signage and Councilperson Boenig suggested calling the police if she sees any after-hour activity in the park.

Mayor Ferrelle and Josh Koons have walked through the areas and discussed the water run-off issues. This matter will be addressed more by the county.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

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Date