

Regular Meeting - Minutes

February 9, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 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 Quinn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Josh Koons, Koons Environmental Design, came before Mayor and Council. He will see that the chimes that were originally supposed to be purchased and installed on the new playground are to be completed. Since the amount fell within the costs of the contract, no vote was needed on this item.

He also presented copies of the bids solicited for Phase IV of the Pittard Park improvements, which will be partially funded by Georgia Department of Natural Resources. (Copy attached.) After discussion Councilperson Tweedell moved to accept Structural Resources' bid of \$98,450 subject to discussion with the contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Second Item of New Business: The city is considering purchasing a Skidsteer/Bobcat piece of equipment for the Public Works Department. Tom Doonan has obtained 3 bids for this equipment. (Attached.) This machinery could help off-set the cost of building the mulch trail in Pittard Park as part of the Phase IV improvements, allowing Mr. Doonan's time and labor to serve as In-Kind services within the contract with the DNR RTP Grant. Mr. Doonan has been gathering mulch for the trail from various tree services in the area for the proposed trail. No vote was taken on this item and will be tabled to the next meeting for further discussion.

The Third Item of New Business: Victoria (Vickie) Burroughs and Coy Gibson, American Legion Post #20 members came before Mayor and Council. They thanked the city for allowing them to place the flags in the area around the cannon in Pittard Park and permission to do so again in 2016. They are also requesting use of the Pavilion for a couple of hours for an "Honorable flag destruction" ceremony during the week of Memorial Day. Council was in agreement for allowing them permission. No vote was necessary.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Jack Eisenman, Director of the Winterville Community Center, came before council to discuss the rental fees of the kitchen/meeting room facilities. These rooms could serve as a revenue generator for the facility and be a great place for companies to hold off-campus meetings at a reasonable cost and an alternative rental space if the depot is not available. After some discussion Councilperson Quinn moved to set the rental fees at \$150/rent + \$150/deposit (outside City rate) and \$125/rent+\$150/deposit (inside City rate). The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Mr. Eisenman gave a verbal summary of his Community Center report. (Attached.) He has been very busy designing new programs for the facility and distributed a list of scheduled and proposed classes and programs. He also stated the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission has a program in place that will compensate a senior employee to work at the center in a receptionist position up to 20 hours per week.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle has communicated with Jim Dove, NEGARC, regarding working with George Chandler, P&Z Chairman, to update the design guidelines throughout the Commercial District, keeping with the Winterville Look. He is proposing to place a 6 month moratorium on any commercial development within the City. Councilperson Boenig moved to enact a 6 month moratorium as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn. All votes were in favor.

The Sixth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to waive for 30 days the application fee for any property owners who wish to rezone their properties to Rural Residential. Afterwards the fee for rezoning would be \$300.00. Councilperson Snow moved to approve the fee waiver for 30 days after adoption of the Rural Residential Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Seventh Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to return Marigold Lane to a 2-way street. Councilperson Tweedell moved to approve returning Marigold Lane to a 2-way street. Councilperson Snow seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

The Eighth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle stated that with Council's vote for Winterville to become a Purple Heart City on June 9, 2015, it is fitting to have signs displayed at the City limits indicating this fact. Tom Doonan has been getting estimates for signage and stated the signs would fit under the existing bird sanctuary signs currently in place on the roads coming into Winterville. Councilperson Tweedell moved to have Tom Doonan proceed with purchasing 7 signs, for a maximum amount of \$175, as discussed, to recognize the City of Winterville as a Purple Heart City. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

The Ninth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on appointing Mayor Pro tempore. Councilperson Snow nominated Kenneth Tweedell as Mayor Pro tempore. Councilperson Boenig seconded the motion. Three votes were in favor. Councilperson Tweedell abstained.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided a financial report for the month ending January 31, 2016. Councilperson Snow reported incomes and expenses are in line with the budget and well controlled within the departments.

Police Department – Lt. Al Figueroa reported the police department is quiet. The transmission was repaired in Police Patrol car #05 and is in good working order.

Fire Department – Chief Frankie Gabriel reported the Winterville Volunteer Fire Department is quiet. Recently both fire trucks were out of service simultaneously due to different mechanical problems. They have both been repaired. When Chief Gabriel notified ACC Central that Winterville was out of Service, ACC Fire Chief Jeff Scarbrough offered him a back-up truck and personnel to man the station if needed. The model and mileage of the fire trucks are 2000 (15 years) / 10,000 miles and 1983 model (unknown mileage.) The original purchase price for this truck was \$5,000.

Public Works – Tom Doonan stated he is getting quotes for cleaning the Community Center as he is not budgeted nor equipped to handle keeping this building cleaned on a regular basis.

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

Clerk’s Report – Wendy Bond had no additional report.

City Attorney’s Report – No report.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Ferrelle stated there is a new 10 x 15 flag on the pole in front of City Hall and the 5 x 8 flag was moved to the Five Points triangle. The Winterville Elementary School will host the Winterville Marigold Festival Talent Show for this year’s festival.

Mayor Ferrelle has invited the ACC Mayor and Commissioners to a Day in Winterville on Friday, February 26, 2016, for lunch and a tour of Winterville.

There has been some progress made on restarting development of Winterville Station, but no specific options have been finalized.

He had a meeting with Dr. Everson of NEGARESA, and they stated they will not be moving from Winterville and are looking forward to partnering with the City on various endeavors.

The Winterville Look project is moving forward in order to preserve the history of the City.

Mayor Ferrelle met with the board members of the Winterville Heritage Foundation and they have agreed for the City to accept tax deductible donations for any preservation for the City. A current goal for renovating the auditorium is \$600,000.

Public Comment – Lt. Figueroa stated Winterville will host a PATEN Meeting on Friday, February 19, 2016. There will be police presence from agencies all over the state.

George Chandler thanked the City of Winterville for their help with the Civitan Snowflake 10K race that was held on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Frankie Gabriel commented on the great job Tom Doonan did building lockers for the Winterville Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boenig. All votes were in favor.

Clerk

Date