

**MINUTES**  
**VIDALIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL ANNEX**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled council meeting was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor  
Bob Dixon, Councilmember  
Jennifer Evans, Councilmember  
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember  
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember  
Raymond Turner, Councilmember

**CITY STAFF:** Nick Overstreet, City Manager  
Justin Franklin, City Attorney  
Kellie Murray, City Clerk

A list of visitors is attached to the minutes.

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROPER WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY PASTOR FRANK WILLIAMS, MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, VIDALIA, GA.**

Mayor Doug Roper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Frank Williams of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Roper advised Chief Brian Sikes will be included in the Public Comments section of this agenda. A motion was made to approve agenda, to include addition of Chief Sikes. Motion made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Fire Chief Brian Sikes introduced new mascot “Blaze, the Fire Pup” and new hire, Jamie Byrd.

#### **IV. RECOGNITION OF VIDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS:**

Police Chief James Jermon introduced the following staff members who have completed required training: Jasmine Sharpe, Certified Communications Operator  
Officer Andrew Williams, Basic Law Enforcement Course  
Corporal Scott Howard was recognized for his promotion to Corporal.

#### **V. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial summary was presented by Amy Murray.

#### **VII. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATES**

The following updates were presented to Council:

Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA)	Tonya Parker
Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB)	Alexa Britton
Greater Vidalia Chamber	Michele Johnson
Vidalia Onion Festival	Jake Cleghorn
Sweet Onion Golf Authority	Andy Woodruff

2023 Vidalia Onion Festival shirts were presented to Mayor and Council by members of the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee.

#### **VIII. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL) OF ZONING REQUEST OF CLAY THOMAS TO REZONE PARCEL ON MAPLE DRIVE, TRACT 2, FROM O/R TO C-2.**

**NOTE:** The Planning & Zoning Board denied this request by a vote of 3-0. Reason for decision is Section 203, Paragraphs 6, 15, and 20.

A motion was made to deny this request by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION BY MAYOR & COUNCIL FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT/ AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VIDALIA AND HEART OF GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN.**

**NOTE:** The cost of the contract is \$7,000, to be paid from General Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax.

Motion made to approve by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**X. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL RESOLUTION NO. 23-002, AUTHORIZING A BURNING OF NATURAL WOOD AT THE VIDALIA REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX.**

A motion was made to approve by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**XI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SIMPSON LAW, PC FOR PINE CREST PERPETUAL CEMETERY TRUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,637.50**

Motion made to approve by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**XII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT SUBMITTED BY ANN OWENS AND HEATHER DAVIS THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023, THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023.**

Motion made to approve by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT SUBMITTED BY DVA DIRECTOR TONYA PARKER FOR “SWEET SATURDAY” EVENTS TO BE HELD MAY 13, 2023, JUNE 10, 2023, AND JULY 8, 2023. THE EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. ROAD CLOSURES REQUESTED FROM 10:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M. AREA IS REQUESTED TO BE DEEMED AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.**

Motion made to approve by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**XIV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE, SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT, TO VIDALIA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU SUBMITTED BY ALEXA BRITTON FOR USE AT VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL.**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**XV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO ISSUE ALCOHOL LICENSE TO MISSION MARKETING, D/B/A THE FLOATING AXE, SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY JOHNSON.**

**NOTE:** License is currently pending for City Marshal signature.

Motion made to approve, pending City Marshal signature, made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**XVI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF BID FOR RUNWAY 7/25 SLAB REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2, AT THE VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT.**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
<b>Summers Concrete Contracting Hahira, GA</b>	<b>\$2,007,036.51</b>
Causie Contracting Mason, MI	\$2,520,605.00
McLendon Enterprises Vidalia, GA	\$2,836,978.66
Precision 2000, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$2,975,049.00

**Recommended Vendor: Summers Concrete Contracting**  
**Fund Source: Federal/State/ARPA**

Motion made to approve by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**XVII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF BID TO EXPAND TERMINAL  
APRON AT VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT.**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
<b>Summers Concrete Contracting Hahira, GA</b>	<b>\$3,399,813.38</b>
Precision 2000, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$3,900,803.00
McLendon Enterprises Vidalia, GA	\$4,071,297.52
Independence Excavating Independence, OH	\$4,685,225.00

**Recommended Vendor: Summers Concrete Contracting**  
**Fund Source: Federal/State/ARPA**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**XVIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR  
REPLACEMENT TIRES ON ARFF TRUCK LOCATED AT THE  
VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT.**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
<b>Georgia Tire Company Vidalia, GA</b>	<b>\$18,514.40</b>
<b>Mosley Tire Vidalia, GA</b>	<b>\$19,624.00</b>
<b>Dorsey Tire Dublin, GA</b>	<b>\$24,477.60</b>

**Recommended Vendor: Georgia Tire Company**  
**Fund Source: Airport Fund (Approved in 2023 budget)**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

## **LICENSING & PERMITTING COMMITTEE MET APRIL 6, 2023**

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

#### **XIX. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 4 – ORDINANCE § 4-63, “AMENITIES LICENSE”. THIS WILL BE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION. FIRST READING WAS CONDUCTED MARCH 13, 2023.**

Motion to approve and adopt made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

#### **XX. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 4 – ARTICLE, I SECTION 4-41: “SIP AND STROLL”. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST READING.**

**NOTE:** No action required. Committee is first motion. This ordinance will be brought back to Council for second reading and approval/adoption on May 8, 2023.

#### **XXI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE II, SECTION 9-29 THROUGH 9-38: “SHOPPING CARTS”. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST READING.**

**NOTE:** No action required. Committee is first motion. This ordinance will be brought back to Council for second reading and approval/adoption on May 8, 2023.

#### **XXII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE: “SMALL CELL ANTENNA”. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST READING.**

**NOTE:** No action required. Committee is first motion. This ordinance will be brought back to Council for second reading and approval/adoption on May 8, 2023.

#### **XXIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-003 – 2022 END OF YEAR GENERAL FUND (100) BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

Motion made to approve by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**XXIV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-004 – 2022 END OF YEAR AMERICAN RESCUE PROTECTION ACTION (ARPA) (230) BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**XXV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-005 – 2022 END OF YEAR RECREATION FUND (300) BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**XXVI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-006 – 2022 END OF YEAR WATER-SEWER FUND (505) BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**XXVII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-007 – 2022 END OF YEAR AIRPORT FUND (550) BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**XXVIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- a. Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
- b. James Jermon, Police Chief
- c. Tony Hall, ESG Project Manager
- d. Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
- e. Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
- f. Chad Phillips, City Marshal/Code Enforcement

Department Heads presented their respective reports to the Mayor & Council.

**XXIX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The City Manager presented his report to the Mayor & Council.

**XXX. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3**

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to return to regular session by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

Upon return to regular session, a motion was made to approve the revised contract between the City of Vidalia and City Manager Nick Overstreet. Motion made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously. (See attached)

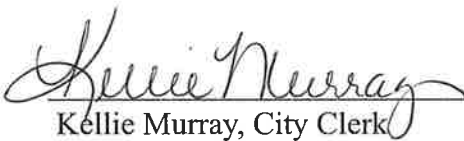
### **XXXI. ADJOURN**

With all business discussed, Councilmember Cecil Thompson made motion to adjourn, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

### **AFFIRMATION**

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on May 8, 2023.

  
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Doug P. Roper, H. Mayor

  
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Kellie Murray, City Clerk