

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL ANNEX  
AUGUST 14, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

A list of visitors is attached to the minutes.

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER WITH INVOCATION  
AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY PASTOR RONALD MILLER, ST.  
PAUL AME CHURCH, VIDALIA, GA.**

Mayor Doug Roper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Ronald Miller of St. Paul AME Church, Vidalia, GA gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda with a revision of the Public Comments. There will be only one public comment from Mr. Bernie Nelson. Motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**3. “SWEET ONION CITIZEN” PRESENTATION**

Mayor Roper presented Ms. Carol Hansley with the “Sweet Onion Citizen” award.

**4. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER**

Mayor Roper presented Vidalia Recreation Department 8U and 10U girls softball teams proclamations for their 2023 GRPA State Championships.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA GLOVER AS FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Mayor Roper introduced Ms. Patricia Glover as the City’s new Finance Director. Ms. Glover will begin her employment with the City of Vidalia on Monday, August 21, 2023 and will work with Amy Murray through September to transition to this position. A motion was made to confirm the appointment of Ms. Patricia Glover as Finance Director. This motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bernie Nelson – Gang activity**

Mr. Bernie Nelson addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns of gang activity and vacancies in the Police and Fire Department.

**7. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (See attached)**

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

**8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

City Manager Nick Overstreet presented the financial summary in the absence of Amy Murray.

**9. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATES (See attached)**

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| • Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA)          | Tonya Parker, Director    |
| • Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton, Director   |
| • Greater Vidalia Chamber                     | Michele Johnson, Director |
| • Vidalia Onion Festival                      | Andy Woodruff, Past-Chair |

**NOTE:** Andy Woodruff presented the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs to Mayor and Council for consideration. All seats have been confirmed except for Member-At-Large. A motion was made to accept members as listed by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**10. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO CORRECT MINUTES FROM MAY 3, 2023: THE FUND SOURCE OF WSI-MCINTOSH STREET LINE REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans to approve correction of the May 3, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as discussed, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO GENERAL STORE 30474, SUBMITTED BY RIZZA O’CONNOR. ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR THIS LICENSE.**

A motion was made to approve the application for an alcoholic beverage license to General Store 30474 by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO TAPPAS, INC., SUBMITTED BY ENEAS SALATI. ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR THIS LICENSE.**

A motion was made to approve the application for an alcoholic beverage license to Tappas, Inc. by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO SIP-N-SMOKE, SUBMITTED BY RAMILABEN PATEL. ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR THIS LICENSE.**

A motion was made to approve the application for an alcoholic beverage license to Sip-N-Smoke by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 3, 2023**

**NOTE:** The Committee recommendation will serve as first motion, and only a second is needed.

- 14. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR VENT AND HOOD SYSTEM, TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION, FOR THE VIDALIA COMMUNITY CENTER TO RHODES ELECTRIC FOR A NOT TO EXCEED PRICE OF \$55,000.00**

**FUND SOURCE: SPLOST**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Rhodes Electric	\$55,000.00
Clark Appliance	No Bid
Stalvey Heating & Cooling	No Bid

With Committee recommendation as first motion, a second was made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Jennifer Evans abstained from voting on this motion.

## **STREET & SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 3, 2023**

**NOTE:** The Committee recommendation will serve as first motion, and only a second is needed.

- 15. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF LEAF AND LIMB PICK UP IN THE O/R (OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL) ZONED AREAS WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Conduct a public hearing to notify businesses in this area limb pick-up will be available and an across-the-board charge of \$4.00 will be implemented. This hearing should be scheduled for August/September, with service availability to begin October/November.

With Committee recommendation as first motion, a second was made by Councilmember

Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

- 16. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO MOVE STOP SIGN FROM THE INTERSECTION OF POE STREET & 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF PEACOCK STREET & 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. THIS REQUEST WAS APPROVED / RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE.**

With Committee recommendation as first motion, a second was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 17. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-011 REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO CITY ORDINANCE APPENDIX A, MINI-STORAGE WAREHOUSES. (See attached)**

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-011 by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

- 18. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES IN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES' RECREATION GRANT. (Evaluations attached)**

A motion was made to approve Hofstadter & Associates for engineering services. Motion made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 19. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT WITH THE HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO RENDER CERTAIN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION. (See attached)**

A motion was made to execute contract for grant application and grand administration, at a cost of \$50,000.00. Motion made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

- 20. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO REPLACE AIR CONDITIONER AT ESG OFFICE ON BRINSON ROAD AT A COST OF \$4,653.00.**

**RECOMMENDED VENDOR: PREMIER AIR**

**FUND SOURCE: SPLOST**

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Premier Air	\$4,653.00
Rivers Heating & Air	\$4,990.00
Alexander Bros.	\$5,695.00

A motion was made to award bid to Premier Air at a cost of \$4,653.00 by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**21. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID AND PURCHASE ONE (1) ½ TON PICKUP FOR PUBLIC WORKS AT A COST OF \$35,890. THE RECOMMENDED VENDOR IS WOODY FOLSOM FORD.**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Woody Folsom Ford	\$35,890.00
Woody Folsom Chevrolet	37,340.00
JC Lewis Ford	40,926.00

**FUND SOURCE: SPLOST (Approved in 2023 budget)**

A motion was made to award bid to Woody Folsom Ford at a cost of \$35,890.00 by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**22. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID AND PURCHASE ONE (1) ½ TON PICKUP FOR WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$35,890.00. THE RECOMMENDED VENDOR IS WOODY FOLSOM FORD.**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Woody Folsom Ford	\$35,890.00
Woody Folsom Chevrolet	37,340.00
JC Lewis Ford	40,926.00

**FUND SOURCE: SPLOST (Approved in 2023 budget)**

A motion was made to award bid to Woody Folsom Ford at a cost of \$35,890.00 by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**23. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (Sec attached)**

The following monthly reports were presented to Mayor and City Council.

- 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

**24. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The City Manager presented his monthly report to the Mayor and City Council

**25. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED, AS PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3**

Executive Session was needed for discussion of Real Estate and Personnel. A motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner to enter Executive Session, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to return to regular session of City Council Meeting by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

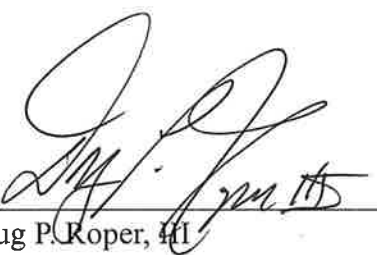
A motion was made to advertise for bids Parcel #V18 179, 1.14 acres located on Truman Street and owned by the City of Vidalia, for possible sale. Motion made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**26. ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn this regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. 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 September 11, 2023.



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Doug P. Roper, III  
Mayor



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Kellie Murray  
City Clerk

# COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

DATE OF MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2023

NAME	ADDRESS
Kathy Hill	Radio Jones, LLC
Chad Phillips	
Billy Ragan	
Esmer Jackson	Vidalia
Beatrice Jackson	Vidalia
Tom V. H. H.	ESG
Tanya Parker	DVA
SEBASTIAN	Vidalia
Willie Turner	Vidalia
Les Hunsley	Vidalia
David Hunsley	
Michelle Johnson	GVC/KAT
Serphine Bell	Vidalia
Andy Woodard	VOP
Alvin Sutton	CUB
JEDMO	JEDMO
Carol A. Hunsley	1001 Raymond Dr. Vidalia, CA 30474
James Onan	ESG
Pastor Ronald Miller	Vidalia
Rosemarie Rhodes Miller	Vidalia
Shirley Shulane	Vidalia
Brian Scott	
Christiane Scott	180 N Maple Dr.
Makayee Randolph	The Advance
Sammy Bray	
MICHAEL	V.D.
Shellie E. O'Leary	
Mike Davis	
Mike Cochran	Vidalia
Kris Nelson	Vidalia
<del>Mike</del>	
Mike & Sean Kelsey	Lyons
David Dwyer	
Vincent and Carla Calanzone	Vidalia
Cherry S. Wilkin	Vidalia

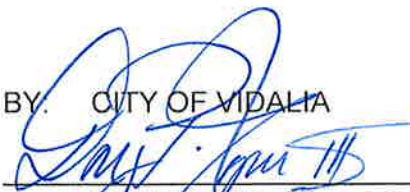
**CITY OF VIDALIA  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

- (1) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Vidalia City Council held on the **14th** day of **AUGUST, 2023**. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (2) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- (3) It is my understanding that **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** provides as follows: When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- (4) The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows: **[Circle relevant item(s)]**
  - A. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)**. The subject discussed was \_\_\_\_\_  
(Identify the case or claim discussed).
  - ☒ B. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)**.
  - C. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)**.
  - D. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)**.
  - ☒ E. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)**.
  - ☒ F. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(2)**.
  - G. Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(2)**.
  - H. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by **Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1)**, a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was \_\_\_\_\_  
[Identify the matter only].

- I. Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(a)(1)**.
- J. Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to **Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code** because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.

This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This **14TH** day of **AUGUST, 2023**.


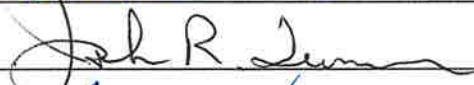
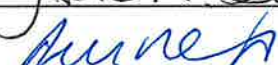


BY: CITY OF VIDALIA  
  
 Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date.

  
 Notary Public, State of Georgia  
 Commission Expires 10/29/2023



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following parties concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit)

**NOTE:** This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.