

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

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The regular scheduled council meeting was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, February 13, 2022 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
Amy W. Murray, City Clerk
Justin Franklin, City Attorney (Absent)
Kellie Murray, Administrative Assistant

A list of visitors is attached to the minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER, III WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY PASTOR FRANK WILLIAMS OF NEW VISION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

II. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, and all were in favor.

III. INTRODUCTION OF JADA WILLIAMS, POLICE BEHAVIOR HEALTH SPECIALIST

Ms. Jada Williams was introduced to the Mayor & Council by Chief James Jermon.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Lee and Jana O'Conner – Spoke on Zoning Item (Item #15)

V. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (See attached)

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, seconded by Councilmember Bob Dixon, and all were in favor.

VI. FINANCIALS (See attached)

Finance Director, Amy W. Murray gave a financial summary.

VII. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATES (See attached, if available)

- Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA) – Tonya Parker (Absent)–Given by Nick Overstreet
- Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) – Alexa Britton
- Greater Vidalia Chamber – Michele Johnson (Absent) – Given by Debbie Evans
- Vidalia Onion Festival – Jake Cleghorn
- Sweet Onion Golf Authority – Andy Woodruff

The respective directors above gave their monthly reports.

VCVB Director Alexa Britton asked if the City wanted to have July 4th Celebration on July 4th. The Mayor & Council agreed to keep the festivities on the 4th.

VIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF EVENT PERMIT FOR *VIDALIA PORCHFEST* SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25, 2023 FROM 10 A.M. TO 10 P.M. AS SUBMITTED BY WES CHAPMAN WITH ALTAMA MUSEUM (See attached)

NOTE: Approval includes closure of 6th Street, from Church Street to Jackson Street from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and closure of Durden Street from 3rd Street to 7th Street from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve the Event Permit, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Turner, and all were in favor.

IX. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF EVENT PERMIT FOR THE VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18 – 23, 2023 AS SUBMITTED BY VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

NOTE: Approval includes road closures as follows:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Durden Street	Tuesday, April 18 th	5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 19 th	1 p.m. through
	through Sunday, April 23 th	midnight on Sunday

NOTE: Frank Raiford had no issue per Nick Overstreet.

Jackson Street / Church	Thursday, April 20 th	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
	Friday, April 21 st	9 a.m. to midnight
	Saturday, April 22 nd	9 a.m. to midnight
	Sunday, April 23 rd	9 a.m. to midnight

East Meadows between Jackson & Church	Thursday, April 20 th through Sunday, April 23 rd	2 p.m. through midnight on Sunday
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NOTE: Frank Champion has no issue per Jake Cleghorn.

East Meadows between Church & Leader	Thursday, April 20 th	2 p.m. to midnight
	Friday, April 21 st	9 a.m. to midnight
	Saturday, April 22 nd	9 a.m. to midnight

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve the event permit, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Turner, and all were in favor.

X. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF TAXI LICENSE FOR FAITH 07, LLC AS SUBMITTED BY OWNER, SHARON SMALLEY (See attached)

NOTE: All requirements have been met.

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to approve the Taxi License, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, and all were in favor.

XI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF COIN-OPERATED LICENSE FOR SWEET ONION SOCIAL, LLC LOCATED AT 713 MCNATT STREET AS SUBMITTED BY BRITTANY ALEXANDER (See attached)

NOTE: All requirements have been met.

Motion to approve the Coin-Operated License made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, and all were in favor.

XII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION BY MAYOR & COUNCIL FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MOVE \$416,525 FROM THE GRANT FUND (DNR FUNDS) TO THE SWEET ONION GOLF AUTHORITY CHECKING ACCOUNT (\$316,525 FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED AT JANUARY 9, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING AND \$100,000 FOR OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES) ON JANUARY 23, 2023

NOTE: Mayor & Council approved via email exchanges on January 19, 2023 and City Manager authorizing Finance Director via text on January 23, 2023.

Motion for formal authorization made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Turner, and all were in favor.

XIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO APPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE MANUAL (See attached)

Motion to approve Customer Service Manual made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, and all were in favor.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE MET ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023

RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

XIV. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL) OF ZONING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MICHELE JOHNSON ON BEHALF OF THE TOOMBS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REZONE MCNATT STREET FROM C-2 TO L-1 (INDUSTRIAL) (See attached)

PROPOSED USE: Industrial Recruitment / Retention

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD DECISION: Approved 7-0

Motion to approve Zoning Request, as presented by the Planning & Zoning Board, made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Turner, and all were in favor.

XV. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL) OF ZONING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY LEE O'CONNER TO REZONE 301, 303, 305 & 307 GREEN STREET FROM OFFICE / RESIDENTIAL (OR) TO C-2 (See attached)

PROPOSED USE: Storage Facility

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Denied 6-0-1(Abstain)

NOTE: P&Z Boardmember Jackie Moses abstained due to possible conflict of interest, husband was founder of Jackson Heights Neighborhood Association.

Motion to approve Zoning Request, as presented by the Planning & Zoning Board (meaning denied Applicant's request to rezone), made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, seconded by Councilmember Bob Dixon, and all were in favor.

XVI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR CHIEF JAMES JERMON TO EXECUTE LEADSONLINE AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO THE ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION DATA PROVIDED (See attached)

NOTE: This is a three (3) year contract with an annual fee of \$4,151 for Year 1 and no more than 3% annual increase for Year 2 and Year 3.

FUNDING SOURCE: 100 – General Fund Budget

Motion to approve agreement and annual fees as presented and paid from General Fund made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, seconded by Councilmember Bob Dixon, and all were in favor.

XVII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE REMOTE HORN AND STROBE (LIGHTNING DETECTOR) FROM THOR GUARD FOR \$5,350 TO BE INSTALLED AT THE RONNIE A. DIXON PARK (See attached)

NOTE: Sole Source due to connectivity with main detector at Ed Smith Complex.

FUNDING SOURCE: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Motion to approve Lightning Detector as presented and paid from SPLOST made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, and all were in favor.

XVIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR REPAIRS TO POE STREET / FIRST STREET WELL #3 BY MOBLEY'S WELL DRILLING (See attached estimate)

<u>TYPE OF REPAIR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Rebuild Existing Pump	\$43,588.00
New Pump	\$56,996.00

FUNDING SOURCE: Water & Sewer Fund (Note: \$40,000 was budgeted in 2023 Water-Sewer Budget for this).

NOTE: Councilmember Loyd Mobley will abstain due to family relationship to one of the bidders.

NOTE: Mobley's Well was awarded the bid to pull the meter in the November 14, 2022 council meeting.

Motion to approve the purchase of new pump and pay from the Water & Sewer Fund made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bob Dixon, and all voting members were in favor.

XIX. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR SERVICE ROAD REPAIR BY MCLENDON ENTERPRISES FOR \$17,613.00 (See attached)

NOTE: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) – Approved \$15,000 in 2023 Budget

Motion to approve repair to Recreation Department Service Road as presented made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, seconded by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, and all were in favor.

XX. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING FURNITURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT

<u>ITEM(S)</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Recliners (3 each)	Badcock & More Farmers Furniture	\$2,021.61 \$2,162.97
Desk, U-shaped	Wilkes Office Machine GA Correctional Ind.	\$1,929.08 \$3,100.00
Low Bidder		

FUNDING SOURCE: 550 – Airport Fund (Approved 2023 Budget Item)

Motion to award as presented to low bidders made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bob Dixon, and all were in favor.

XXI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PHONE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT FOR THE VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT

<u>ITEM(S)</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Phone System	Pineland	\$513.98

Includes a Recurring Cost of \$29.98/month but replaces current recurring cost of \$39.17/month.

NOTE: Sole Source - System will work with new system recently purchased for City Hall.

FUNDING SOURCE: 550 – Airport Fund (Approved 2023 Budget Item)

Motion to approve as presented made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, and all were in favor.

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MET ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023

RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE (See attached minutes)

NOTE: Because the Mayor serves as a committee member, a first and second motion is needed.

XXII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR ESG ENGINEERING TO BID OUT THE SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT AND WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve to move forward with bidding out of both projects.

FUNDING SOURCE: ARPA Funds and/or GEFA Grant / Loan

NOTE: All bids will come back to the Mayor & Council for additional approval.

Motion to approve moving forward with bid solicitations was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Turner, and all were in favor.

XXIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (See attached, if available)

- a. Brian Sikes, Fire Chief (Absent – Sick) – Given by City Manager, Nick Overstreet
- b. James Jermon, Police Chief
- c. Tony Hall, ESG Project Manager
- d. Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
- e. Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
- f. City Marshal / Code Enforcement (Vacant) – Given by City Manager, Nick Overstreet

Department Heads gave their respective reports.

XXIV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (See attached)

City Manager Overstreet gave his report.

XXV. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED FOR PERSONNEL AS PER O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(2)

Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, seconded by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, and all were in favor.

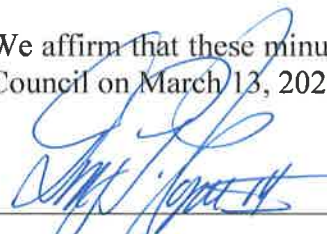
Motion to exit Executive Session made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, and all were in favor.

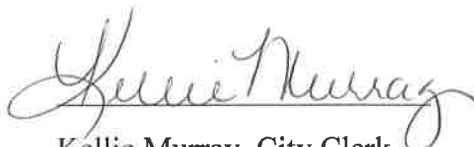
XXVI. ADJOURN

With all business discussed, Bob Dixon made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, and all were in favor.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on March 13, 2023.



Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor

Kellie Murray, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

NAME	ADDRESS
Billy Ragan	Airport
JAMES JERMON	VED
Bruce De [Signature]	Vidalia
Kellie Murray	City of Vidalia
Billy Ragan	VR A
Makaylee Randolph	The Advance
MARVIN MCINTYRE	1416 ORANGE ST. VIDALIA
Andy Wooseff	SOGA
Jake Cleglow	VOF
Debbie Evans	Chamber
Dell Torrance	ESG
Tom [Signature]	CVB
Alvin Butler	MT Zion Baptist Church
Mark Wilson	504 Durdin St.
Kelly T. Pratt	Durden
Shawn Oliver	403 Durden St.
Meghan Williams	403 Durden St
Richard Wilkey	ESG
James O'Neal	407 Durden St.
Lyndi Dean	101 Jackson St
Johnnie Martinez	VID, GA
MWOLLEY	Vid. GA
Charles Fournier	VIDALIA
ABIGAIL E. WES CHAPMAN	308 Mosley St. Vidalia
Gertrude Roundtree	809 Parker 105 E. 6th St
Jackie & Harry Mues	300 Mosley St. Vidalia
Lynn Addison	306 Timothy St. Vidalia
Rachelle Reddick	607 5th Ave Vidalia
Bruce Asberry	1201 N Cheney Dr Vidalia
Miss Mitchell	474 W. W. Rd
Rocky Mitchell	1007 Center Dr
Dana O'Conner	VPD
Shirley DeLoe	VPD
SLG	
Grada Wilkerson	