

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor  
Raymond Turner, Councilmember  
Bob Dixon, Councilmember  
Jennifer Evans, Councilmember  
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember  
Cecil Thompson, 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 RICK DAVIS, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, VIDALIA, GA.**

Mayor Doug Roper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Davis of Bible Baptist 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 as written by Councilmember Jennifer Evans with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**3. "SWEET ONION CITIZEN" PRESENTATION**

Mayor Roper presented Mr. Britt McDade, CFA of Vidalia, with the "Sweet Onion Citizen" award.

**4. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION(S) BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER**

Mayor Roper presented lifeguards Brylen Goss and Deuce Hightower, Sgt. David Williamson and Corporal Scott Howard of the Vidalia Police Department, and Allison Byrd proclamations for their lifesaving efforts during an incident at the Vidalia Aquatics Center on June 24, 2023.

**5. CHECK PRESENTATION BY HEART OF GOERGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF STATE OF GEORGIA, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET.**

Mr. Rich Bennett presented Mayor Doug Roper with a check for \$2 million dollars for enhancements at Ezra Taylor Sports Complex.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Connie Williams addressed Mayor and Council with her concerns in the community.

**7. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A financial summary was presented by Amy Murray.

**9. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATES**

Updates were provided by the following:

Downtown Vidalia Association	Tonya Parker
Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau	Alexa Britton
Greater Vidalia Chamber	Debra Evans
Vidalia Onion Festival	Jake Cleghorn
Sweet Onion Golf Authority	Andy Woodruff

**NOTE:** Tonya Parker presented requested road closures for the next 3 Sweet Saturday events: August 12 (9-4); September 9 (9-4); and October 14 (9-9). Roads are Durden, Jackson, Church, and East Meadows Street. A motion was made

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

- 10. CONSIDERATION / APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT HOWARD HOLMAN FOR A SECOND TERM ON THE VIDALIA TOOMBS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IN ADDITION, APPOINT DR. ASHLEE NICOLE TILLERY FOR REMAINDER OF MR. MIKE WALTER’S TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 2023.**

A motion was made to approve the reappointment of Howard Holman and to appoint Dr. Ashlee Nicole Tillery to the remainder of Mr. Walter’s term. Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO REMIT \$56,287.94 TO GDOT, CITY OF VIDALIA’S 40% SHARE OF WATER FACILITIES CONTRACT P.I. NO. 00191197. THE FUND SOURCE IS SPLOST.**

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

- 12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL RESOLUTION, GEFA LOAN NO. CW2021031, AND REMIT ORIGATION FEE OF \$37,500 TO GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (GEFA). THE FUND SOURCE IS WATER/SEWER FUND.**

A motion was made to approve resolution and remit origination fee to GEFA by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-25: “URBAN CAMPING”.**

**FIRST READING: JUNE 12, 2023**  
**SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2023**

A motion was made to approve the addition of this ordinance by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**14. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-19: "BOARDERS AND LODGERS" ORDINANCE.**

**FIRST READING: JUNE 12, 2023**

**SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2023**

A motion was made to approve the addition of this ordinance by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**15. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-26 – 17-27: "DRIVEWAY PERMIT & CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ROADS".**

**FIRST READING: JUNE 12, 2023**

**SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2023**

A motion was made to approve the addition of this ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**16. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 9-22: "UNDEVELOPED AND UNKEPT PROPERTY". NOTE: SECTION 9-22 AND SECTION 9-23 OF CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2 WILL BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH THIS ORDINANCE.**

**FIRST READING: JUNE 12, 2023**

**SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2023**

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

**17. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE (1) FLYGT SUBMERSIBLE PUMP AT A COST OF \$45,495.90 (\$42,816.90 COST OF PUMP AND INCLUDE \$2,679.00 FREIGHT CHARGE) FOR LIFT STATION NUMBER ONE. THIS IS A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE. THE FUND SOURCE IS WATER/SEWER FUND.**

A motion was made to approve the purchase of submersible pump for \$45,495.90 from

the Water/Sewer Fund by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

- 18. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF BID FOR DEMOLITION OF OLD CONCESSION BUILDING ON AIRPORT ROAD SUBMITTED BY MCLENDON ENTERPRISES AT A COST OF \$3,671.00. THE FUND SOURCE IS COMMUNITY CENTER SPLOST FUNDS.**

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

- 19. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF 2023 MANHOLE REHABILITATION IN THE SOUTH BASIN PROJECT AT A COST OF \$24,390.00 SUBMITTED BY THE RECOMMENDED VENDOR, UTILITY ASSET MANAGEMENT. THE FUND SOURCE IS GEFA (CWSRF).**

**NOTE:** PRIM INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL;  
HOWEVER, THE COMPANY IS UNABLE TO PERFORM ALL SERVICES REQUESTED.

A motion was made to accept bid submitted by Utility Asset Management by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

- 20. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FROM RESPONSIVE TECHNOLOGIES TO PURCHASE / INSTALL / SETUP NEW SERVER AT A COST OF \$39,910.00. THE FUND SOURCE IS SPLOST.**

A motion was made to accept bid from Responsive Technologies by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 21. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF 2-YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN FLOCK SAFETY AND CITY OF VIDALIA FOR FLOCK SAFETY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, TO INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION FEE. TOTAL DUE AT CONTRACT SIGNING IS \$36,500.00 WITH AN ANNUAL RECURRING FEE AFTER YEAR 1 OF \$30,000.00 THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR TWO YEARS IS \$66,500.00. THE FUND SOURCE IS GENERAL FUND.**

A motion was made to approve contract with Flock Safety for two years for a total of

\$66,500.00 by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**22. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

The following monthly reports were presented to Mayor & 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

**23. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

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

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

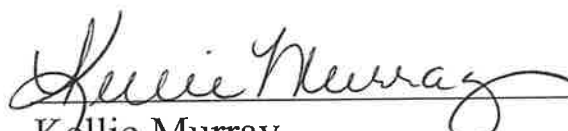
A motion was made to return to regular session by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**25. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner to adjourn this meeting, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This meeting of the Mayor and City Council was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

## AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on August 14, 2023.

  
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Doug P. Roper, III  
Mayor  
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Kellie Murray  
City Clerk

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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)**.

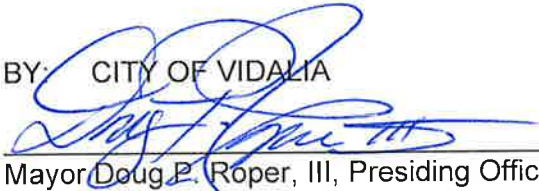


- J. Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to **Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code** because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA


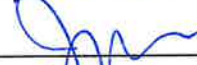



  
Mayor Doug P. Roper, III, Presiding Officer

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)

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

# COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

7/10/2023

NAME	ADDRESS
Alexa Britton	CKB
Tonya Parker	DVA
JAMES JONES	ESG
JACK Cloghron	VOF
Ben B. B. B.	Itoggre
JEDNA	VPD
Therapy Clint K	VPD
Tony RAN	ESG
Andy Woodruff	
Walter Hogue	
Allen W. W.	907 5th Ave
Melissa Williams	1529 Stella Ave
Charles R. R.	
Sean & Lisa Flanagan	Madison
Monroe Gross	716 Julie Dr
Natasha Gross	" "
Joey G. G.	104 Bucking Dr.
Connie L. L.	1501 N. Cherry
Bryant B. B.	716 Julie Dr.
Heza New	1405 Center Drive
Eric & Laura Smith	Wholen Co.
Becham Terrell	1911 W. Hwy 6 & Vidalia Rd
Melissa Dunder	602 E 5th St Vidalia
Lendy K. K.	407 Dunder
Quinn Capente	VPD
Obil Evans	Chamber
Shannon Martin	VPD
Skyler Jackson	VPD
Kelsey Censy	VPD
Kim Williams	VPD
Christy Vandoe	VPD
Kirk Williams	VPD
Carrie Miller	108 Louisiana Drive
Melinda Colsen	VPD
Maclgr Colli	VPD
Dewey Anderson	VPD
DON & ROGER, JR	1301 LOOP RD. VIDALIA
MATT OXLEY	VPD
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