

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on the date, time and location stated above.

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

CITY STAFF: Josh Beck, City Manager
Daniel O'Connor, City Attorney
Kellie Murray, City Clerk
Tonya Parker, DVA Director
Alexa Britton, CVB Director
Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
James Jermon, Police Chief
Tony Hall, ESG Project Manager
Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
Chad Phillips, City Marshal

A list of visitors is attached.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG P. ROPER, III, WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY BISHOP CARL WARDLAW, III, VIDALIA POLICE CHAPLAIN.**
This meeting was called to order by Mayor Roper. Bishop Carl Wardlaw, III, gave the Invocation and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**
Councilmember Raymond Turner made A motion to approve agenda as written, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jesse Gillis came before the Mayor and Council requesting assistance with a road issue.

4. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- * City Council Workshop Minutes dated May 13, 2024
- * City Council Meeting Minutes, dated May 13, 2024
- * Executive Session Meeting Minutes, dated May 13, 2024

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve the consent agenda as written, with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE RONNIE A DIXON SCHOLARSHIP TO EMMA BECK, BY CLAY SYKES, OF INFRAMARK (FORMERLY ESG).

Mr. Clay Sykes of Inframark made the scholarship presentation to Emma Beck.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Bedingfield presented the financial report to Mayor and Council, and thanked Shannon Renteria for assistance with financials.

7. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATE

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

Tourism and Chamber updates were presented to Mayor and Council.

8. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REVISE BY-LAWS. SPECIFICALLY, A MOTION WAS MADE DURING THE MAY 28 DDA MEETING WITH A MOTION BY TERRY EDMONDS WITH A SECOND MADE BY JENNIFER EVANS TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS TO READ: "TREASURER SHALL BE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, OR AN APPROVED ASSISTANT OVERSEEN BY THE CITY'S FINANCE DIRECTOR."

The recommendation to revise DDA By-laws as specified above was approved by motion and second. Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion, with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

- 9. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF CBV BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MARIO ZAMORANO TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU BOARD FOR A TERM FROM JUNE 2024 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

THIS WILL FILL THE VACANT SEAT OF ALYSSA MARSIANO WHOSE TERM EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2023.

The recommendation to appoint Mario Zamorano to the CVB Board was approved by motion and second. Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL OF PINE CREST PERPETUAL TRUST II, ARTICLE VII (B), ADVISORY BOARD AT-LARGE MEMBERS, THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED:**

John Ladson Term Expires: 6/1/2027

Harry Moses Term Expires: 6/1/2026

Lorraine Anderson Term Expires: 6/1/2025

A motion was made to approve the recommendation of the Pine Crest Perpetual Trust II advisory board members as listed. This motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

- 11. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL TO RE-APPOINT MISSY OWENS TO THE VIDALIA TOOMBS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ONE FULL TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS (JULY 2024 – JUNE 2027).**

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to re-appoint Missy Owens to the library board by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR VIDALIA'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AS SUBMITTED BY CVB DIRECTOR ALEXA BRITTON. DATE OF EVENT IS JULY 4, 2024, WITH ONE ROAD CLOSURE – DURDEN STREET – FROM 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 MIDNIGHT.**

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve this special events permit, with a second made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR CVB, ALEXA BRITTON, FOR VIDALIA'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION. THE APPROVAL OF THIS LICENSE IS TENTATIVE AND WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL THROUGH THE STATE OF GEORGIA.**

A motion was made to tentatively approve this alcohol license once accepted by the State of Georgia. Councilmember Raymond Turner made a motion, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 14. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR A CHILDRENS EVENT SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA JACKSON. DATES OF THE EVENT ARE JULY 4 AND JULY 5 FROM 5:00 PM UNTIL 11:30 PM, WITH ONE ROAD CLOSURE – PORTION OF WINONA STREET IN FRONT OF 710 WINONA STREET – FROM 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 11:30 P.M.**

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve this special events permit with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

- 15. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF COST ESTIMATE SUBMITTED BY VYVE BROADBAND TO RELOCATE AND BURY FIBER AND COAX AND REMOVE TWO (2) POLES IN THE RONNIE A DIXON PARK AREA.**

COST ESTIMATE: \$5,391.64.

FUND SOURCE: SPLOST

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to accept and approve the cost estimate as submitted. A second was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

- 16. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF REVISED AGREEMENT WITH TextMyGov TO INCREASE YEARLY ALLOTMENT OF TEXTS FROM 50,000 AT A COST OF \$5,500.00 TO 300,000 AT A COST OF \$7,000.00 ANNUALLY. THIS AGREEMENT BEGAN 12/21/2021 AND WE ARE AVERAGING 154,000 TEXT PER YEAR. THE INCREASE TO 300,000 TEXTS ANNUALLY WOULD ALLOW FOR FUTURE GROWTH.**

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve revised agreement with TextMyGov, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 17. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO UPGRADE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE FROM OUR CURRENT VERSION OF v9 AND MIGRATE TO v10 AT A COST OF \$59,760.00. THE RECURRING FEE FOR v10 SOFTWARE WILL BE \$45,819.00. THIS WILL BE A \$19,357.00 INCREASE FROM OUR CURRENT RECURRING FEE OF \$26,462.00.**

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve the upgrade to the Tyler Technologies software, with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MET MAY 29, 2024

Note: With Mayor Roper serving as Chair of this Committee, a first and second motion must be made to approve recommendations of committee.

- 18. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO REPLACE ONE 25 hp 60-inch RIDING LAWN MOWER FROM VIDALIA SMALL ENGINE REPAIR AT A COST OF \$5,800.00.**

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Vidalia Small Engine Repair	\$5,800.00
Alston Saw Shop	\$10,600.00

RECOMMENDED VENDOR: Vidalia Small Engine Repair

FUND SOURCE: SPLOST

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve the replacement of one (1) riding lawn mower at a cost of \$5,800.00. A second was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

- 19. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 1500 gpm SIDE MOUNT RESCUE PUMPER WITH 1030 GALLON BOOSTER / FOAM TANKS FROM FIRELINE, INC. AT A COST OF \$417,927.00 AND EQUIPMENT COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$57,000.00 FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$474,927.00.**

FUND SOURCE: SPLOST

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve the purchase of one rescue pumper and equipment at an estimated cost of \$474,927.00. A second was made by

Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

- 20. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM L&T, INC. TO CLEAN AV TANK AT THE VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT. THIS WILL INCLUDE SAND BLASTING THE INSIDE OF TANK AND COAT WITH WOLVERINE BOND TILE 1101 RISIN BASE COAT.**

QUOTED PRICE: \$24,285.00

FUND SOURCE: AIRPORT FUND

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

**RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM LICENSING AND PERMITTING
COMMITTEE**

Note: THE FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE(S):

Mayor Roper advised this would be considered the first reading of the following ordinances and copies would be available to the public. Please contact Kellie Murray at City Hall.

- 21. REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE: “SOLAR ENERGY”**
- 22. REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE: “SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS”**
- 23. REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE: “HOMELESSNESS”**
- 24. REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE: “BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,” SPECIFICALLY, TO ADD STATE MINIMUM STANDARD/INTERNATIONAL CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION.**
- 25. REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE: “RECREATION VEHICLE (RV) AND CAMPERS”**

26. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Police Chief James Jermon updated the Flock camera system advising all paperwork of Phase II has been signed and all cameras along the State highways will be installed by the end of June. The additional 15 cameras will be installed by the end of July.

27. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Josh Beck presented his report to Mayor and Council updating several projects currently underway.

28. EXECUTIVE SESSION PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-4, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL.

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

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to exit Executive Session and return to regular session, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously and this meeting returned to regular session.

A motion was made to approve City Manger Josh Beck an amount up to \$10,000 for expenditures pertaining to Truman Street property sold to Pickle Barrel. Councilmember Loyd Mobley made this motion, with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

29. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans and this motion passed unanimously.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and Council on July 8, 2024.



Doug P. Roper, III
Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

CITY OF VIDALIA

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

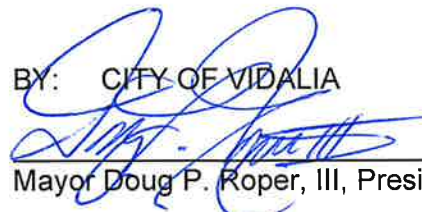
- (1) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Vidalia City Council held on the **10th** day of **JUNE, 2024**. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (2) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- (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.

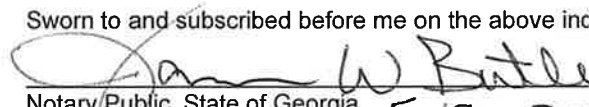
This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This 10th day of June, 2024

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 5-18-2026



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







Cecil Thompson

John Raymond Turner

Jennifer Evans

Loyd Mobley

Bob Dixon

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

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COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

DATE OF MEETING: JUNE 10, 2024

NAME	ADDRESS
Chad Phelps	City Marshal
VERNIE NELSON	
TOMX HAN	ESG
Billy Ragan	Airport
Tony Parker	DVA
Shamne Kentner	City
Ken Mosley	Vidalia
Jan Smith	
Bite Jones	
Alexa Sutta	CVB
Michelle Johnson	GVK / ILNA
Geraldine Bell	
Calvin Beck	
Sarah Beck	
Gemma Beck	
TERMON	JPD
Andy Woodruff	Golf
JAMES O'NEAL	ESG
CHRIS KAUFFMAN	PO BOX 1895 VIDALIA 30475
Marcella Hall	Vidalia GA
Lillian Turner	Vidalia GA
Bugene Jackson	Vidalia GA
Jamie Jackson	Vidalia GA
Kim Dye	Vidalia GA
Tony Means	"
Super Tanner	"
Mary E. Taylor	Vidalia
Flora E. Taylor	Vidalia
Mattie K. Dixon	Vidalia
Chad Taylor	Vidalia
Wanda Taylor	Vidalia
Kathy Taylor	Vidalia
Lynne Taylor	Vidalia
Tammy Taylor	Vidalia
MATT DYER	V.D.
Louis McRae	The Advance
Maxxlee Randolph	Raymore Cir
Pastor Ronald Miller	Raymore Cir
Assen Marie Ruth Miller	

DATE OF MEETING: JUNE 10, 2024

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**MINUTES
POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE
VIDALIA CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024
8:30 A.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CHAIR DOUG ROPER, MAYOR
RAYMOND TURNER, COUNCIL
JENNIFER EVANS, COUNCIL

CITY STAFF: BILL BEDINGFIELD, CITY MGR.
KELLIE MURRAY, CITY CLERK
BRIAN SIKES, FIRE CHIEF

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR DOUG ROPER

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Roper at 8:50 a.m.

**2. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION OF QUOTE TO REPLACE
25hp 60-inch RIDING LAWN MOWER.**

Vidalia Small Engine Repair \$5,800.00

Alston Saw Shop \$10,600.00

Recommended vendor: Vidalia Small Engine Repair @ \$5,800.00

Fund Source: SPLOST

City Manager Bill Bedingfield presented bids to committee with the recommendation to award bid to Vidalia Small Engine Repair with a bid of \$5,800.00 to be paid from SPLOST. It was recommended by committee to present to Council for approval on June 10, 2024.

**3. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 1500
GPM SIDE MOUNT RESCUE PUMPER WITH 1030 GALLON
BOOSTER / FOAM TANKS.**

Fireline, Inc. \$417,927.00

****Note:** Attached to Fireline quote are documents 1) estimated cost of current repairs needed and, 2) a printed history of repairs and cost.

Fire Chief Brian Sikes presented the attached bid for the cost of one (1) pumper truck and cost to equip truck. He revised the cost of equipment to approximately \$56,000.00.

Chief Sikes presented a history of the repairs and cost, as well as the current situation the Fire Department is experiencing with repairs to their trucks/equipment. The committee made the recommendation to present to Council for approval on June 10, 2024. The fund source for this purchase is SPLOST.

4. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Roper adjourned this meeting.

**MINUTES
LICENSING AND PERMITTING COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024
7:30 A.M.**

*All avail @
City Hall*

MEMBERS: Raymond Turner, Councilmember (Chair)
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember
CITY STAFF: Bill Bedingfield, City Manager
Kellie Murray, City Clerk
Chad Phillips, City Marshal

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

This meeting was called to order by Chair Raymond Turner at 7:30 a.m.

**II. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION OF ORDINANCE:
“SOLAR ENERGY”**

The recommendation of this committee is to present to Mayor and Council during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 10, 2024, for a first reading and consideration.

**III. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ORDINANCE:
“SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS”.**

The recommendation of this committee is to present to Mayor and Council during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 10, 2024, for a first reading and consideration.

**IV. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ORDINANCE:
“HOMELESSNESS”.**

The recommendation of this committee is to present to Mayor and Council during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 10, 2024, for a first reading and consideration.

V. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADDITION TO ORDINANCE: “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”, SPECIFICALLY, TO ADD STATE MINIMUM STANDARD/INTERNATIONAL CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION.

The recommendation of this committee is to present to Mayor and Council during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 10, 2024, for a first reading and consideration.

VI. DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE REVISION OF SECTION 16-77: “RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) AND CAMPERS”.

The recommendation of this committee is to present to Mayor and Council during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 10, 2024, for a first reading and consideration.

VII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.