

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL ANNEX  
JUNE 12, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, June 12, 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.

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY PASTOR CARL WARDLAW, SR., FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, VIDALIA, GA**

Mayor Doug Roper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Carl Wardlaw, Sr. of First African Baptist Church 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. Joe Fletcher and Ms. Susanna Hayes with the “Sweet Onion Citizen”.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Susanna Hayes presented a history of the camp for girls she coordinates each year at the Vidalia Community Center.

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

A motion was made to approve all items on consent agenda by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT (See attached)**

A financial summary was presented by Amy Murray.

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

The following updates were presented to Council:

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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 |

**8. DISAPPROVAL / APPROVAL FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR TO WRITE \$1,000,000.00 FROM GRANT FUND TO SWEET ONION GOLF AUTHORITY.**

**NOTE:** DNR Pass-through Grant Funds

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

**9. DISAPPROVAL / APPROVAL FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MOVE \$468.53, THE REMAINING MONIES IN SWEET ONION GOLF AUTHORITY ACCOUNT AT AMERIS BANK, SO THE ACCOUNT CAN BE CLOSED OUT.**

**NOTE:** Confirmed with Jacob Woodfine that all checks have cleared.

A motion was made to approve this action. Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed

unanimously.

- 10. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE RONNIE A DIXON CITY PARK FROM 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 A.M. ON JULY 4, 2023, AS SUBMITTED BY ALEXA BRITTON, CVB DIRECTOR. THIS APPLICATION INCLUDES THE REQUEST TO CLOSE DURDEN STREET FROM 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 A.M. ON JULY 4, 2023. (See attached application)**

A motion was made to approve this Special Events application by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

- 11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT SUBMITTED BY GOD GRACE AND MERCY MINISTRIES FOR A CHRISTIAN MENS FELLOWSHIP AT H.W. MILLER PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023, FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M. NO ROAD CLOSINGS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. (See attached application)**

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

- 12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL LICENSE TO MCINTOSH FOOD MART (YUVI LOLO, INC.) AS REQUESTED BY CHATANKUMAR PATEL. (See attached application)**

**NOTE:** All requirements of permit application have been met.

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

- 13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF BIDS TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT SCBA UNITS TO CHANGE OUT CHLORINE TANKS AT SWIFT CREEK PLANT AND WELLS AT A COST OF \$9,968.16.**

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ten-8	\$9,968.16
Grainger	\$9,330.74

**Recommended Vendor:** Ten-8 (Note: Ten-8 was recommended vendor due to product being unavailable from Grainger for 30 days.)

**FUND SOURCE:** SPLOST

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

- 14. DISCUSS / APPROVE BID FOR ELEVATED TANK PAINTING AND LOGO CHANGE ON TANK #1 AT A COST OF \$62,500; LOGO CHANGE ON TANK #2, #3, AND #4 AT A COST OF \$10,000 EACH BY UTILIVISION, INC. FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$92,500.**

**FUND SOURCE:** Water/Sewer Fund

(NOTE: This item was approved in the 2023 budget and will be a sole source item.)

Motion made to approve the painting of tank and logo on Tank #1 at a cost of \$62,500. Motion made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

### ***AIRPORT COMMITTEE MET ON MAY 18, 2023***

### ***RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM AIRPORT COMMITTEE:***

**NOTE:** Because the Mayor serves as Committee Member, a first and second motion will be needed.

- 15. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF BIDS TO REPLACE ONE AIR CONDITIONER UNIT AT THE VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT AT A COST OF \$6,600.00**

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Premier	\$6,600.00
Alexander Bros.	7,390.00
Rivers Air Conditioning	7,815.00

**RECOMMENDED VENDOR:** Premier

**FUND SOURCE:** Airport Fund

Motion made to approve purchase by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

- 16. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VIDALIA AND REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR WASTE SERVICES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025, WITH 2 ADDITIONAL 3-YEAR OPTIONS. (See attached contract)**

Motion made to authorize City Manager to execute contract by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

***LICENSING & PERMITTING COMMITTEE MET ON JUNE 8, 2023***

***RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM LICENSING & PERMITTING COMMITTEE:***

**NOTE:** The Committee's recommendation will be the first motion; however, no action required. The following ordinances will be brought back to Council for the second reading and approval/adoption on July 10, 2023.

- 17. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-25: "URBAN CAMPING". THIS WILL BE THE *FIRST READING* OF THIS ORDINANCE. (See attached)**
- 18. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-19: "BOARDERS AND LODGERS" ORDINANCE. THIS WILL BE THE *FIRST READING* OF THIS ORDINANCE. (See attached)**
- 19. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-26 – 17-27: "DRIVEWAY PERMIT & CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ROADS". THIS WILL BE THE *FIRST READING* OF THIS ORDINANCE. (See attached)**
- 20. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 9-22: "UNDEVELOPED AND UNKEPT PROPERTY".**

**THIS WILL BE THE *FIRST READING* OF THIS ORDINANCE. (See attached)**

**21. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (See attached)**

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

**22. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

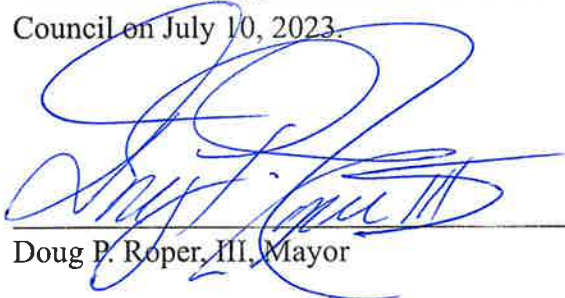
**23. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED, AS PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 – Session was not needed.**

**24. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson to adjourn this meeting. A second was given by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously, and this meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**AFFIRMATION**

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on July 10, 2023.



Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk