

MINUTES
VIDALIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The regularly scheduled council meeting was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, May 8, 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 ROPER WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY PASTOR EFTON GREEN, CALVARY ON AIMWELL.

Mayor Doug Roper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Efton Green of Calvary on Aimwell gave the invocation and led the pledge of Allegiance.

2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**4. PRESENTATION OF ESG SCHOLARSHIP TO EMMA NEESMITH.
PRESENTED BY CLAY SHARPE, ESG.**

Mr. Clay Sikes, ESG, along with members of the Dixon family, presented the Ronnie A Dixon Memorial Scholarship to Emma NeeSmith.

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

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

6. FINANCIAL REPORT (See attached)

The financial summary was presented by Amy Murray.

TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATE (See attached, if available)

The following updates were presented to Council:

Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA)	Tonya Parker
Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB)	Alexa Britton
Greater Vidalia Chamber	Debbie Evans
Vidalia Onion Festival	Jake Cleghorn
Sweet Onion Golf Authority	Andy Woodruff

7. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE TO CFI VIDALIA, LLC. (See attached).

NOTE: All requirements have been met.

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

8. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE LIMB BEAVER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT OF WAYS AND EASEMENTS AT A COST OF \$25,000. (See attached budget justification)

FUNDING SOURCE: SPLOST (Approved in Public Works 2023 budget.)

A motion was made to approve the purchase of Limb Beaver at a cost of \$18,890.00 from SPLOST. Motion made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AWOS PRECIPITATION GAUGE FOR VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT AT A COST OF \$2,188.00 + SHIPPING (to be determined at time of shipping). See attached.

NOTE: This is a sole source quote as the part is coming from the company who we have a maintenance contract with to maintain the AWOS and navigation aids.

FUNDING SOURCE: Airport Fund

A motion was made to approve the purchase of AWOS Precipitation Gauge for the Vidalia Regional Airport at a cost of \$2,188.00 and cost of shipping. This purchase will be paid from Airport Fund. Motion made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT ICE MACHINE FOR VIDALIA COMMUNITY CENTER FROM CLARKE APPLIANCE AT A COST OF \$3,575.00. (See attached)

FUND SOURCE: SPLOST (Ice machine replacement approved in 2023 SPLOST budget)

A motion was made to approve the purchase of replacement ice machine for the Vidalia Community Center at a cost of \$3,575.00 to be paid from the approved 2023 SPLOST budget. Motion made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**STREET & SANITATION COMMITTEE MET MAY 3, 2023 –
RECOMMENDATION(S) TO MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD SOLID WASTE CONTRACT FOR CITY OF VIDALIA. (Bid tabulation attached)

BIDDERS: Republic Services
Ryland Environmental
AllGreen Services

RECOMMENDED BIDDER: Republic Services

NOTE: The Committee's recommendation is considered first motion.

City Manager Nick Overstreet advised Republic Services will reduce the roll-off rate to \$170.00 per haul. This change will not affect residential cost/bid. All roll-off carts are required to be full to be removed. Committee's recommendation is considered first motion, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MET APRIL 18, 2023 & MAY 3, 2023 – RECOMMENDATION(S) TO MAYOR & COUNCIL:

- 12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF BID SUBMITTED ARPA WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BID AWARD TO MCLENDON ENTERPRISES, SECTION 100: TANK #1 & #3 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT AT A COST OF \$2,618,889.37.**

FUNDING SOURCE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

NOTE: Due to Mayor serving as Committee Member, a first and second motion will be required.

City Manager Nick Overstreet advised the cost of bid is \$3,172,234.21. A change order will be sent to McLendon Enterprises to defer 2 items on bid tabulation. A motion was made to award McLendon Enterprises project bid at a cost of \$3,172,234.21 by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL WSI-MCINTOSH STREET LINE REPLACEMENT AND APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED 12” LINE; APPROVE/DISAPPROVAL AWARD OF BID TO K-DUG CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$435,152.22.**

FUNDING SOURCE: 45/55 Split – GEFA Grant (45% Grant funds – 55% Loan)

NOTE: Due to Mayor serving as Committee Member, a first and second motion is required.

City Manager Nick Overstreet advised there was an error noted in the loan documents regarding interest rate. The correct interest rate will be below 1% interest. A motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

LICENSING AND PERMITTING COMMITTEE MET MAY 3, 2023 – RECOMMENDATION(S) TO MAYOR & COUNCIL:

THE SECOND READINGS OF THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) ORDINANCES:

- 14. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL) OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 4 - ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4-41: “SIP AND STROLL” ORDINANCE. FIRST READING WAS CONDUCTED APRIL 10, 2023. (See attached)**

City Manager Nick Overstreet advised the geographical area has been reduced per recommendation of committee from the first reading, and colored cups will not be a requirement. A motion was made to approve “Sip and Stroll” ordinance with the recommendations of committee by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by

Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL) OF ADDITION TO CITY ORDINANCE: “SMALL CELL ANTENNA.” FIRST READING WAS CONDUCTED ON APRIL 10, 2023. (See attached)

City Attorney Justin Franklin advised there was a formatting error on this ordinance and the footnotes will be removed. A motion to approve “Small Cell Antenna” ordinance with formatting errors corrected was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL) OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO TABLE “SHOPPING CARTS” ORDINANCE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

A motion was made to table “Shopping Carts” ordinance for further consideration. Motion made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

17. DISCUSSION / (APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL) OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO NOT PROCEED WITH ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF “TAX ON SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS BY THE DRINK” ORDINANCE PRESENTED MAY 3, 2023.

A motion was made to approve Committee recommendation of no further consideration of this ordinance. Motion made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

18. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION BY MAYOR & COUNCIL FOR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT/AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VIDALIA AND GFL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC FOR DREDGING AND DE-WATERING OF SETTLING POND LOCATED AT THE SOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM. (See attached)

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-008 authorizing City Manager to execute agreement with GFL Environmental Services, LLC for dredging settling pond at south wastewater treatment facility and land application system. Motion made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

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

- 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
- g. Amie Vassey, Republic Services

Department Heads presented their monthly reports to Mayor & Council.

20. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Nick Overstreet presented the City Manager's report to Mayor & Council.

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

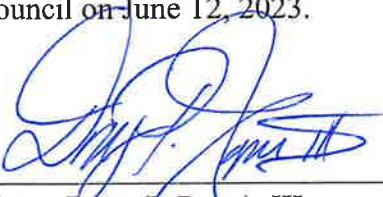
Executive Session was not needed.

22. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon, to adjourn this meeting of the Mayor and City Council. This motion was approved unanimously.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on June 12, 2023.



Mayor Doug P. Roper, III

Kellie Murray, City Clerk

May 8, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

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Clad Phillips TRIA CEVE Alexa Britten Billy Kapan Amie Wasseley Shirley Faulkner Eloy Jhon Amy Waggoner Dorell Dixon Brian Sikes James O'Neal Tedmen Cubert Evans Munroe James D. Brown Hayden Deane Tommy Lyndi Dean Lake Clegdon Garry Colston Conan Wilkins Bernedine Bell	CVB Airport Republic Services Tomb's County VFD ESG JPD Chamber NID, GA Vic. GA ESG 407 Darden KOF VPB Yideline Sta. Yideline, GA