

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and council held a workshop on the stated date, time, and place.

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

CITY STAFF: Nick Overstreet, City Manager
Justin Franklin, City Attorney
Kellie Murray, City Clerk

The purpose of the workshop is for **DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY** on the following items:

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG P. ROPER, III

Mayor Doug Roper called this meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS / LICENSES
- COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / PUBLIC HEARING
- PURCHASE REQUESTS

OTHER ITEMS, IF TIME PERMITS

III. ADJOURN

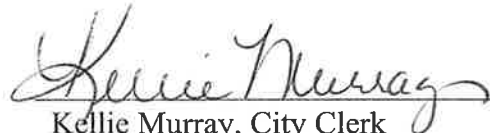
With no further items to discuss, Mayor Doug Roper adjourned this meeting at 5:45 p.m.

AFFIRMATION

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



Doug P. Roper, III
Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

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

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

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

CITY STAFF: Nick Overstreet, City Manager
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A list of visitors is attached to the minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROPER WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY REV. CARL WARDLAW, III, CENTRAL VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mayor Roper called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Carl Wardlaw, III, of Central Valley Missionary Baptist Church gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Roper advised the agenda will be amended with Darryl McArthur being added to Public Comments and Item #17 will be the award of bids for the Franklin Street Water and Sewage Project. A motion was made to accept the amendments to this agenda and approve. This motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) Sherry Carnes – addressed issues in Vidalia to include brown water and lights that are no longer operating on a 4-way stop in front of her house.
- b) Matthew Bright – presented a handout to Council with photos of brown water issues and discussed this issue and possible solutions.
- c) Frank Champion – discussed yard debris issue that is ongoing from debris generated from an earlier storm system.
- d) Darryl McArthur – expressed his concern with crime/gang activity within Vidalia. He was encouraged to meet with Police Chief James Jermon who can address this and explain actions being taken at this time.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S) BY CHIEF JAMES JERMON

Police Chief James Jermon introduced FTO Matthew Roberts. Officer Roberts is a recent graduate of the Police Academy.

5. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented by Finance Director Patricia Glover.

7. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATES

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| a) Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA) | Tonya Parker, Director |
| b) Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton, Director |
| c) Greater Vidalia Chamber was not present to provide update | |
| d) Vidalia Onion Festival | Jake Cleghorn, Chair |
| e) Sweet Onion Golf Authority | Presented by Mayor Roper |

Vidalia Onion Festival discussed several position / by-law revisions; however, the discussion and approval was tabled to present as an agenda item at the November Council Meeting.

8. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ADDING A MONTHLY SERVICE FEE OF \$4.10 TO OR-OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ZONED AREAS TO PICKUP LIMBS/LEAVES CURBSIDE ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

Note: A public hearing was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to receive comments regarding the service and additional fee.

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve curbside pickup in the OR zoned areas and include the additional fee of \$4.10. A second was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF GAME ROOM LICENSE FOR “THE CAGEZ” SUBMITTED BY MAGGIE SNELL. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS LICENSE HAVE BEEN MET.

A motion to approve this license was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION FOR “VIDALIA PORCHFEST” SUBMITTED BY WES CHAPMAN, ALTAMA MUSEUM. DATE OF THE EVENT IS NOVEMBER 18, 2023, FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 10:00 PM. FULL STREET CLOSURE HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR 6TH STREET, FROM CHURCH TO JACKSON, AND 6TH STREET FROM JACKSON TO DURDEN. PARTIAL CLOSURE FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM ON DURDEN FROM 2ND STREET TO PINECREST.

A motion to approve “Vidalia Porchfest” as submitted was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner, with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION FOR “FALL FESTIVAL” SUBMITTED BY NEW VISION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. DATE OF THE EVENT IS OCTOBER 14, 2023, FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM. THERE WERE NO ROAD CLOSURES REQUESTED.

Councilmember Bob Dixon made a motion to approve this application, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR “DOWNTOWN SPOOKTACULAR” SUBMITTED BY DVA DIRECTOR, TONYA PARKER. DATE OF EVENT IS OCTOBER 26, 2023, FROM 4:00 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM. MAP IS ATTACHED WITH REQUESTED STREET CLOSURE OF

EAST MEADOWS STREET FROM CHURCH TO JACKSON, CHURCH STREET FROM HWY. 280 TO HWY. 280, JACKSON STREET FROM HWY. 280 TO HWY. 280, AND LEADER STREET FROM HWY. 280 TO HWY. 280.

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

- 13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR “TRUNK OR TREAT” SUBMITTED BY MANDY SMITH, HCA PSG. DATE OF THE EVENT IS OCTOBER 26, 2023, FROM 4:00 PM UNTIL 6:00 PM NO ROAD CLOSURES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED.**

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

STREET & SANITATION COMMITTEE MET ON OCTOBER 3, 2023:

NOTE: Committee recommendation is the first motion, only a second motion is needed.

- 14. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD SIKES BROTHERS, INC FOR TIA 2, BAND 1, RESURFACING OF STREETS. THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE IS TO APPROVE OPTION B OF THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL. THE LOCAL MATCH IS \$51,780.22 FROM SPLOST.**

The Committee recommendation is the first motion to approve Sikes Brothers, Inc. A Councilmember Raymond Turner made second motion. This motion passed unanimously.

- 15. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF 2024 LMIG AS LISTED. (Attached)**

The Committee recommendation to approve is the first motion. A second motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE MET ON OCTOBER 3, 2023:

NOTE: Committee recommendation is the first motion, only a second motion is needed.

- 16. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO MMI CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,550.00 FOR RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VIDALIA COMMUNITY CENTER. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT TO INCLUDE THE ALTERNATE BID TO INSTALL 6” GUTTERS AT THIS TIME.**

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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MMI Construction Uvalda, GA	\$124,550.00
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Harry Moses Construction Vidalia, GA	\$127,750.00
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RECOMMENDED VENDOR:	MMI Construction
FUND SOURCE:	SPLOST (Approved in 2023 budget)

The Committee recommendation to approve is the first motion. A second motion was made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

17. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD FRANKLIN STREET WATER AND SEWAGE PROJECT TO SIKES BROTHERS, INC. AT A COST OF \$85,850.00.

A motion to approve the award of the Franklin Street Water and Sewage Project to Sikes Brother, Inc. in the amount of \$85,850.00 was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

18. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following monthly reports were presented to Mayor and 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

19. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager presented his report to Mayor and Council.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(D) REAL ESTATE and §50-14-3(b)(2) PERSONNEL

A motion was made to enter Executive Session by Councilmember Raymond Turner,

with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.


Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to return to regular session, with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

21. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Councilmember Bob Dixon, with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This meeting was adjourned.

AFFIRMATION

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



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 **OCTOBER, 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 10TH day of OCTOBER, 2023.

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA

Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date.

Stephanie Michelle Bryson
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)

John R. Turner
Michelle
John

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

DATE OF MEETING: October 10, 2023

NAME	ADDRESS
32 Nyl	101 E 7th ST
Sherry Barnes	1542 Stella Ave
DAVE A. VEE	VID GA.
Heidi Sytton	CKB
Billy Ragan	Airport
MALE JOHN BR. & HE	114 MCINTOSH
Tonya Parker	DVA
Seraphine Sello	905 Raymond St.
Missz Mitchell	1201 Ncheney Drive
Frank Champion	408 Darby Dr
LEMON	VPD
Bixby L Mitchell	1201 Ncheney Drive
Pastor Ron Miller	1114 Raymond Cir.
Kasemagic Rhodes-Milton	1114 Raymond Cir
Wendell DIXON	702 Adams St, Vidalia, GA
Q. H. H. H. H.	258 GO AN St W W, ME, V.
Deborah Kemell	151 Peachtree Dr.
Trina Cortez	808 Roosevelt St, Vidalia Ga.
Richard Williams	403 Darden St.
Meghan Williams	403 Darden Street
Jennifer Martiney - Atlanta	1011 Jackson St.
Eugene Jackson	1202 Rhodus D V D
Lynndi Dean	407 Darden St.
Bill Torrance	307 Maccliff
John Cleghorn	1082 Glyn & James Rd Vidalia GA
James O'Neal	ESG
Garry Colson	VPD
DARRELL MCARTHUR	1570 Petross
Willie Brown	Vidalia Ga
CONV. F. Williams	Vidalia GA,
Daniel Combs	Hazelhurst
KRISTA MCNEAL	102 Theresa LN Apt B
William Martiney	1313 Sarge & Hill car