

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held in the Municipal Annex on Monday, September 11, 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
Justin Franklin, City Attorney

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. FRANK WILLIAMS, MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mayor Doug Roper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Frank Williams of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Vidalia, GA gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. SWEARING IN ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO FINANCE DIRECTOR, PATRICIA GLOVER, BY PROBATE JUDGE TINA LINDSEY

Finance Director Patricia Glover was administered her Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath by Probate Judge Tina Lindsey.

4. PRESENTATION OF TRAINING CERTIFICATE TO COUNCIL MEMBER LOYD MOBLEY BY ARTIFFANY STANLEY, MEMBER SERVICES CONSULTANT WITH THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (GMA)

Councilmember Loyd Mobley was presented with GMA Certificate of Recognition after having completed 42 hours of training through the Georgia Municipal Association. This certificate was presented by Artiffany Stanley, GMA District 9 Representative.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- MATHEW BRIGHT – Water issues
- PASTOR RONALD MILLER – Improvements on street lighting, sidewalk repair, and infrastructure improvement

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES WITH THE VIDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CHIEF JAMES JERMON

Police Chief James Jermon introduced to Mayor and Council the following employees:

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| • Pastor Carl Wardlaw, III | Department Chaplain |
| • Ms. Mekelia Jinks | Police Behavior Health Specialist |
| • Officer Clay Morgan | Patrol Division |
| • Corporal James Clubb | Patrol Division |

7. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (See Attached)

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

8. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATES (See attached, if available)

Updates and reports were presented by the following:

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| • Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA) | Tonya Parker |
| • Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton |
| • Greater Vidalia Chamber | Michele Johnson |
| • Vidalia Onion Festival | Jake Cleghorn, Chair |
| • Sweet Onion Golf Authority | Andy Woodruff, Chair |

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2023**

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

9. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO MULCH APPROXIMATELY 14 ACRES OF AIRPORT PROPERTY AND APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES OF SURROUNDING CITY PROPERTY. (See attached)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE RECOMMENDED VENDOR TO BE PAID FROM AIRPORT FUNDS AND GENERAL FUNDS.

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Progressive Landscaping & Irrigation	\$26,640.00 (Airport property) 6,648.90 (City property) +500.00 (trash removal) \$33,788.90
GAB Land Services	\$27,360.00 (Airport property) 6,828.60 (City property) +1,000.00 (trash removal) \$35,188.60
Kilgore Mulching and Tree Service	\$28,800.00 (Airport property) 7,188.00 (City property) \$35,988.00
T&M Land and Brush Management, LLC	\$40,320.00 (Airport property) 10,063.20 (City property) 750.00 (trash removal) \$51,133.20

RECOMMENDED VENDOR: Progressive Landscaping & Irrigation
FUND SOURCE: Airport Funds = \$26,640.00
General Funds = \$ 7,148.90

A motion was made to award the bid to mulch airport and surrounding property to Progressive Landscaping & Irrigation at a cost of \$26,640.00 of Airport funds and \$6,648.90 of City property with General funds. This motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BID APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES, TO BE CONFIRMED UPON FINAL SURVEY. (MAP ATTACHED)
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS UPON FINAL SURVEY.

A motion was made to approve advertising for bid approximately 2 acres of Parcel #C28A083 upon final survey. This motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF EVENT PERMIT FOR TOOMBS COUNTY NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUBMITTED BY SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023. THIS EVENT WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE SIDE OF HWY. 280 FACING ARBY'S AND LOWE'S. THIS EVENT WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY ROAD CLOSURES.

A motion was made to approve Special Event Permit submitted by Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday, October 1, 2023. This motion was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

12. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following monthly reports were presented to Mayor and Council:

- 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/Code Enforcement

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) – PERSONNEL

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session for reason of personnel. This motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to leave Executive Session and return to the regular meeting by

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

A motion was made to approve the Separation Agreement with the City of Vidalia and Amy Murray by Councilmember Raymond Turner with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

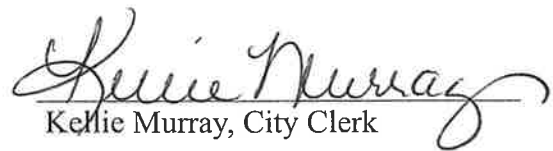
15. ADJOURN

Councilmember Bob Dixon made a motion to adjourn this meeting with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on October 9, 2023.



Doug P. Roper, III
Mayor

Kellie Murray, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

DATE OF MEETING: Sept. 11, 2023

NAME	ADDRESS
MATT OXLEY	VID, GA.
Caleb Beck	vid, Ga
Mike Holland	Vidalia
Chad Phillips	
Charles Fark	Vidalia
Andy Wapner	Vidalia
Lina Windsor, Probate Judge	
Peggie Roundtree	Vidalia GA
James O'Neil	ESG
Tommy Hill	ESG
FRANK Williams	vid Eye Dept
Tony Parker	JDH
Jephen	
Rachelle Reddick	Vidalia
James Reddick	Vidalia
Henry Hankerson	Vidalia
Factor Ronald Miller	Vidalia
Rosemarie Rhodes Miller	Vidalia
Makayee Randolph	The Advance
Kathy Hilt	Radio Station
Tiffany Morgan	
Gynthia Strickland	Vidalia
Billy Reagan	Airport
Kathy Sikes	Vidalia
James Sharp	Vidalia, GA Roosevelt St
JANE Ciegorn	UDF
Debbie Evans	Chamber
Shannon Martin	VPD
Garry Colson	VPD
Lynae Dean	Vidalia
Couric F. Williams	Vidalia Ga 30424
Merleia Jinks	Vidalia
Eliska Kathy (Annick)	1907 Williams Ct
Barry Jeter	Shirley
Rodney Wardlaw	383 Eastman
Arttany Stanley	GMA
Colby Popple	504 Darden St
MAUREN BRIGH	114 MEINER
Elizabeth Harvill	241 Bob shape Rd Vidalia

**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 **11th** day of **SEPTEMBER**, 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 **11TH** day of **SEPTEMBER** 2023

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA

[Signature]
Mayor or Presiding Officer

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

Stephanie Michelle Bryan
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)

[Signature]
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[Signature]
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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.