

Council Meeting
January 17, 2023

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Celestine Hayes and Jody Greene.

Others Present: Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry and members of the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to accept the minutes of December 19, 2022; December 20, 2022; December 27, 2022 and January 10, 2023. Councilman McClain seconded. Councilwoman Hayes questioned that the minutes from January 10th indicate a vote of 4-2 on the hiring of the new city manager; shouldn't it be 3-2 because the Mayor only votes when there is a tie? The city attorney advised that as per the charter, the Mayor votes for the position of city manager. All voted in favor to approve the minutes as presented.

Alcohol License Renewals: Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the following alcohol license renewals for 2023:

El Carrisal Mexican Restaurant, Inc.
Super Petroleum 23, Inc.
Super Petroleum 22, Inc.
Super Petroleum 21, Inc.
Kakezai, Inc.
Mehgi Corporation
Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC

Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Qualifying Fees: In accordance with state law to set and publish the qualifying fees no later than February 1st of an election year, Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the establishment of the qualifying fees in the amounts of \$63 for mayor and \$45 for council. The fee is 3% of the gross salary of the preceding year. Councilman Cowart seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Introduction of City Manager: Mayor Duke recognized newly hired city manager Mark Barber who will be joining the City of Adel on February 1, 2023. Mr. Barber thanked the council for the opportunity and stated he is looking forward to getting here and getting started. He pledged to give his best everyday and would be giving 110% to the citizens and employees. Councilman Cowart welcomed Mr. Barber to the team.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
