

Council Meeting
February 18, 2019

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Greg Paige, Michael Purvis and Jody Greene. Councilwoman Vivian Sharpe was absent.

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

Invocation was given by Councilman Purvis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor.

Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Program Discussion: Anna Marie Carter was present to address the council concerning a program entitled "Best Practices" to address feral cats. Ms. Carter explained a program out of Thomasville that will provide transportation to pick up feral cats in Adel, transport them to Thomasville to be spayed or neutered and given a rabies shot, then brought back to Adel for release at a cost of \$35 per cat. She is asking the City of Adel for seed money in the amount of \$2,000. This will sterilize 57 cats initially. She stated the cost of sterilizing one cat costs less than trapping/feeding/euthanizing one cat. In addition, she asked that the City of Adel ordinance be amended to prevent animal control from picking up feral cats that have been sterilized. She noted that once a cat has been sterilized one of their ears is clipped in the corner which signifies it has been sterilized and received a rabies shot. She noted that grant money is available if the ordinance reflects no pick up protection for sterilized and ear-clipped feral cats. Lynn Connell was present and stated at a prior meeting with a group of community citizens that they were advised a similar program in Dekalb County had reduced the feral cat population by over 75%. Mayor Duke stated the current van from Thomasville can pick up 12 cats currently but will eventually have room for 30 to 40 at a time. While there would be an initial investment, it could save money in the long run. Lisa Collins was also present and stated she has never personally owned a cat; however, at one time she was taking care of 16 feral cats. She caught the females and had them spayed at her own expense of \$150 to \$200 per cat. She is now down to 8. Altheia Paige stated she thought the program was a good idea but would have to ask the council to table any action concerning the ordinance change of not picking up a cat that has a clipped ear. She noted they have a terrible problem in her area but they have so many that they don't feed them. To spay/neuter is fine but we will continue to have problems if not picked up. She noted it could be a problem for someone like her. Mrs. Carter stated she understood those concerns and maybe they could be relocated or some other alternative. She noted that with time the problem would eventually take care of itself. Jerry Connell stated cats reproduce very quickly. Colonies of feral cats are susceptible to being run over and eventually die out. Attrition will eventually set in with the program. Chief Castleberry, who is over the animal control department, stated that we "cannot catch our way out of the problem". He noted the program has worked in other places but has mixed feelings about catch

and release. Councilman Paige made a motion to take this under advisement and table any action until further discussion. Councilman Purvis seconded. All were in favor.

Alcohol License (Eshal & Annaya, LLC): An application for an alcohol license was received from Eshal & Annaya, LLC d/b/a Stuckeys Citgo located at 1003 W. 4th Street. Based on the information presented and successful completion of the background check, Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the license. Councilman Purvis seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Sidewalk Report: City Manager John Flythe reported that in 2009 we began the sidewalk repair program. Since that date, \$49,952 has been spent with a total of 1,106 trip hazard repairs.

Street Renaming: A letter has been received from Cardinal CT requesting that Hebel Boulevard be renamed to Cardinal Parkway. The letter further states that Cardinal has 46 locations across the US and purchased the Cook County facility approximately 4 years ago. Since that date, the number of employees has increased from 14 to over 90 people. They currently have expansion plans to increase building size with the addition of 10 to 30 new employees. With the new construction of a convenient store directly in front of their facility, their expansion plans needed to change. To accommodate a safer entrance for employees, they plan to close off the current entrance to the facility. They will then move the entrance and enter from the currently named Hebel Boulevard. The letter concluded by stating they plan to invest in the Adel community for many years and they believe this would be a great way to affirm the City of Adel's commitment to their company. Twila Hall, Human Resources/Office Manager for Cardinal CT was present and stated they are currently operating 24 hours per day with three shifts. They get a lot of traffic off the interstate pulling in and just parking. They feel it will be worse when the store opens. They plan to close off the current entrance and fence off the area so they won't have other incoming traffic onto their property. She also noted that at many of their other facilities the road names have some derivative of the word Cardinal. It was noted that 911 would need to be notified of the name change. Councilman Greene made a motion to change the name from Hebel Boulevard to Cardinal Parkway. Councilman Purvis seconded. All were in favor.

Res. #19-02 (ECG): This resolution, approving amendment #3 to the intergovernmental participant contract among all participants respecting participation in Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. was presented to the council. City Manager John Flythe explained that the 52 participants entered the contract in February 2013 that outlines services to be provided by ECG on behalf of the participants. One of those services is the Pole Attachment Services (PAS). This amendment would amend the portion related to PAS to reflect certain costs to be allocated to the PAS Participant directly. Right now participants are paying an average; with this change, every community pays their own portion of the costs. He noted this service is still cheaper by contracting with ECG. Councilman Green made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Lift Station #18 Repairs: City Manager John Flythe advised the council of emergency repairs done to one of the pumps at lift station #18. This is the station that receives 100% of our community's waste. It has a total of 3 pumps. New pumps cost upwards of \$80,000 while repairs to a pump costs around \$20,000. With the excessive amount of rainfall, all 3 pump have been running. Councilman Paige made a motion to ratify the emergency repairs. Councilman Purvis seconded. There was no opposition.

Auditor Questionnaires: The elected officials were presented with related party questionnaires that need to be completed as part of the auditing process. These are completed on an annual basis.

GCIC Policies: The council was presented with draft copies of 3 policies required to be adopted by the City of Adel. City Clerk Rhonda Rowe explained that in March 2015 a law was passed that law enforcement agencies must discontinue the use of the law enforcement's agency's originating agency identifier number when submitting applicant fingerprints on behalf on non-criminal justice governmental agencies for employment or licensing purposes under a FBI approved state or federal statute. Being that applicants for alcohol licenses are fingerprinted, we could no longer use the police department's ORI # when processing background checks and we had to obtain a separate # for those purposes. Following a recent audit by GCIC, we were advised that we need to establish a man-made/natural disaster policy, a media protection policy and a disciplinary policy for misuse of information. Sample policies were prepared and provided by GCIC. The council will review the presented policies and take action at the next meeting.

SGMP Discussion: Councilman Greg Paige questioned if there was certain time the race track is supposed to close? He was advised there is no curfew but they are supposed to finish at a reasonable hour as possible. Both Councilman Paige and Mayor Duke received calls Friday night around 1:45am concerning the continued racing. Councilman Purvis noted that he was aware of a water problem with the track that slowed them down Friday. On Saturday night they were finished in a timely manner. The Mayor noted Friday night was a nuisance to some people but he did know they cut off some of the races Saturday morning so they would not be prolonged on Saturday. It was noted that hopefully this was an isolated incident due to track issues.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
