

Virtual Council Meeting
March 15, 2021

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

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

Invocation was given by Walter Cowart.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021 as presented. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Planning Commission Board Appointments: Due to the expiration of the seat held by Altheia Paige on 7/1/2020, Mayor Duke opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Greene made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Paige to the board. Councilman Cowart seconded. Due to the resignation of the seat held by L.V. McClain from the board, Mayor Duke opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Cowart made a motion to appoint Joey Schramm to the board. Councilman Greene seconded. Councilman Paige then made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman McClain provided the second with no opposing votes. After a call for the votes, Councilmen Greene, Cowart and McClain voted in favor of the appointment of Mrs. Paige to the board. Councilman Paige (husband) and Vivian Sharpe (sister) abstained. Mrs. Paige's appointment will expire on 6/30/2024. After a call for the votes regarding Joey Schramm's appointment to the board, all members voted in favor. In order to remain with the order of rotation, Mr. Schramm will serve the remainder of Mr. McClain's term, which will end on 6/30/2023.

Res. #21-02: This resolution, approving the loan agreement with Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, was presented to the council. City Manager John Flythe explained the loan is for \$1,200,000.00 and will facilitate approximately three years of repaving at one time. The project will repave approximately 7 miles of roadways. The total project is \$1,653,163. He noted payments for the loan will come from annual LMIG payments from the Department of Transportation with the balance from SPLOST proceeds. He noted it does include future anticipated proceeds coming in from SPLOST. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Noise Control Ordinance: City attorney Tim Tanner advised the council he had revamped the proposed noise control ordinance and has another ordinance for review that is based on the county's previous ordinance that regulates the race track in general. Those will be emailed to the members for their review. It was noted that we can have a work session prior to the next regular council meeting or discuss the ordinances at the next meeting to determine how the council would like to proceed.

Other Business:

Food Truck Friday – Councilman Terry McClain expressed his appreciation to Brandie Dame, Downtown Director, for the success of the Food Truck Friday event held last Friday.

COVID Relief Bill – City Manager John Flythe announced we are supposed to be receiving approximately \$1.6M within the next 90 days. We have not received the regulations regarding use of the funds.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
