

Council Meeting
July 1, 2019

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

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

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019 as presented. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

Linda Meadows (Memorial Road Discussion): Mrs. Meadows, as a member of the Centennial Committee, came before the council to discuss designating Old Quitman Road as "Dave and Comer King Jackson Memorial Road". She noted this road stretches a distance of about 6.02 miles until its intersection with Union Road in southwestern Cook County. A memorial designation would not involve any address changes but, according to Mrs. Meadows, "It would honor a man and his wife, who were very important in Adel's agricultural growth in early to mid-1900's. Comer was a devoted teacher who walked several miles to the school where she taught. Dave was a successful farmer and businessman. He was a farmer, landowner, and a funeral director later in life. He bought from farmers and sold watermelons, hay, ground corn and brought and sold other ag products with farmers in Cook County and neighboring counties. He raised livestock, such as hogs and cows and shipped them by railroad. He owned real estate all over Georgia, and stock in several banks. He employed farm workers. He also let area teenagers keep their horses on his land, but they had to build their own barn. He taught them the value of working for what they wanted. The Jacksons promoted the value of education and hard work. Mrs. Meadows stated that memorializing them with this road that runs adjacent to some of their extensive property would be an appropriate thing to do. "We would be honoring a family that worked with blacks and whites to benefit both groups. We need more of those positive interactions in our community today". Mrs. Meadows provided additional information into the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. She stated that she would next request the County Commissioners extend the city's designated miles of memorial road all the way to its intersection with Union Road, a total distance of approximately 6.02 miles. Tim Tanner, city attorney, recommended the designation be listed as a specific agenda item for the next meeting. However, three officials will not be present for that meeting. Mr. Tanner stated the members could proceed with a vote tonight; however, it could also be challenged. He suggested placing the item on the agenda for the 1st meeting in August for ratification. Councilman Purvis then made a motion to approve the request to designate Old Quitman Road as "Dave and Comer King Jackson Memorial Road". Councilman Paige seconded. Councilwoman Sharpe recused herself from the vote noting she was a descendant of the family. After a call of the votes, all were in favor with the exception of Councilwoman Sharpe, who abstained.

Lending Library Boxes: Brandie Dame, Downtown Development Director and Heather Green, Chamber of Commerce Director, came before the council as representatives of Leadership Cook 2019. Mrs. Green spoke first noting that she and Brandie were 2 out of a class of 9 that had selected a project known as “Lending Library”. It would provide citizens 24/7 access to borrow books or donate gently used books for others to enjoy. Those involved feel as though the project has the opportunity to grow and encourage youth and adult literacy in our community. They are trying to locate one in each of the 4 cities in Cook County. They are proposing the one in Adel be located beside the Adel News. They are working with the Adel News now trying to secure decommissioned newspaper boxes. Brandie Dame noted that for those people who can’t get to the county library during normal operating hours or for any other reason, this would be an alternative. She will take on the responsibility of filling the one located in Adel. They also have sponsors for the other locations. She noted these are also located in Nashville, Valdosta and Hahira. It was the consensus of the council to approve the project.

Beer/Wine License Application (Krina & Shiv, LLC): The council was presented with the beer/wine application for Krina & Shiv, LLC d/b/a Adel Beverage Outlet located at 1009 N. Hutchinson Avenue. Based on the information presented and the favorable background check, Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the license. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Res. #19-06: This resolution, authorizing execution, delivery and performance of the intergovernmental agreement among the Cities of Adel, Barnesville, Forsyth, Monticello, Jackson, Sylvania, and City of Fitzgerald Water, Light, & Bond Commission to provide electric service to Blockstream USA Corporation, located on South Hwy. 41, was presented to the council. City manager John Flythe noted that all 7 cities were previously in an excess energy position but the usage by this customer will utilize this excess along with added energy. He stated that the City of Adel’s usage as a whole is currently about 26MW; by mid-July this company should be at 20MW. Since they will be connecting mid-July we need to finalize the agreement between all the cities. It is being sent to all member city attorneys for review. The city manager asked for the council’s approval to authorize Mayor Duke to sign the document upon receiving a favorable report from our attorney. He noted the company plans to continue ramping up to 270MW at full capacity. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

AIDA Board Appointments: The council was presented with 4 member seats that require action. Two seats, currently held by Allen Parrish and Brent Dixon, had terms that expired April 2019. Mike Dinnerman resigned his seat which was set to expire April 2021; therefore, an appointment needs to be made for the remainder of his term. Action on Billy Barfield’s seat, with a term beginning April 2017, was never taken. He has continued to serve but an official reappointment needs to be held on his term that will expire in April 2023. Councilman Purvis asked if Chase Daughtrey is still on the board to which the Mayor replied, yes. Councilman Greene made a motion to reappoint Brent Dixon to a six-year term which will expire in April 2025 and Billy Barfield for the remainder of his term which will expire in April 2023. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Duke then advised the council this left an appointment to replace Allen Parrish and an appointment for the remainder of Mike Dinnerman’s unexpired term. Mayor Duke offered his name and Jeff Taylor for considerations but noted it was entirely up to the council. Councilman Purvis asked that he be considered for the board. Mayor Duke then asked if AIDA members Brent Dixon and Howard McClain, who were in attendance for the meeting,

had any comments. Mr. Dixon thanked the council for his reappointment and stated their board is interested in people who want to perpetuate forward. Mr. McClain confirmed that the council would be going back to April 2017 for Mr. Barfield's appointment so that it would expire 6 years from that date. City Manager John Flythe noted they had discussed elected officials being on the board and state law dictates only one official. Councilman Paige made a motion to table any action on the appointments to replace Allen Parrish and Mike Dinnerman. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. Councilman Purvis suggested holding a work session and readdress this in August since some of the council members will not be present at the next meeting. Mr. McClain then stated that it was his recollection that state law does not limit the number of elected officials serving; it limits only one member of the board being chosen from this acting authority. After a discussion, Councilman Paige withdrew his previous motion and Councilwoman Sharpe withdrew the 2nd. After a discussion, verification of O.C.G.A. 36-62-5 (a) was made which states, in part, that a governing authority may appoint no more than one member of the governing authority as a director. After further discussion, Councilman McClain made a motion to appoint Jeff Taylor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Michael Dinnerman. Councilman Greene seconded. The decision was unanimous. Councilman Paige then made a motion to table the appointment of a replacement for Allen Parrish's seat. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Road Improvements: City manager John Flythe advised the council he had asked the engineer to look at MJ Taylor road for improvements that need to be made and that following our last meeting, Sparks has been contacted and they are interested in participating with paving Patterson Street. Additionally, the county has expressed a need for paving Reed Bingham Road. He is going to check into getting a special appropriation from the DOT to try to gain assistance. He noted the plans for MJ Taylor Rd. will include coordination from the hospital. It will include curb and gutter and lighting for the causeway.

Water/Sewer Service to Hospital: Mr. Flythe noted the contractors are completing pressurizing and chlorination this week and that everything will be complete before they are ready to open.

Commendation for Councilman Paige: Mayor Duke congratulated Councilman Paige for completing 276 hours of training/instruction to earn his "Certificate of Distinction" from the Georgia Municipal Association.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
