

Council Meeting
September 3, 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 Purvis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019 and August 19, 2019. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Public Hearing (FY 2019-2020 Budget): Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to enter into public hearing to gain input on the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous. City Manager John Flythe began by stating that this year's budget is a total of \$25,899,525 as compared to the FY 2018-2019 budget of \$24,153,250. He noted the difference is largely to increased electric and gas sales. The total dollar amount of capital items included in the budget is \$1,033,400. This includes \$548,150 for a fire truck that was in last year's budget and has been ordered; however, due to the length of time to build and that it is not yet complete, it requires being included this year as well. He then reviewed the totals by department and hi-lited any significant differences between individual account line items. He noted that the budget includes a proposed increase in health insurance costs as well as a \$3600 increase in the annual payment to the Cook County Library. There was no further discussion or input from anyone in attendance and the public hearing was declared closed.

Ron Tiveron: Mr. Tiveron, a resident at 5444 Hwy 41 South which is next to the industrial area, came before the council concerning the continued noise level. He stated there are currently 5 units running day and night. He has heard there will be a total of 12. He questioned if the Mayor and Council has considered any kind of noise reduction? Mayor Duke stated that it is the Adel Industrial Development Authority that owns the industrial property but included in their agreement is that Blockstream will put up barriers. The presentation that had been made to the Economic Development Commission is that the noise would not exceed certain decibel levels. Mayor Duke noted that the barriers included leaving the natural vegetation as well as a vacant strip of property next to the wood line. Mr. Tiveron added that he had spent \$5,000 on extra insulation trying to sound-proof the walls in his home. He further stated that he has found no less than ten separate ordinances for the city against noise levels while the county has three. He also understood that someone is responsible for this. City Manager John Flythe stated that it would be the building department; however, he would be required to go by the agreement that Blockstream has with the AIDA. City attorney Tim Tanner asked if Mr. Tiveron had any decibel readings to which he replied that he did not. He didn't want to have to spend money on that as he did not feel it was his place. He stated he is prepared to take this further if necessary but he was hoping it could be settled. Mayor Duke noted that they are still in the construction phase and maybe there

would be a difference in what it is now and what it will be when finished. Mr. Tiveron disagreed stating that 5 units are there and finished. Mr. Tiveron also stated that what you have referred to as a humming noise is not a humming noise. He noted that it was a little more quiet in his house since installing the installation; however, he invited anyone to come out to his house to listen to the noise they hear. Mayor Duke concluded by stating that there is an agreement the EDC and AIDA has regarding things to impede noise that have not been implemented. He advised Mr. Tiveron that they would not sit on it.

Ord. #19-02: This ordinance, annexing property located on Old Quitman Road into the city limits of Adel, was read for the second time. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

Ord. #19-03: This ordinance, rezoning property located at 2000 S. Hutchinson Avenue from WLI to RP, was read for the second time. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Greene seconded. After a call of the votes, members McClain, Greene and Purvis voted in favor. Members Paige and Sharpe cast opposing votes.

Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging Board Appointment: This item was removed from the table regarding the need to make an appointment to the board. It was noted that Ron Mitchell is the current appointee and has agreed to continue serving if the council chose. Councilwoman Sharpe expressed her interest in the position as well. Councilman Purvis made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Sharpe to the board. Councilman Greene seconded. All members voted in favor with the exception of Councilman Paige who recused himself from the vote due to Ms. Sharpe being his sister-in-law. The appointment began on July 1, 2019 and will be for a three-year term.

House Bids (422 E. 3rd Street): Bids were received for the purchase and removal of the house located at 422 E. 3rd Street. It was noted that this item has been placed out for bid on 2 separate occasions. There was only one bid submitted and it was as follows:

Cook County Land Ventures, LLC	-	\$11.00
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Councilman McClain made a motion to accept the bid under the conditions that the house and debris will be removed. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

Ord. #19-04: This ordinance, establishing the ad valorem tax rate for 2019 at 6.389 mills, was read for the first time.

Housing Authority Appointments: The council was advised of the need to replace Mrs. Bobbie Robinson. Her term will expire on March 21, 2022. Councilman Paige made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Vivian Sharpe to fill the unexpired term. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

The council was also advised of the expiration of Mrs. Kim Carter's term, effective March 21, 2019. The housing authority recommended reappointment and Mrs. Carter has agreed to continue serving if the

council chose to reappoint her. Councilman Purvis made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Carter. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous. Her term will expire on March 21, 2024.

Commendation: Councilman Purvis wanted to publicly express his appreciation to Officer McGee with the Adel Police Department who has been called to the hospital and nursing home on several occasions. Councilman Purvis stated that Officer McGee has been very professional and easy to work with. He appreciates the city's response to our health care institution.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
