

Council Meeting
September 21, 2020

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, Chad Castleberry and members of the public and press.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020 as presented. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Res. #20-10: This resolution, adopting the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, was presented to the council. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve adoption of the resolution. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Ord. #20-08: This ordinance, establishing the ad valorem tax rate for 2020 at 6.387 mills, was read for the second time. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Ord. #20-06: This ordinance, annexing 171.03 acres of property belonging to the Adel Industrial Development Authority located on S. Hwy 41 and south of Fausett Road, west of Southern Railway, east of I-75 and land of Otis Fausett Jr., and north of South Ga Motor & Sports was read for the second time. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Cowart seconded. All members voted in favor with the exception of Councilman Paige who cast an opposing vote.

Ord. #20-07: This ordinance, rezoning 171.03 acres of property belonging to the Adel Industrial Development Authority from Agricultural (AU) to Heavy Industrial (HI) located on S. Hwy 41 and south of Fausett Road, west of Southern Railway, east of I-75 and land of Otis Fausett Jr., and north of South Ga Motor & Sports was read for the second time. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman McClain seconded. Members Greene, McClain and Cowart voted in favor. Members Paige and Sharpe opposed.

Alcohol License (Tirth Patel 2, LLC): An alcohol license application was filed by Tirth patel 2, LLC for the Mega Mart located at 100 N. Hutchinson Avenue. Following a review of the application and successful background check of the registered agent, Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to approve issuance of the license. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Street/Traffic Light Discussion: City Manager John Flythe advised the council of a meeting held with Mike Williams of Williams Investment Company. The Circle K franchise is considering locating on

property near Exit 39 but is insistent that a traffic light be installed on Hwy. 37 (W. 4th Street) at the intersection of Alabama Road and Texas Street. On two separate occasions a traffic study was conducted and the results did not warrant the installation of a traffic light. At the request of Mayor Duke, Mr. Williams has provided a plat that lays out future plans for the area and includes a new hotel and restaurants, along with a proposed housing development. Mr. Flythe added that paving and relocation alignment of Alabama Road that runs south past Wal-Mart will be paid for utilizing TSPLOST funds. This project will include either relocation of current utilities or installation of new. The cost for this project will be \$750K or \$1M but should be paid with TSPLOST dollars with very little or no taxpayer dollars involved. He also added that a Holiday Inn Express will be constructed probably in the year 2022.

Fire Dept. Communication Equipment: Mr. Flythe advised the council that last year we had lightning strikes on our communication equipment and needs to be replaced. The problem is the feds want us on an 800 MHZ system, which is what the police department is currently operating. He noted we have a state contract bid coming in and we have also applied for funding from a couple of sources. In order to keep our current ISO rating of 2, it is imperative that we get replacement equipment or either spend \$60-\$70K to repair what we have now; however, rather than spend those funds he felt we need to go ahead and make the transition. Councilman Paige asked Chief Castleberry if he was now able to access the areas where dead spots were previously located since he is on the 800 MHZ system to which Chief Castleberry replied that he could. Councilman Cowart asked for clarification that currently the communication is basically through the use of cell phones to which Mr. Flythe verified that is the case. Councilwoman Sharpe stated she thought we had addressed this and Mr. Flythe stated that we were hit a separate time and basically put a band aid on the problem. He will bring pricing before the council at the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
