

Council Meeting
October 21, 2019

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

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry and members of the public as well as a member of the press.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019 as presented. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Police Vehicle Bid: The council was provided with a bid for the purchase of three (3) 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe Pursuit vehicles. The bid is a state contract price as follows:

Hardy Chevrolet	\$33,053.00 each
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Councilwoman Sharpe stated she would like to postpone this item until the next meeting. When questioned by city manager John Flythe as to the continued availability of these vehicles, chief Chad Castleberry advised these probably wouldn't be there as these vehicles had stopped being produced in the early part of the year and now GM is on strike so everyone is trying to get their vehicle purchases in. He further stated that if these aren't there we would just have to do something else. Mayor Duke noted that funds had been allocated in this year's budget for the vehicles and this is the formality to now make this purchase. Councilwoman Sharpe advised she was aware. When asked for a motion, Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Councilman Purvis seconded. All were in favor. Councilman Purvis then stated that he would not be in attendance at the next meeting when this item is brought back to the table but wanted it noted that he does not have a problem with the purchase.

Speed Limit Change: City manager John Flythe advised the council that Linde is looking at expanding their facility to the north. They currently have an option on acreage between them and the 80' R-O-W that allows access to the substation located behind their facility. With a current speed limit of 55 mph, a distance of 350' is required from the "proposed" entrance to the 80' R-O-W to the drive for the entrance to Blockstream. If the speed limit is reduced to 45 mph, this would reduce the distance required between the two driveways. This process will take about 60 days to get approval by the DOT. City Manager John Flythe noted no action was required as this was for discussion only. Councilman McClain asked where the change in reduction of speed would begin and Councilman Purvis stated this might be the time to look at extending the reduced speed even further based on potential future development.

DOT Funding Assistance: We have received a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation approving the city's request for funding assistance for MJ Taylor Road. The DOT will commit up to \$260,000 or 90% of the project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come through the department's Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program and will be in addition to any other LMIG funds allocated. The letter further advised that, unfortunately, they are not able to contribute to the resurfacing of Patterson Road as requested.

Area Officials Appreciation Dinner – The council was reminded of the dinner to be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the Dinnerman Farm.

Food Truck Friday: Councilman McClain commended Brandie Dame, Downtown Development Director, for a successful Food Truck Friday event.

Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH): Community Development Director, Randy Lane, advised the council that the City of Adel has been selected to participate in the 3 year program and orientation will be held on November 18, 2019 beginning at 11:00. The elected officials were invited to attend.

Rural Zone: The council was advised that the city has also been awarded the Rural Zone designation for a period of 5 years. This program includes tax credits as incentives for job creation activities, investment in downtown properties and rehabilitation of downtown properties.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
