

Council Meeting
December 2, 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: Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019 as presented. Councilman Purvis seconded. All were in favor.

Public Hearing (Variance Application - Larry & Tiffany Watford / Watford Pools): This item, having been tabled at the last meeting, required re-advertisement; therefore, Councilman Purvis made a motion to take this item off the table and continue with the public hearing at the next meeting. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Public Hearing (Russell Acree Annexation & Rezoning Request): The council was advised that after the advertising process, it was noted that the county had not received their 30 day allowance to respond regarding the annexation issue. The council could have the public hearing on the rezoning issue tonight; however, city attorney Tim Tanner recommended having the public hearing on both the annexation and rezoning at the same time. Councilman Purvis made a motion to table the public hearing until January 6th on both the annexation and rezoning application. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. There were no opposing votes.

Alcohol License Renewals: The council was presented with alcohol license renewal applications for 2020 from the following license holders:

Candice Tucker
Krina & Shiv, LLC
SAHI Lucky 7, Inc.
Moon Sandhu, Inc.
Reynolds IGA Foodliner, Inc.
Shree Verai Mata, LLC
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP

Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the renewals with Councilwoman Sharpe providing the second. The decision was unanimous.

Watershed Protection Plan Adoption: The council was presented with the watershed protection plan prepared by Nutter & Associates, Inc. for the City of Adel Water Pollution Control Plant as part of the

requirements of the city's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharge permit in accordance with the Environmental Protection Division. The purpose of the plan is to summarize the existing and proposed management practices that will be implemented to improve and/or maintain water quality and biological integrity of streams within the jurisdictional limits of the permittee. We have four monitoring sites where samples are collected. The total price for year 1 implementation of the plan is \$34,000. The old plan has expired so we are required to adopt an undated plan. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the adoption of the plan. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

Health Insurance Discussion: City manager John Flythe advised the council that we have met with our insurance broker and following a review of the city's claims numbers, it was noted that for the past few years we have continued with a trend of paying less in premiums than what the insurance companies are paying out in claims on behalf of our group. The renewal with our current carrier came in at a 65% increase. We were able to receive a quote from only one additional carrier with a plan that will be an approximate 15% increase. He noted that at the next meeting we will present some recommendations regarding health insurance to the council. He stated that we have made a commitment on the new plan unless the council directs otherwise. There was no further discussion.

Land Bank: City Manager John Flythe advised the council that the city attorney is reviewing information on establishing a land bank which will allow increased clean-up around town. Legislation allows the creation of a land bank but must be an effort with the County and at least one city participating. They are designed to place abandoned or vacant properties back into productive use. He explained that it is simply another tool that allows us to remedy dilapidated properties much easier. There has been a lot of success with this program in Atlanta and Mayor Duke noted some of this has been done in Thomasville with both residential and commercial areas. It allows you to take care of blighted property, especially when dealing with absent property owners.

City Marshall/Code Enforcement Officer: Community Development Director Randy Lane introduced Bruce Hamm who began working today and explained that code enforcement will be his primary focus. Bruce was transferred from the police department where he had been working with nuisance complaints in addition to his regular duties but will now be working strictly on code enforcement in a much more proactive manner.

Regional Communications System: City manager John Flythe advised the council that we will be meeting again tomorrow regarding the proposed communications system. Funding for a study is available that we are trying to secure, hopefully at 100%. There are four other counties participating as well and we are trying to get those communities to commit. He also stated that the Department of Community Affairs has been pushing broadband and they have expressed an interest in leveraging their broadband with what we are looking at.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor