

SUMMARY OF MAY 27, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor and Council met on May 27, 2021, via Zoom. The Mayor, Clerk and all council members were present. Guests were Honorary Council Member, Kiren Thurman, Pastor Cloud from Hull Baptist Church, and Sophia Smith.

Minutes and Financial Reports were approved.

Mayor Walton advised that the new City Charter was approved and now official. He encouraged everyone to become familiar with the Charter.

Mayor Walton and Council member Barber spoke to the repairs that were done at the Well and the need for better communication between the Mayor and Council Members. There was discussion on the issue of the spending limits for Mayor and when this is to be exercised.

The Mayor and all council members had been provided a copy of the final draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinances which had been provided by NEGRC after the latest work session for review. Consensus was that the document looked good and was well done. There was some discussion about the need for an application for sign permits and the fee for same. The Clerk advised that this had been done previously when there was the potential of placement of the flashing sign at the end of Glen Carrie Road. She will provide to Mayor.

There was discussion about the landscaping improvements at the Well as well as discussion about the water management plan for the plants that had been installed through the beautification grant. Brian had been in contact with Peach State Well services who could provide this service at an approximate cost of \$250.00 per watering. There was some discussion about the city purchasing equipment and doing the watering. Motion was made to have Peach State Well provide 4 waterings between now and the June meeting and the matter will be re-visited at the June meeting. Some of the plants are beginning to become distressed and need immediate attention. Brian had also had some discussions with Mr. Sorrells who provides the city lawn maintenance about keeping this area free of weeds, etc.

Mayor Walton reported that all the paperwork had been submitted to the DOT so that the City could receive reimbursement for the beautification expense that had to be advanced then reimbursed and the funds should be received no later than the end of next week.

There was discussion about the need for Zoom meeting in the past and the thought to resume in person meetings. The Mayor, all council members and the Clerk are fully vaccinated which will make in person meetings safer. This will be discussed again at the June meeting which will continue via Zoom.

The Clerk advised Mayor and Council that since election qualifying will need to take place in August at the City Hall it would be a good idea to hire someone to come in and do a good clearing of the building since the building had not been used in over a year. This will be further discussed at the June meeting. The Clerk pointed out that one of our city businesses was

a cleaning service so this company might be an option.

Mayor Walton pointed out that in drafting the new City Charter the issue of an attendance policy for Mayor and Council Members was inadvertently left out. This can be addressed by an Amendment if necessary. Mayor Walton expressed his thoughts on the importance of everyone being at each meeting unless it is absolutely necessary to be absent. He will be working with the City Attorney to come up with a proposed amendment to present to the council for consideration.

There was some discussion about amending our training budget to allow those wanting to attend the annual convention in Savannah in August in the event it is decided by GMA to hold this in person. This will be re-visited at the June meeting as a decision is to be made by GMA by early June whether or not to hold the convention in person or virtually. Council member Gantt indicated that she would like to attend the convention. Mayor Walton indicated that he hoped that everyone including the Clerk would be able to attend at some point in the future.

Mayor Walton also spoke to some future landscaping ideas for the entrance to Hidden Falls Subdivision and encouraged anyone else who had ideas for improvements to the community to let him know.

Mayor Walton briefly discussed the ARP program and that the City should be receiving some funds through that program that can be used for infrastructure improvements, road, etc. He is constantly in touch with Becky Taylor and Sherry Bailey with updates on the progression of the funding.

Mayor Walton advised council that with the help of the Clerk and our new auditing firm of the Wesley-Peachtree Group our 2019 audit had been submitted and we were in compliance.

Council member Walton provided an update on the "traffic" at the city web site and provided an update on topics to be included in the June newsletter which she is working on.

Council member Gantt shared that she had attended the webinar that she mentioned last meeting and had gotten some excellent community service ideas for our City to pursue through a collaborative effort which she shared with Mayor and the other council members. She will be moving forward with the planning for this by contacting other organizations such as the Health Department, Fire Department, Library, Boy Scouts, Wiz Academy etc. to see if there is interest there and potentially have a work session to discuss her findings with Mayor and Council and re-visit the matter at the June meeting or possibly sooner at a called meeting.

Mayor Walton advised that he had once again had the gas cut off at City Hall since it was not being used and the fire department had gone another direction for their needs.

Honorary council member Thurman shared some closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Pou, Clerk

APPLICATION FOR SIGN PERMIT

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Contact Person if different from Applicant: _____

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