

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 27, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor and Council met for the regular meeting on January 27, 2022, in person at the Jackson EMC Community Meeting Room. The Mayor, Clerk and council members Brian Kopenick, John Barber, Donna Sherrer-Gantt and council member elect, Mike McElroy were present. City attorney Nefetara Clarke was also present along with family members of councilmember elect Mike McElroy and several members of Ms. Gantt's family. In addition, Keith Terrell of the Wesley-Peachtree Group was present via phone.

Minutes of the Budget meeting, December meeting November meeting and the December Financial Reports were approved.

Councilmember elect, Mike McElroy, was sworn in by the Clerk.

A recommendation to increase the stipend of the Mayor from \$1,250.00 to \$2,500.00 annually and to increase the stipend for council members from \$650.00 annually to \$1,300.00 annually was approved.

Mayor Walton advised that the Final Rule had been approved with respect to uses of the ARPA Funds and again encouraged council members to review and become familiar with same. Mayor Walton also reviewed with council how ARPA funds had been used thus far.

Council member Barber gave an update on the speed bump installation on Easy and Davis Streets.

Mayor Walton gave an update on the Cities United Summit.

Mayor Walton gave an update on the progress of the loan application for the New City Hall stating that he hoped to hear something soon on the approval from USDA.

The Clerk gave an update on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cities and the County and Board of Elections with respect to conducting city elections. She advised that everyone was hopeful that a new agreement could be worked out before anyone has to have an election.

Council member Koepnick gave an update on the landscaping requirements and the Clerk will place an ad for bids in the Madison County Journal to be reviewed and discussed at the February meeting.

Council member Gantt reported that she was having trouble getting feedback from Huff Grove Baptist Church with regards to the food distribution that had been discussed previously and requested that this matter be tabled until further notice.

Council member Gantt also reported that she has been working on gathering information with respect to the proposed mural on the side of the Chevron store and would update Mayor and

Council as she received more information.

The renewal of the Alcohol License at the Chevron 10244 Highway 72 LLC was approved. City Attorney Green will review the City Ordinance and recommend any revisions to address how often the owner must submit fingerprints and an updated criminal background check.

Council member Barber brought up for discussion lower the speed limit on Easy and Davis Streets to 15 mph. After discussion it was the concensus of Mayor and Council that 20mhp would be more reasonable. No action was taken. Attorney Green and council member Barber will attempt to confirm what action is required to change the speed limit on city streets. Council member Barber indicated that the Sheriff's Department had told him that all that was needed was a recommendation and vote by council.

Council member Barber had gotten some estimates from All About Asphalt for completing the paving work in Hidden Falls and some work on Glenn Carrie. Mayor Walton advised that he had also contacted Garrett Paving but didn't have any estimates to present. Mayor Walton advised that the City could be receiving some infrastructure monies and collection of TSPLOST funds would begin in April.

Council member Barber advised that he had received some complaints about the unsightly property on Glenn Carrie Road. Mayor Walton will follow up with Code Enforcement.

Appointments were made for Voter Registrar, Tracy Dean, Clerk, Sandra Pou, Auditor, the Wesley-Peachtree Group (Keith Terrell); Attorneys, Clark and Clark; and Mayor Pro Tem, Donna Sherrer-Gantt.

Mayor Walton advised that he would be giving his State of the City address at the March 24th meeting

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou, Clerk