

## **SUMMARY OF JULY 22, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor and Council met on July 22, 2021, in person at the Jackson EMC Meeting room. The Mayor, Clerk and all council members were present. Also city Attorney Freddrell Green; Captain Patton from the Sheriff's Department; Dexter Gantt and Michael McEvoy were in attendance

Minutes of the June meeting and June Financial Reports were approved.

Attorney Green advised he had reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinances and believed them to be in compliance with law and sound and he approved as to content and form. Mayor Walton advised that there several areas that needed to be addressed prior to the final hearing and the matter will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Mayor Walton made recommendations for providing assistance to the Sheriff's Department and Hull Volunteer Fire Department using ARPA funds which have been received by the City. On advise of counsel Mayor Walton requested the city attorney to draft a letter and application form for distribution to city businesses and places of Worship with a deadline for requesting funds which would then be considered by Mayor and Council. This will also be discussed further at the August meeting.

Council member Koepnick updated Mayor and Council on the status of the maintenance of the plants installed under the beautification grant. There was been one additional watering billed since last council meeting. He had spoken with Mr. Redd and he is amenable to discussing a contract with the City for ongoing watering. This matter will be discussed further at the August meeting and council member Koepnick is hoping to have Mr. Redd present at that time.

Mayor Walton gave an update on the proposed Firefly Trail Project. and shared a summary of the meeting he had with the Mayors of Athens and Winterville, council members Walton, Koepnick and Barber as well as his meeting with Commission Chairman Higdon.

Attorney Green gave an update on the complaint filed against the former auditing firm of Hawkins and McNair. A response is due shortly from the auditing firm and although Mr. McNair had requested that the City withdraw the Complaint he was advising the City to proceed to completion.

Council member Barber provided some information concerning Easy and Davis Streets as requested at the last meeting. No action was taken to allow time to speak with the residents about the placing of speed bumps and the noise associated with same. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Michael McEvoy was recognized and had questions about the residency requirements and qualifying fees for city offices. He was advised about the requirements and the fees.

Mayor Walton advised that he and council member Walton would be attending the GMA

Annual Convention in August and for the first time the City of Hull would be able to participate in the parade of flags and to have the City flag displayed along with other City flags in the common chamber.

Council member Gantt was recognized for all of her hard work on the first annual Summer Enrichment Program and expressed his hope that this would be an ongoing project for the City. Funds for this year's project came from a \$2,000.00 grant from CSX Railroad..

The Clerk advised that all preliminary documents, reports and paperwork had been submitted to Terrell for the 2020 audit and that Mr. Terrell indicated he would begin work on the audit once he returns to the office from surgery.

Mayor Walton advised that the City had received the reimbursement from GDOT for the beautification project.

Attorney Green advised that he was researching and working on what needs to be done with respect to the attendance policy for Mayor and Council Members and hopefully will have a draft ready for review in the next 7-10 days.

Council voted to authorize Mayor Walton to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County and other Cities with respect to the TSPLOST vote which will be on the ballot in November.

A request by the Mayor to allow him to purchase a printer for \$249.00 was approved.

Council Member Gantt was appointed by the Mayor to be in charge of Community Service and Economic Development for the City.

Attorney Green advised council that he had send a letter of termination to Mayor Walton effective September 16<sup>th</sup> due to family commitments and the demands of his law practice.

Being nothing further the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Pou  
City Clerk