

SUMMARY OF JUNE 23, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Hull City Council met in person at the Jackson EMC Community Meeting Room for their regular meeting. All council members, the Mayor and the Clerk were present. Also present by telephone was Attorney Clark and Jennifer Daughtery with the USDA.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the May meeting was cancelled and all business including approval of minutes and financial reports were addressed at the June meeting. The minutes of the April meeting and the financial reports from April and May were approved.

Jennifer Daughtery with the USDA went over all the documents associated with the City's financing of the new city hall. The documents had been provided to everyone prior to the meeting for review. Attorney Clark advised Mayor and Council that she had reviewed the documents and they appeared to be in order. Ms. Daughtery went over the required forms one by one for consideration and explanation beginning with the Letter of Conditions. The forms were voted on and approved by counsel and signed by the Mayor and Clerk for submission to the USDA for review and approval as to the forms.

Mayor Walton thanked everyone who had attended the unveiling of the new City mural. There have been both positive and negative comments from the public on the mural however Mayor Walton asked that we all focus on the positive. There was some concern expressed about the lack of communication between Mayor and Council and the artist on the design of the mural with some council members being unable to open the attachment showing the preliminary design of the mural but failing to make the Mayor aware of the problem with the attachment. Mayor Walton asked that everyone to be aware that e-mail is the best means of communication between the Mayor, Council members and the Clerk and encouraged everyone to check their e-mails regularly.

Mayor Walton requested permission to disburse \$3,106.00 from ARPA funds to Heavenbound Ministries once they complete the proper application and verification and the same is reviewed by both he and the Clerk. Permission was granted.

Mayor Walton advised that the application for the T-Mobile Grant for the beautification project at the Well was being re-submitted since we never heard anything from the first application.

Council member Koepnick gave an update on the landscaping with respect to adding pine straw versus new wood chips as to cost and durability. He is obtaining estimates and will report back at the July meeting. He also asked for council's thoughts on having the current landscaper address the grass growing over the medians as opposing to hiring a street sweeper or waiting on the DOT. He also plans to speak with the current landscaper about trimming the Crepe Myrtles and will speak with Randy Jones about providing water for the new plants along 72 although they seem to be doing ok now but watering may be necessary if we don't get rain soon.

There was some discussion about Code Enforcement now that the City has Zoning. Mayor Walton advised that his understanding is that the Board of Commissioner are working on a universal way for the county and cities to have a joint code enforcement plan.

Mayor Walton advised that he has been unable to locate the flags previously displayed in the City and it was necessary to purchase new flags and he and council member Barber had installed the new flags prior to Memorial Day.

Council approved the proposed slate of officers for the upcoming year for GMA. Mayor Walton has been nominated as second vice president. Mayor Walton was nominated to vote on the City's behalf at the upcoming election in Savannah.

The Clerk advised that the City had received it's first TSPLOST check and she would be opening a new account with First American Bank the following week.

Council member Gantt followed up on the e-mail she had sent to everyone concerning a 2nd annual back to school give away. This would take place on July 16th at Hull-Sanford Elementary School. This was approved by council. Funding will come from the balance of the CSX grant funds as well as possibly ARPA funds.

Council member Barber advised that the turn-out-gear had been received by the Fire Department and as soon as a paid receipt is provided the Fire Department will be reimbursed the \$11,000.00 designated from ARPA funds.

There being nothing further the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Pou
Hull City Clerk

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