

# AGENDA

June 24, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Paul Walton

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Moment of Silence

Introduction of Guests, if any (Mayor)

Minutes and financial reports are presented:

## Old Business

Zoning (Mayor)

Watering New Plants (Brian)

Clean up current City Hall (Mayor)

Firefly Trail

July meeting in person at JEMC (Mayor)

Community Service Project (Donna)

Training Budget Amendment (Mayor)

## New Business

Slow Down Sign on Easy Street (Mayor)

Auditor Complaint Status (Mayor)

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Other business/comments

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 27, 2021

Meeting Held Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Pandemic

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Walton. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor and the Clerk were council members Brian Koepnick, Marilyn Walton, John Barber and Donna Sherrer-Gantt. Honorary Council member Kiren Thurman was also in attendance. Also in attendance was Sophia Smith who was in attendance as a possible fill-in for the Clerk to take minutes in the event the Clerk is unable to be present.

Mayor Walton called the meeting to order after the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Pastor Cloud from Hull Baptist Church.

The minutes of the April meeting which had been provided prior to the meeting to Mayor and Council were approved unanimously after a motion by council member Gantt and a second by council member Walton.

The financial reports which were also provided prior to the meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by council member Keopnick and a second by council member Barber.

Mayor Walton advised that the new City Charter had been officially approved and encouraged everyone to read and become familiar with it particularly the sections dealing with government structure and duties and responsibilities of Mayor and Council Members. Mayor Walton advised that there may be a need for an amendment to address an attendance policy by Mayor and council at meetings. He had discussed this with the City Attorney and had hoped he would be able to attend tonight's meeting however the attorney had a death in the family and was unable to attend.

There was discussion about the repair that had been done at the Well and the need for better communication between the Mayor and council. Council Member Barber explained that he had been requested and had made arrangements to have someone come out and give an estimate so that it could be discussed at the May meeting and Mayor Walton, not realizing that council member Barber had made these arrangements had someone come out and give a price and since it was below his spending limit had had the work done. There was some discussion by council with input from the Clerk that the spending limit had been intended for use in emergency situations or situations where the Mayor needed to handle matters that could not wait to come before council. Everyone agreed to strive for better communication going forward.

Mayor Walton advised that he and the council had attended another work session addressing some final issues with signage and the proposed Zoning Ordinances and the matter of permits and fees. The Clerk advised that a Sign Application and fees had been addressed a few years ago when there was a potential of a flashing sign being placed on the Reilly Building at the end of Glenn Carrie Road. She will provide this information to the Mayor. The consensus of Mayor and Council was that the 72 page draft that had been presented was well done. There was no action taken and the matter of approval of the Zoning Ordinances was tabled until the June meeting.

Council member Koepnick advised that he had not been able to make contact with College Pro Landscaping with respect to ideas for the Well area however Mayor Walton advised that he had spoken with them and they had provided a design for review which had been forward via e-mail

to everyone.

There was discussion about the water management for the newly installed plants. Both council members Barber and Koepnick had been out at the site and observed that some of the plants were showing signs of distress. Council member Koepnick who has some experience working with plants advised that they should be ok but needed immediate attention. In this regard council member Koepnick advised that he had spoken with a representative of Peachtree State Well Services who was willing to provide the water service at the rate of \$250.00 per service on as needed basis. There was some further discussion about the possibility of the City purchasing a watering tank and doing the watering rather than hiring it done. Concern was also expressed that Mr. Sorrells needed to treat the area with herbicide and that weeds and Bermuda grass were already starting to creep into the area. This will be discussed further at the June meeting. Mayor Walton suggested it might be a good idea to have Mr. Redd from PeachState come to the June meeting to introduce himself and explain their services. Due to the immediate need for watering a motion was made by council member Koepnick and seconded by council member John Barber that we have PeachState water between now and the June meeting up to four waterings as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Walton advised council that although we had been meeting via Zoom since last March due to Covid 19 concerns other than the March 2021 meeting when council member Gantt was sworn in and we had several guests from within the County, now that everyone on the council including the Clerk had been vaccinated he would like to begin looking at the possibility of resuming in-person meetings possibly in July.

The Clerk advised that qualifying for November elections would need to be held in person in August at the current City Hall. In this regard she suggested that we consider hiring someone to give the building a thorough cleaning and to make sure that the bathrooms are in working order. She suggested that we check with Scrub Brush Cleaning since they are a City business. No action was taken however this will be re-visited at the June meeting.

Mayor Walton advised that there has been some discussion about the GMA Annual meeting which will be held in August this year being in-person rather than virtual. A decision will be made no later than early June. In this regard in the event of an in-person meeting the Mayor and council member Walton would be interested in attending as well as council member Gantt. Mayor Walton encouraged everyone including the Clerk to try and find an opportunity to attend this meeting at least once. In the event of an in person meeting it will be necessary to amend our training budget to be able to cover the expense. No action was taken at this time however this will be re-visited at the June meeting once there has been a decision on the in-person format.

Mayor Walton commented on the landscaping ideas and prices he had received from College Pro not only for around the Well but the entrance to Hidden Falls Subdivision. He had forwarded copies to council for review. He also encouraged all council members to bring ideas to the table if they had other project suggestions to beautify the City.

Mayor Walton also advised that he was monitoring closely the American Relief Program funding that should be coming our way soon. He advised that he was speaking almost daily with Becky Taylor and Sherry Bailey of GMA to keep abreast of any updates.

Mayor Walton advised that the 2019 audit based upon the "Agreed Upon Procedures" had been completed by the Wesley Peachtree Group and the city was currently in compliance. He

expressed thanks to this group along with the Clerk in getting this done. Due to the extra work involved with the 2019 audit the fees were above what is anticipated going forward. The cost annually going forward will be \$4,000.00.

Council member Walton had provided everyone some stats on the web site and number of visits, etc. She was very pleased with the amount of interest the web site was generating. Council member Walton advised that she was working on the June newsletter and this should be sent out shortly.

Council member Gantt advised that she did attend the webinar she mentioned at the last meeting and came away with a lot of valuable information. She shared her ideas for a community service collaborative event where we could invite places such as the Fire Department; Wiz Academy; Girl and Boy Scouts; the library and possibly others to have an educational booth and the City would provide hotdogs and could also provide book bags and school supplies to the community. There was discussion by Mayor and Council and Ms. Gantt was encouraged to gather more information and if necessary we could have a called council meeting to discuss and approve plans to move forward with this project.

Mayor Walton advised that he had again had the gas cut off at City Hall since it was not being used and the Fire Department had made other arrangements for gas service.

Honorary Council Member, Kiren Thurman, had some closing remarks and suggestions on marketing for the collaborative effort project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a motion by council member Koepnick and a second by council member Gantt and unanimously approved.

Sandra Pou

Hull City Clerk

**Special Called Meeting**

**Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m**

Mayor and Council met in a special called meeting after having posted and given proper notice to the legal organ to discuss the Collaborative Enrichment Community Service Program which was discussed at the May, 2021, council meeting. The Mayor, all council members and the Clerk were in attendance. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silent prayer the meeting was called to order by Mayor Walton.

To begin the meeting Mayor Walton advised that the City had been granted a \$2,000.00 community service grant by CSX Railroad.

Council member Gantt then updated Mayor and Council on what she had accomplished since the last council meeting with respect to the community service outreach proposal. Council member Gantt has spoken with representatives from the library; Wiz Academy; a "story teller" and an ice cream vendor and everyone is excited about participating. The proposed date for the event is July 10, 2021, and would take place adjacent to City Hall on property of Hull Baptist Church who has no objection to the City's use of this property. Council Member Gantt also shared some potential costs involved in putting on this event including providing book bags filled with school supplies to be given out to students for the upcoming school year and providing hotdogs and waters. She also requested council member Barber to check with Chief Austin about the fire department participating in the event and sharing some educational information. Mayor and Council shared ideas on how to move forward including covering the costs for same. After further discussion a motion was made by Brian Koepnick and seconded by John Barber that the City use the \$2,000.00 grant funds along with an additional \$500.00 of City funds for a total of \$2,500.00 to be used towards this project. Motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing further the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Brian Koepnick and a second by Marilyn Walton.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou  
City Clerk

INCOME/EXPENSE STATEMENT  
CITY OF HULL  
May, 2021

<b>Beginning Balance (5/1/20)</b>		<b>\$60,501.37</b>
Revenue received during May		\$ 4,202.63
LOST	3683.11	
TAVT	138.50	
Excise Tax (Misc. Inc.)	381.02	
Checks written during May		\$ 55,304.17
AT&T (Clerk Internet)	40.00	
MC Water Dept.	27.14	
Hull VFD	705.41	
Walton Gas	46..94	
Verizon	118.99	
Clarence Sorrells (lawn maintenance)	1000.00	
Clarence Sorrells (Edging, etc.)	600.00	
Card Service Center (credit card payment)	593.89	
Mainstreet News	23.40	
Sandra Pou (reimb for Clerk's week dinner)	53.00	
College Pro Landscape	46795.40	
Wesley Peachtree Group	5300.00	
Jackson Electric Drafts		973.00
City of Hull	809.00	
City of Hull	42.00	
City of Hull	52.00	
City of Hull	70.00	
 <b>May Ending Balance</b>		 <b>\$ 8,426.83</b>

**SPLOST ACCOUNT STATEMENT**  
**Commercial Bank - Bond Account**  
**May, 2021**

Beginning Balance (5/1/20)	\$98,732.47
<u>Interest for May</u>	<u>\$21.37</u>
	<u>\$98,753.84</u>
Less:	
Wesley Peachtree Group (Feasibility Study w/ respect to building loan application)	3,500.00
J. Key Roofing (Building imp./repair Well)	<u>335.00</u>
	\$ 3,835.00
 <b>BALANCE END OF MAY</b>	 <b>\$ 94,918.84</b>

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Register: City of Hull - General Account

From 05/01/2021 through 05/31/2021

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
05/03/2021	2877	Hull VFD	Service Agreement wit...		705.41			59,795.96
05/03/2021	2878	Mainstreet News	Advertising Expense		23.40			59,772.56
05/10/2021	EFT	Jackson EMC-City H...	Utilities:Electricity	846789	70.00			59,702.56
05/10/2021	EFT	Jackson EMC Perm ...	Utilities:Electricity	995029	42.00			59,660.56
05/10/2021	EFT	Jackson EMC-SM Ki...	Utilities:Electricity	846791	52.00			59,608.56
05/10/2021	EFT	Jackson EMC-HWY ...	Utilities:Electricity	1744661	809.00			58,799.56
05/10/2021	2879	Clarence Sorrells	Grounds Upkeep	Lawn Maintena...	1,000.00			57,799.56
05/10/2021	2880	Clarence Sorrells	Grounds Upkeep		600.00			57,199.56
05/10/2021	2881	Sandra Pou	Miscellaneous	Clerk's Nlght O...	53.00			57,146.56
05/12/2021	2882	College Pro Lndscape	Miscellaneous	Beautification ...	46,795.40			10,351.16
05/14/2021			-split-	Deposit			519.52	10,870.68
05/18/2021	2883	AT&T	Utilities:Internet		40.00			10,830.68
05/18/2021	2884	Walton Gas	Utilities:Natural Gas		46.94			10,783.74
05/18/2021	2885	Madison County Wat...	Utilities:Water Expense		27.14			10,756.60
05/18/2021	2886	J. Key Roofing	Miscellaneous	VOID: Well Re...		X		10,756.60
05/18/2021	2887	Card Service Center	FABAT Credit Card		593.89			10,162.71
05/18/2021	2888	Verizon Wireless	Utilities:Cell Phone		118.99			10,043.72
05/18/2021	2889	Wesley Peachtree Gr...	Audit Expense	2109 Audit	5,300.00			4,743.72
05/18/2021	DEP	J. Key Roofing	Miscellaneous	For CHK 2886 ...	335.00	X		4,408.72
05/21/2021	DEPR	J. Key Roofing	Miscellaneous	Reverse of GJE...		X	335.00	4,743.72
05/25/2021			Local Option Sales Tax	Deposit			3,683.11	8,426.83