

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

November 26,, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull City Hall. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Mike McElroy, Paige Phillips, and Steven Hollingsworth, and attorney Danny Love..

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Steven Hollingsworth. The financial reports were unanimously approved after a motion by Mike McLeroy and a second by Paige Phillips.

Under old business Mayor Barber gave an update on the renovations at City Hall and recommended an approval of the two change orders of \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00 to complete the project bringing the total for the renovation project to \$37,965.00. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to accept this recommendation.

Additionally as a matter of new business Mayor Barber reported that Billy Seagraves agreed to sell the City 26 chairs including those currently being used tonight for \$10.00 each. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to proceed with the purchase.

The Clerk advised that we needed to vote on a date and time for the work session on the 2025 budget. This work session is generally held at 6:30 prior to the December meeting. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to have the work session on the 2025 budget at 6:30 on December 17, 2024, prior to the December meeting.

Council member Paige Phillips addressed Mayor and Council concerning a drainage issue on Yarbrough Road. No action was taken at this time to allow Paige to speak with the homeowner whose property was causing the issue.

As a matter of information the Clerk advised that council member Hollingsworth would be taking the newly elected official's training in Tifton early next year. The training is not being offered in Athens in 2025. The Clerk further advised that council member Hollingsworth had already registered for the training and she would be reimbursing him for the registration fee for which he had provided a receipt for payment. He would also be reimbursed for his other expenses upon receipt of payment once he receives the training.

Mayor Barber advised that we needed to elect a Mayor Pro Tem and he is recommending Mike McElroy be approved as Mayor Pro Tem. Council member McElroy has agreed to serve in this capacity. Motion was made by Steven Hollingsworth, seconded by Paige Phillips and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Under other business City Attorney Love advised Mayor and Council that he had finally been able to speak with County Attorney Pruitt with respect to the Intergovernmental Agreement and would have more information to come on this. Additionally Attorney Love requested contact information for Fire Chief Austin so that he could speak with him and explain why the City

cannot just gift the land to the Fire Department where the building is located. Mayor Barber will provide this information.

Mayor Barber advised that the Leland Cypress tree near the well was dying and also had gotten so big that on a windy day our flags were being torn by blowing into the tree. He had received a bid from Bear's Tree Service to remove the tree for \$550.00 plus \$150.00 to grind the stump. Council member McElroy works for someone who does this and suggested we get a price from them prior to making a decision. This matter was tabled until the December meeting.

Additionally Mayor Barber advised that the AC unit was not cooling. He had Acker come back out and look at it and it was determined that the compressor had quit. They recommended replacing the unit rather than repairing it with a new heating and air system the costs of which would be around \$8,085.00. After some discussion on other options no action was taken and the matter was tabled.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Paige Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou
Hull City Clerk