CITY OF REIDSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2017

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The regularly scheduled session of the Reidsville City Council Meeting was held on Monday December 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Members of Council present: Curtis Colwell, Carolyn Crume-Blackshear, Doug Williams, Virgil Duckworth, and Lindsay Bennett. City Attorney, Scott Brannen, was also present.

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Sydney Clifton, prayer given by Councilmen Virgil Duckworth followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to opening the meeting for public comment, Mayor Clifton did recognize Councilmen Duckworth as this was his outgoing meeting and wished him the best of luck and thanked him for his distinguished service to the City of Reidsville.

At this time the meeting was opened to public comment. No public comments were made.

Mayor Clifton advised the meeting minutes from last month’s meeting were provided to Council for review. If there are no questions and/or corrections recommended, a motion is needed to accept as written. A motion was made to accept was as written.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 Vote: Approved-Unanimous

The Department supervisors were asked to present their monthly statistics to Council.

Public Works Director, Rodney DeLoach, presented his monthly statistics to Mayor and Council. Mr. DeLoach did address the Council with a copy of a bid for $3,424.96 for repairs to Lift Station 10. A motion was made to approve the purchase.

 Motion made by: Curtis Colwell

 2nd by: Doug Williams

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Fire Chief, Jimmy Brown, was not present for the meeting, but monthly statistics were given by Assistant Fire Chief, Walt Rogers. Walt Rogers presented the monthly report of the Fire Dept. to Mayor and Council.

Chief Dianne Sapp was present to give a monthly report to Mayor and Council of the Reidsville Police Dept.

Mayor Clifton asked if any members of Council had any questions or concerns for any of the Dept. Supervisors. At this time, the Mayor asked for a motion to accept the three Dept. Supervisors Monthly Reports. A motion was made to approve.

 Motion made by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 2nd by: Doug Williams

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Mayor Clifton introduced Walt Rogers to provide information to Council on the mandated firefighter cancer insurance that has to take effect by January 1, 2018. The premium will be available during the January 2018 council meeting along with a roster of the firefighters that are covered. A resolution was adopted that has to be returned to GMA along with the application and participation agreement. A motion was made to adopt the resolution.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Assistant Fire Chief, Walt Rogers, also addressed the Mayor and Council about increasing the rates of fire fees. Mr. Rogers presented the council with a brief summary of what Claxton, Hagan, Evans County and Lyons charged for fire fee protection. It was recommended that the city increase the residential rate of $2.00 to $5.00 and the commercial rate of $3.00 to $7.00. These changes would increase on the January 2018 utility bills. A motion was made to approve the change of fire fees.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Revisions were made to the building permit fee schedule, by Ronney Willis, Building Inspector, as follows: General Permit - $60.00, Electrical Inspection -$75.00, Residential rate per sq. ft. - $.35 Commercial rate per sq. ft. - $.45 and NO mobile home placement fee. Mobile home rates will be at the residential ($.35) value. A motion was made to approve the new fee schedule.

 Motion made by: Carolyn Crume – Blackshear

 2nd by: Doug Williams

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Attorney Scott Brannen did advise that the Enrichment Center on Chandler Avenue can be sold. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Attorney Scott Brannen did entertain the questions that Mayor Clifton had about the use of the city hall vehicle for the WBL students and admin personnel under the age of 18. After reviewing the insurance policy, Mr. Brannen did not find where the students could not drive the city vehicles. However, the city personnel policy does state that the employee has to be 18 years old to operate a city vehicle. This issue will be tabled and the personnel manual policy will be updated allowing admin city hall employees to drive city vehicles.

A Swearing In Ceremony will take place on Thursday December 28th, 2017at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Mr. Michael Jackson, from Glenn-Davis and Associates, was present to discuss the quotes for the upcoming renewal of employee insurance coverage, effective January 1, 2018. Currently, the city pays $586.38 for medical insurance for each employee. The renewal of the same exact coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield would be $679.19. This is an increase of $92.81. A motion was made to continue with the same coverage as the city has now and renew.

 Motion made by: Carolyn Crume-Blackshear

 2nd by: Doug Williams

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Kellie Murray, City Administrator, resigned effective November 30th and Penny Cranford, Payroll Clerk, resigned effective December 27th. Both positions are open and applications are being received for those positions until December 22nd, 2017 at noon. The current job will be defined as City Clerk as it has been in the past. Payroll Clerk title will remain the same.

Mayor Clifton advised the Council that help was needed at city hall due to the resignation of two city employees. A motion was made to rehire, Avery Eason, a former WBL student, for 29 hours per week.

 Motion made by: Curtis Colwell

 2nd by: Virgil Duckworth

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Matt Clements, from EnMarket, Inc., was present to ask Mayor and Council for approval of an Alcohol License for the 115 West Brazell Street and the 256 West Brumby Avenue store locations. A motion was made to accept to approve the new EnMarket an Alcohol License.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Curtis Colwell

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Mayor Clifton asked members of Council to adopt a resolution for the CDBG Grant and another for the Fair Housing Resolution. The resolutions were read and a motion was made to approve each resolution.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Reidsville City Council will meet on January 2, 2018 at 4:30 for an Organizational Meeting and have the regular Planning Session at 5:00p.m.

A motion was made for Mayor and Council to go into Executive Session.

 Motion made by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 2nd by: Curtis Colwell

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

A motion was made to come back to order.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

Councilwoman Lindsay Bennett asked Mayor Clifton about getting a copy of the applications and resumes that were received for the two open positions. Mayor Clifton asked Attorney Scott Brannen to entertain the response. Mr. Brannen was going to look into this issue before he had an answer and would call Mrs. Bennett and Mayor Clifton. Mr. Brannen needed to look into confidentiality and laws about personal information leaving the office of City Hall.

Mayor Clifton asked Chief Dianne Sapp if she had anything that she would like to address to the Council about the Police Dept. and/or police officers. Police officer salaries were discussed and officers were either leaving because they could not get a raise or leaving to find other jobs with a salary increase. This issue was tabled for further discussion.

Mrs. Carolyn Crume- Blackshear asked that the Public Works Dept. look into Hart Street. The road needs to be repaired. Mayor advised that the streets have been repaired where water and sewer problems have been.

Mr. Doug Williams had no comments.

Mr. Virgil Duckworth thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to serve as a Council Member. He wished the city well.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn this meeting.

 Motion made by: Doug Williams

 2nd by: Carolyn- Crume Blackshear

 Vote: Approved- Unanimous

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Reidsville City Council was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.