

City of Reidsville
City Council Meeting
Monday November 9, 2020

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Reidsville City Council was held on Monday November 9th, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Members of Council present:

Carolyn Crume- Blackshear

Bruce Conner

Jim Waters

Verdie Williams

City Attorney DuAnn Cowart-Davis was present.

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Sydney Clifton at 5:00 pm. The prayer was given by Council Member Bruce Conner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor advised the meeting minutes from last month's meeting were provided to the 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 the minutes as written.

Motion made by: Jim Waters
2nd by: Verdie Williams
Vote: Approved – Unanimous

The Department Supervisors were asked to present their monthly activity/statistics to the Council. Mayor Clifton presented for the Fire Department and Recreation depts in absence of the Fire Chief and Recreation Dept's Supervisors, Stacey Wilds presented the Police's monthly report, Reika Strickland gave the reports for the Water Dept and Street and Lane. She gave updates in regards to each of their departments as Rodney Deloach was on vacation. Mrs. Carolyn Crume- Blackshear inquired about the work going on at the Armory corner. Curtis Colwell, from the audience, advised that he also inquired with workers about the work and the concern of the possibility of water backup. Rodney Deloach updated during the earlier part of the

Next on the agenda, was the job description of the Assistant Public Works Director. Council Member, Bruce Conner, asked to entertain this concern in Executive Session as it regards an employee and is a personnel matter.

It was advised to table the budget for another month to allow for bookkeeping duties to continue and account reconciliation to be updated for further review. It was also advised by Sydney Clifton, Mayor, to allow Gaines CPA to continue working on bookkeeping duties until all accounts are current in the QS1 system and all records match. Work is already underway to complete the bookkeeping duties. Using another software other than QS1 was discussed as it would be beneficial but at a later time after all accounts have been reconciled.

Motion made by: Corolyn Crume-Blackshear

2nd by: Jim Waters

Vote: Approved-Unanimous

The next item on the agenda was the hiring of Nivea Jackson as City clerk. Mrs. Jackson was presented before the public by the Mayor. The City taxes were next on the agenda. The taxes were still not ready to be mailed. Britney Fountain has been in numerous talks with the software company and expected to have the bills completed by the week's end. Taxes would not be delinquent until January 15th 2021, giving the public necessary time to respond. Mayor Clifton brought up his concern over the current drug policy. He expressed the need to change the drug policy to include prescriptions and how they affect anyone operating under the influence of prescriptions when being called in to do a job. He just asked that the Council consider review under the possibility for liability specifically to operating City vehicles.

Dan Bennett was given the floor next to petition the City's support of the annual Christmas parade which was agreed to be allowed under the Chamber's responsibility. It was also advised by the City Attorney that liability waivers due to COVID-19 would be hung around the City removing liability from the City for personal incident. The parade route would be the same and would take place December 12th.

Motion made by: Corolyn Crume-Blackshear

2nd by: Jim Waters

Vote: Approved-Unanimous

2nd by: Bruce Conner

With no further business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn this meeting at 6:42pm.

Motion made by: Carolyn Crume - Blackshear

2nd by: Verdie Williams

Vote: Approved- Unanimous