

City of Reidsville
City Council Meeting
Monday November 8, 2021

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Reidsville City Council was held on Monday August 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Members of Council present:

Mayor Curtis Colwell
Carolyn Crume- Blackshear
Bruce Conner
Lindsay Bennett
Verdie Williams
Doug Williams

City Attorney DuAnn Cowart-Davis was present. Nivea Jackson, City Clerk was present.

The audience was welcomed by Mayor Curtis Colwell. Next, the attendees were led by the Mayor in a word of prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was done in unison by all.

Mr. Colwell announced that he would entertain a motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting. Lindsay Bennett made the motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion by: Lindsay Bennett

2nd by: Verdie Williams

Vote: Motion carried unanimous

The Department Supervisors were next on the agenda. Jimmy Brown, Fire Chief, made the report for the Fire Dept. Notable mentions is that the fire department's brush truck had a mechanical breakdown. The Fire truck had to be towed to the repair shop. The truck was under current diagnostics. Stacey Wilds made the report for the Police Dept. Councilman Bruce Conner made the report for the Water/Sewer and Street/Lane Dept in the absence of Rodney Deloach. Councilwoman Carolyn Blackshear made the report for administration. Notable mention is that the City would readvertise the job listing for an administrative assistant.

The next order of business is the Commission reports. The City of Reidsville's Downtown Development Authority will be meeting August 19, 2021. The DDA meets regularly and

monthly. They are proposing to sale unused land deeded to them and the City to raise money to assist the Authority to bring in and support more local downtown business. The City has agreed to offer it's assistance to the Authority. The DDA meets at the Tattnall County Court House. The DDA is also recruiting members if anyone was interested.

Surrency Playground Chairman and Treasurer was next and made its first official report. The Commission is happy to report a successful first fundraiser. The fundraiser is in an effort to raise monies to build up and upkeep the playground. The event was a "Screen on the Green" for families to attend to watch Space Jam as a leisure event before returning to school. The SPC gave a special thanks to Councilwoman Lindsay Bennett for supporting their event. The SPC plans on having several more fundraising events to help develop the playground to be an asset in the community. They also have future plans to have a fundraising sports event.

Next on the agenda is old business. Derelict Properties is the only item on the agenda. The Burns' property specifically, the old Hardware store and the Dixie Motel were waiting a citation. The City's goal is to make the property safe for all citizens and for it not to be such an eyesore in the community. The fine issued was meant to serve as motivation for the clean up of the property. The property on Church Street has been torn down and made safe for pedestrian and vehicle passage on Church St.

Councilman Bruce Conner spoke for council concerning city roads. In collaboration with the County Engineer, Mr. Odom, whose done inventory on all of our streets and has completed rating each road. The City needs to correct many roads in the DOT database. I will make several motions and we can vote at the end. A motion to notify GDOT that the following streets are now paved: Ester Ave, McCall Ave, Palmetto Ave, Kemp St, Pearson St, Hwy 56 Ext, Leigh Cir, Lawson St, Fields St, Stewart St, Bryant St, and Arnold St. A motion to notify GDOT that the following roads have been renamed or need to be corrected on the GDOT map to match city records: Shuman Ave, Denson St, Rufus Ave, Pittman St, Hwy 56 Ext, Fields St, Stewart St, Bryant St, Creek Ln, Hill St, Rewis St, Nelson St, and Collins St. A motion to notify GDOT that the following streets were adopted by the city or are missing from the GDOT map: Mike Eason Dr and Friar Tuck Cir. A motion to close a portion of VFW Dr. from the gate to the end of the road, but must get approval from the VFW first.

Motion: Bruce Conner

2nd: Verdie Williams

Vote: Motion carried unanimous

Last topic on the agenda is Sale of City property. Real Estate must be discussed in Executive Session. The Mayor asked if there was any other further business to be discussed. He would entertain a motion to move to Executive Session.

Motion by: Lindsay Bennett

2nd by: Verdie Williams

Vote: Motion carried unanimous

Executive Session began at 5:55pm

The Council returned from Executive session by motion at 6:10pm

Motion by: Carolyn Blackshear

2nd by: Doug Williams

Vote: Motion carried unanimous

Lindsay Bennett offered a motion to sale property decided to the DDA.