

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 2024
REIDSVILLE CITY HALL, 5:00PM

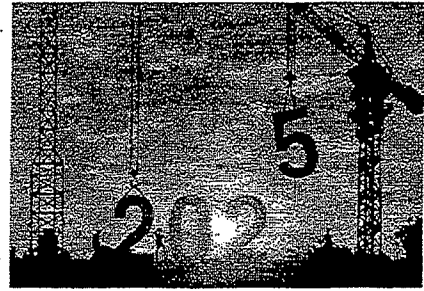
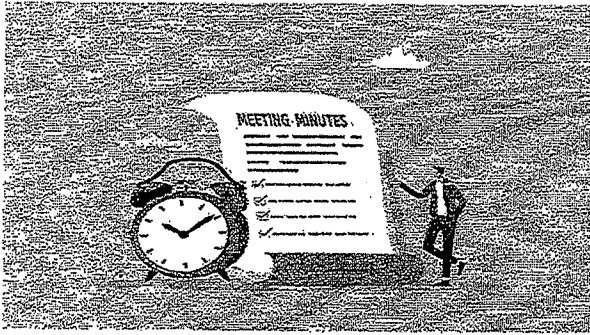
The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Vickie Nail.

Council Members: Donald Prestage, Carolyn Blackshear, Verdie Williams, and Theron Harris were present. Councilwoman Lindsay Bennett was absent. Duann Davis (City Attorney), Gina Sheridan (Finance Manager), and Nivea Jackson (City Clerk) were all present in their respective roles.

The Mayor began the meeting by welcoming guests, saying a prayer and encouraged attendees to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

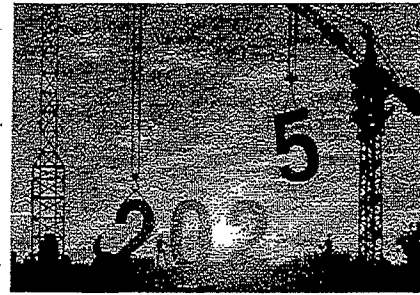
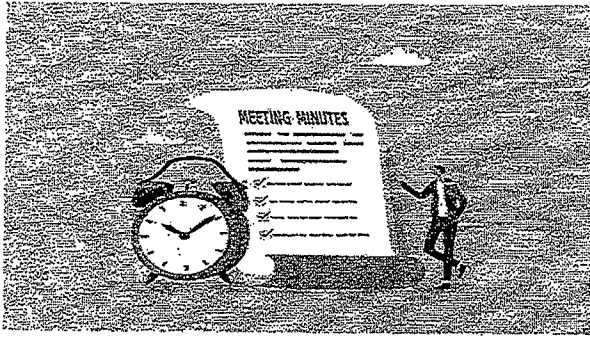
The Mayor then swore in the new City of Reidsville Police Chief Matthew Lynn and signed a sworn affidavit. Chief Lynn introduced his wife, Molly and their three children.

Department Updates were next. The Mayor began with the department updates. Jimmy Brown gave updates for the Fire Dept. No discrepancies noted. Derien Renfroe, Recreation Director came and gave a monthly report to the Council members. Renfroe notes that Reidsville Teams competed and placed 3rd in the State during the recent Championship games. The Recreation Dept is still assessing damage from Hurricane Helene which includes; multiple feet of destroyed fencing and damage to the scoreboards. One Scoreboard will need to be replaced. Several bleachers will need to be replaced as well. Rodney Deloach gave the statistics for the water/sewer and streets and lane. No discrepancies noted. Assistant Chief Snell gave the statistics for the Reidsville Police Dept.



No discrepancies noted. Officers are partnering with the Sheriff's office to cover the upcoming parades. Nivea Jackson gave updates to Council for administration. USDA construction loan closed and Nivea is working on FEMA/Insurance claims. The 2024 audit is complete, we are awaiting the final binders. Nivea reminds customers that water bills have increased \$3.97 for all customers, and this public notification was placed in the newspapers and voted for in City Council meetings. We have put notes to have residential homes marked with numbers. There is a reminder of the upcoming Christmas Party for Council and staff. All City offices will be closed on Thursday December 19th from 11a-1p. Surrency Playground updates were given by Mr. John Sapp. Mr. Sapp is advising the Council that the Playground scheduled to have the septic tank inspected and cleaned by Willis Septic. The Playground is having Georgia Power to come out to inspect for lighting, and the new galvanized building that will serve as bathrooms are due to be delivered in the next week. Mr. Sapp is willing to meet Mr. Willis to come pump out the septic tank.

Curry Ahouse from United Automated Solutions was present as a guest speaker. Mr. Ahouse represents the company that the City has purchased water meters from. The City of Reidsville has been awarded a GEFA grant for one million dollars. A part of the meter installation process is a required full water meter survey. Curry Ahouse is informing the Council of this requirement. Mr. Ahouse has suggested a local company complete the survey. The survey will consist of finding every water meter installed in the City, checking it's condition, shooting and recording it's GPS coordinates for future mapping, and also completing an inventory checklist of parts needed to install new cellular units. The recommended company comes out of Hinesville. They are well versed in this type of work and have a proven rapport with the Meter vendor. The cost of the survey is not included inside of the grant and must be completed by the City. The cost of the survey is thirty five thousand. Mr. Ahouse's company has been a long-trusted vendor and has come up with a proposal to help the City pay for the survey. Terms would be twelve thousand upfront to start the process, 2nd payment due mid-inspection near March 1st of twelve thousand, and upon completion the final eleven thousand payment would be due. The City is asked to provide an escort from the City, and the survey would be completed within 90 days. The City would be able to build the budget and order materials for the completion of the project installation after the inspection is complete. There is a potential worry that the current meters may be out of date and some even non-operational.



Donald Prestage is offering a motion that Hofstadter be the engineer on the project, Curry Ahouse's company UAS, be the supplier, and to bid out the installation portion of the work. Mr. Prestage is also suggesting that the meter survey be completed using the payment terms offered by UAS.

Motion by: Donald Prestage

2nd by: Carolyn Blackshear

Motion: Carries unanimously

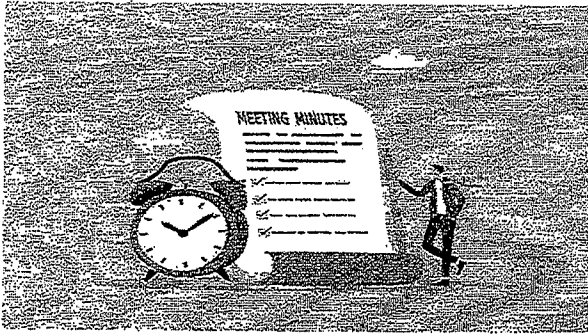
The Mayor is asking the Council to approve the November minutes. Councilman Prestage is asking for corrections to the minutes. Mr. Prestage made a motion that failed due to a second. He would like that added to the minutes as was made in the meeting. **Carolyn Blackshear offers a motion to table the approval of November's meeting for corrections to be made.**

Motion by: Carolyn Blackshear

2nd by: Verdie Williams

Motion: Carries unanimously

On to the new business, the Mayor asks Assistant Chief Snell to explain the circumstances to the Council. Chief Snell explains that the Tahoe driven primarily by officer Keeter needed lifters and possibly a new cam shaft. The vehicle is currently located at Kyle Durrence Chevrolet. The cost to repair the lifter is estimated to be \$4144.93 the cam \$4984.44. The mechanic would have to go inside the engine to repair either issue. To get multiple bids, the vehicle would need to be towed to another dealer or repair shop. This Tahoe has tag readers and is a priority vehicle to traffic stops. The PD is requesting that the Council approve maintenance repairs. The 2020 Tahoe is currently worth \$30K+. The repair may entail fixing



one or both issues. **Carolyn Blackshear offers a motion to go forward with repairs of the Tahoe at Kyle Durrence Chevrolet.**

Motion by: Carolyn Blackshear

2nd by: Verdie Williams

Motion: Carries unanimously

Committee organizations was next on agenda. The Mayor will be finalizing the committees and organizations. The Housing authority has expressed interests in wanting to leave Carolyn Bragg who is their resident member on who is due to come off. On the Ethics committee, Mordena Richardson wants to maintain her seat. The DDA is two members heavy and will finalize its members. Airport Authority and Library are still TBD.

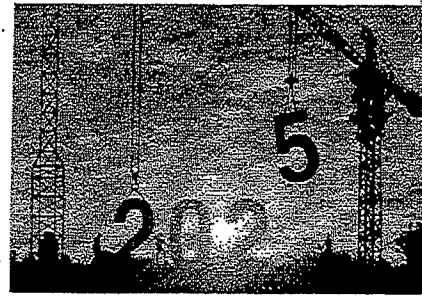
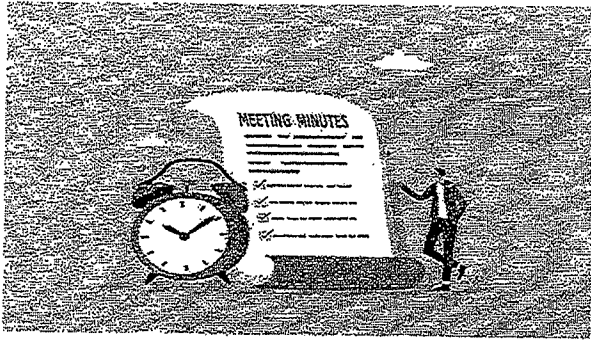
PD Vehicle sale was next. Councilman Prestage wants to know the status of the sale. City Clerk Nivea Jackson advises that the cars had not been listed in the paper because the Crown Victoria was still at the repair shop. The Crown Victoria was due to be out of the shop a week prior to no avail. The cars would be listed in the midmonth edition of the local organ for auction. The charger was attracting interest just sitting in front of City Hall with a sign.

The Mayor is asking the audience if there were any questions or comments before the Council moved back into Executive Session. Citizen John Sapp asked about City streets being striped. The Mayor says that the City's priority is storm cleanup still. We will try to address that in the new year. It is something that may need to be contracted out.

Councilwoman Blackshear is asking for a storm debris cleanup update. The Mayor advises that the company has completed their pickup inside of the City. They will collect stumps next but the crew is working out in the County areas. The Code enforcer is trying to keep watch on homes and properties that need debris pickup. The City has maxed out their time period for debris cleanup.

Carolyn Blackshear makes a motion for the Council to go into Executive Session @ 5:43pm

Motion by: Carolyn Blackshear



2nd by: Verdie Williams

Motion: Carries

At 6:08pm Verdie Williams makes a motion to return to regular session. Motion was 2nd by Donald Prestage.

The Mayor announces that the Council has decided to contact the liability insurance company for legal counsel concerning issues going on with the Williams St. property. Councilman Prestage made a request to have the City attorney, Davis contact the legal department of GMA.

Vicki Neal

2/10/25