

August 5, 2019

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MINUTES

The regular scheduled meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on August 5, 2019. Mayor Mike Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilman Bruce Allen, Councilwoman Rebecca Benton, Councilwoman Shannon Black, Councilman Larry Olliff, Councilman Mike Royal and Councilman Stevie Wall. City Manager Robbie Byrd, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Black.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed upon a motion by Councilman Olliff, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

FINANCE

Councilman Wall presented bills in excess of \$1500.00 and made a motion to pay, subject to funds. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Royal reported that the police department responded to 1473 calls since the last meeting, totaling 17,219 for the year. Police Chief Ashley Brown introduced new police officers Ian Kenny and Joseph Lassiter.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that the street department picked up trash, repaired sidewalks on Lake View Drive, Newton Avenue, S. Rogers Street and 106 N. Chestnut Street, performed road and pot hole repairs in multiple areas, cleaned a gravel spill on Pooler Parkway and assisted with concrete work for the fire department. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance in the northwest quadrant, cut and cleared a total of 10,958' of ditches, cleared ditches on Benton Canal, graded ditches throughout the City and picked up trash.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected 14 new construction meters, repaired 19 residential meters and MXUs, repaired four (4) leaking laterals, repaired a fire hydrant at Morgan Street and Highway 80 that was struck by a vehicle, notified 31 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments and water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 11 backflow preventers and performed 560 line locates requested by the Utility Protection Center.

Further, that EOM responded to four (4) grinder pump calls, 11 sewer leak repairs and performed routine maintenance on several lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that gymnastics and dance classes have resumed as well as football practice, men's basketball, youth volleyball and youth flag football games and cheerleading practice. Further, that the senior citizens will celebrate the August birthdays on the 13th.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that eight (8) single family residential, four (4) single family attached and seven (7) commercial permits were issued since the last meeting, with 314 inspections performed.

Under OLD BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Minor subdivision plat of 220 N. Skinner Avenue

The intent is to create Parcels 1 and 2 to construct a single family home on each lot. Mr. Byrd stated that there was a large amount of yard debris on the lot that has been relocated. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilman Olliff, to approve the plat. Motion passed without opposition.

2. Transfer and Assignment of Lighting Services Agreement with Mosaic Town Center Property Owners Association, Inc.

Mr Byrd requested the item be tabled. Councilman Royal made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Minor subdivision plat for 1757 Old Dean Forest Road

Brandon Paul submitted a plat to subdivide the property into two (2) lots. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, to approve the plat. Motion passed without opposition.

2. Final plat for Danbury Park, Phase 4

Phase 4 of Danbury Park will consist of 14 single family residential lots and is located off Blue Moon Crossing in Savannah Quarters. Councilman Royal made a motion to approve the plat. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

3. Site plan for Barrow Drive Development

The intent is to construct two (2) 1,500 sq. ft. warehouses and a storage yard for a transloading facility off Pine Meadow Drive, adjacent to Fire Station #4.

Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

4. Letter Agreement from Thomas & Hutton for City Hall-US 80 & Pooler Parkway Analysis

Councilwoman Benton stepped down from her seat. Mr. Byrd presented an agreement with Thomas & Hutton Engineering for evaluation of existing intersections located near the municipal complex on Highway 80, intersections on Pooler Parkway north of Highway 80 and intersections between the roundabout near the At Home Store and Pooler Parkway. Mr. Byrd stated that the project will be combined with the other traffic analysis performed by Thomas & Hutton and funded by the money put in escrow by the developer of the Benton Tract. Councilman Royal made a motion to approve the agreement in the amount of \$61,000.00, contingent upon the city attorney's approval of the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition. Councilwoman Benton returned to her seat.

5. Temporary/special event alcoholic beverage license for Fayquita Hunter-Hills on August 10th at Cottonwood Suites

Fayquita Hunter-Hills submitted an application to serve alcoholic beverages at a private event on August 10th at Cottonwood Suites. Mr. Byrd stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown has performed the background investigation and recommends approval. Councilman Royal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wall, to approve the license. Motion passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

John Haden, resident, expressed concern about the additional polling precincts being effective for the 2020 elections and not for this year's election. Mr. Scheer explained the process of adding precincts, noting that since Chatham County's population in the 2010 Census exceeded 250,000, procedures have changed, adding that the County will be adopting a resolution at their August 9th meeting. Further, that approximately 40 of the precincts in the County have less than 2000 registered voters and a few with less than 1000 and that the new proposal will actually increase the number of voters in the 7-06 precinct.

Councilman Allen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:27 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

Mayor Lamb called the meeting back to order at 6:33 p.m.

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There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Royal made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:33 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maribeth Lindler".

Maribeth Lindler
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael L. Smith".
Mayor