

February 3, 2020

Approved 2/17/2020

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on February 3, 2020. Mayor Rebecca Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilman Aaron Higgins, Councilman Tom Hutcherson, Councilman Stevie Wall and Councilwoman Karen Williams. City Planner Phillip Claxton, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The invocation was given by Pastor John Fender and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Benton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were recommended by Attorney Steve Scheer to defer to the next council meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilman Hutcherson to defer the minutes until the next meeting, with no opposition.

The minutes of the regular meeting for December 16, 2019 and the Executive Session minutes for December 16, 2019 and December 23, 2019 were recommended by Attorney Steve Scheer to be deferred to the next council meeting, along with the Special Called Meeting minutes of December 23, 2019. A motion to defer was made by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilman Hutcherson, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

WATER/SEWER

Councilwoman Williams reported that the water department inspected 25 new construction meters, repaired five (5) leaking laterals, performed chlorine maintenance on wells 1 and 3, repaired and replaced 26 residential meters and mxu's, witnessed the testing and certification of 43 backflow preventers. Further, that EOM responded to one (1) grinder pump call, seven sewer leak repairs, installed new lateral on Collins Street, pulled pumps and deragged in Brighton Woods, installed new pump and cleaned grinder station for post office, and performed grounds maintenance at lift stations. Furthermore, the WWTP finished water line repairs, performed routine preventive maintenance, instrument calibration and sampling.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to add item E, under New Business, to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Higgins reported that the police department had 29 Part 1 Crimes and that the fire department responded to 160 calls from 1/16/2020 to 1/31/2020.

B. Highway 80 Frontage Road – Water Relocation Change Order #1 for Griffin Contracting, Inc. proposal and contract

Councilman Higgins made a motion to accept the change order, contingent upon the city attorney's approval. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

C. Site Plan for Memorial Boulevard, Lot 8 (PIN# 5-101-01-063)

The intent is to construct a 14,250 sq. ft. retail center and the ancillary infrastructure to support it. Following some discussion, Councilman Hutcherson made a motion to approve, contingent upon no restaurants being allowed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

D. Release of Maintenance Bond for Somersby, Phase 3

A final inspection was performed on January 22, 2020 and all of the punch list items have been completed. Councilman Wall made a motion to release the Maintenance Bond for Somersby, Phase 3 in the amount of \$205,869.25. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

E. Partner with Pooler to Plant a Tree for Free

Councilwoman Williams stated that in honor of Georgia's Arbor Week occurring the week of 2/16/20 through 2/22/20, she is working on a program with the City of Pooler, The Greenery Inc. and The Garden Club of Pooler, for residents to join all for a practical and symbolic gesture of sustaining our environment and wildlife. The intent is to plant a total of 430 trees, of seven (7) different varieties. The trees will range in size from four (4') to six feet (6') in height. The total amount of \$5,410.00 will be paid out of the City of Pooler Tree Fund. Further, that the event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the Pooler Recreation parking lot, located behind the YMCA. No exact time has been established at this time. Residents (on a first come, first serve, basis) are asked to come pick up one (1) tree per household to plant in their yard. An arborist will be on hand to answer any questions. Councilwoman Williams made a motion approve, contingent upon The City of Pooler assuming no liability. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:41 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal and/or real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

Mayor Benton called the meeting back to order at 6:53 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:53 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.


Rebecca Benton, Mayor

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 18 day of February, 2020.

Attest:


Shannon Kirby, Interim City Clerk