

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on February 17, 2020. Mayor Rebecca Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilwoman Shannon Black, Councilman Aaron Higgins, Councilman Tom Hutcherson, Councilman Stevie Wall and Councilwoman Karen Williams. City Manager Robbie Byrd, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Karen Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Shannon Black.

Councilman Hutcherson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings for December 16, 2019, December 23, 2019, January 21, 2020, February 3, 2020 and the Executive Session minutes for December 16, 2019, December 23, 2019, January 21, 2020, and February 3, 2020, along with the Special Called Meeting minutes for December 23, 2019. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

WATER/SEWER

Councilwoman Williams reported that the water department inspected 40 new construction meters, repaired six (6) service laterals, repaired water main on 500 block of Benton Drive, replaced 19 residential meters and mxu's, witnessed the testing and certification of 29 backflow preventers and performed 504 line locates requested by the (UPC) Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to five (5) grinder pump calls, eight sewer leak repairs, one (1) sewer lateral repair and performed maintenance/repairs on lift station. Furthermore, the WWTP performed routine preventive maintenance, instrument calibration and sampling.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Higgins reported that the police department had 29 Part 1 Crimes and 12 shopliftings and that the fire department responded to 181 calls.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilman Higgins reported that the street department continued routine maintenance, continued shoulder work along Quacco Road and Pine Barren Road, repaired pot holes, replaced multiple signs throughout the city, continued routine maintenance along the Northeast quadrant, continued work on Everette Drive, Savannah River Utilities continue working on Old Town Phase B, reviewed three (3) new sets of site plans and conducted three (3) pre-construction meetings.

FINANCE

Councilman Wall presented bills in excess of \$1,500.00.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that youth basketball has concluded, Allstar teams have been selected and are practicing, gymnastics and dance classes continue, limited spots still available for youth spring sports registration, baseball evaluations are February 24th and 25th, Spring sports practices begin the week of Monday, March 2nd, registration for tennis is open, session begins in March and adult league kickball continues on Wednesday nights at Pooler Park.

All regularly scheduled activities and classes will continue this week at the Senior Citizens Center. Seniors will have the opportunity to attend a fish fry at the American Legion on Friday, February 21st and visit the Savannah Woman's show on Friday, February 28th.

Mayor Benton mentioned that former city employee Connie Ellis passed away and that her funeral was today, asking all to keep her family in their thoughts and prayers.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Hutcherson reported that three (3) single family residential permits and one (1) commercial permit were issued since the last meeting, with 163 inspections performed.

Under **NEW BUSINESS** the following was discussed:

- A. Front Yard Building Setback Variance for Murphy's at 120 Pooler Parkway was withdrawn.**
- B. Special Event approval for West Chatham YMCA Y Kids Tri Event. They are also asking for fees to be waived.**

Mr. Byrd requested that the special event be approved and the fees be waived for West Chatham YMCA Y Kids Tri Event. Councilwoman Black made a motion to approve the special event and waive the fees. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

- C. Conditional Use request for 1055 E. Highway 80 to operate an Auto Service Center/Tire Shop**

- **Public Hearing** – called to order at 6:08 – adjourned at 6:20

Tony Eicholz, adjacent property owner, voiced his concerns regarding parking and the potential increase in noise. Councilwoman Williams, Councilman Wall, Hutcherson and Higgins also expressed concerns with the location, the potential increase in noise and shortage of parking that may occur with the use.

- **Action** – called at 6:20

After discussion and review of the criteria, Councilman Higgins made a motion to deny the conditional use. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and denied without opposition.

D. Zoning Map Amendment for 109 Barrow Drive from I-1 to I-2

Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner asked for the site plan to be tabled. Councilman Wall made a motion to table the item. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

E. Minor Subdivision Plat review of Parcel E-1, The Armstrong Tract

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the plat. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

F. Major Subdivision Plat for Morgan Lakes Industrial Park, Phase IV

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the plat. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

G. Minor Subdivision Plat review of a portion of the Sarah MacDonald and Harry MacDonald Tract on Canal Bank Road, for Wenmus, LLC

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Following some discussion, Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the plat. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

H. Site Plan for 355 Morgan Lakes Industrial Boulevard

Mr. Byrd presented the item to Council. Councilwoman Williams asked about the time line for lighting and questioned where the trees were being planted. She also asked if they would plant 25 additional trees and contribute less in the tree fund. Following some discussion, Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the site plan, contingent upon an agreement with Georgia Power and 25 additional trees being added to the landscape plan, with less money being paid into the tree fund (\$61,425.00 instead of \$69,550.00). Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

I. Preliminary Construction Plan for Reunion Remainder (Westbrook, Ph. 5) Subdivision

Mr. Byrd presented the item to Council. Following some discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the construction plan, contingent upon EPD and NRCS approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

J. Preliminary Construction Plan for Memorial Boulevard Entrance Drive

Mr. Byrd presented the item to Council. Following some discussion Councilman Wall made a motion to approval the preliminary construction plan, contingent upon a recorded covenant document being filed and approved by the City Attorney, stating that the remaining 21 trees left unplanted are to be planted on future parcels. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

K. Site Plan for Discount Tire on Grand Central Boulevard

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Following some discussion, Councilman Higgins made a motion to approve the site plan, contingent upon a recombination plat being submitted and approved prior to a building permit being issued and NRCS approval. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

L. Approve change for Council Meeting held on March 2nd to March 3rd, due to the Spanky's Golf Tournament being held on the 2nd

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Councilman Wall stated that because several city employees that attend council meetings along with himself, he recommends that the March 2nd council meeting be changed to March 3rd. Councilman Higgins questioned if it was within the legal time frame to change the date. City Attorney Steve Scheer stated he would look in to the law and suggest we make a motion, contingent upon the notification time meeting the Georgia Law. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the date change contingent upon meeting Georgia Law. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

M. Chatham Emergency Management Agency Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Councilwoman Black made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

N. Request to Adopt Speed Ordinance for GDOT List of Roadways for the City of pooler On- System

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Councilman Hutcherson asked where the road list came from. Following some discussion, Councilwoman Williams made a motion to adopt the Speed Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

O. Amendment to Schedule of Fees

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Following some discussion, Councilman Higgins made a motion to amend the Schedule of Fees, to increase the commercial trash pickup fee from \$19.24 to \$23.77. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

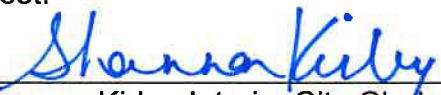
There being no further business to discuss or need for executive session, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.



Rebecca Benton, Mayor

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 3 day of March, 2020.

Attest:



Shannon Kirby, Interim City Clerk