

March 3, 2020

Approved 3/10/2020

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on March 3, 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, Councilman John Michael Wilcher 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 Councilman Stevie Wall.

Councilman Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 17, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

WATER/SEWER

Councilwoman Williams reported that the water department inspected 20 new construction meters, repaired seven (7) service laterals, repaired water main on West Collins Street, repaired 6" water main at Pooler Elementary School, witnessed the testing and certification of 20 backflow preventers and performed 350 line locates requested by the (UPC) Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to two (2) grinder pump calls, five (5) sewer leak repairs, pulled and deragged pumps at Southwest Quadrant, performed annual inspections on lift stations at Benton Boulevard and The Arbors, repaired sewer lateral on N. Skinner Street and performed grounds maintenance at lift stations. Furthermore, the WWTP started repairs for sludge pump leaking seal issue, removed MBR Blower C and prepped for rebuild evaluation. They also performed routine preventive maintenance, instrument calibration and sampling.

Councilwoman Williams thanked EOM for a tour of the waste water treatment plant.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Wilcher reported that the police department had 38 Part 1 Crimes, 29 past Part 1 Crimes, 122 year to date 2020, 137 last year, and an 11% decrease in Part 1 Crimes from 2019 to 2020, and that the fire department responded to 332 calls, year to date, 666 calls, with a 15.6% increase in calls. Councilman Wilcher stated that the Pooler Fire Department also assisted the City of Savannah Fire Department during this time period.

FINANCE

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

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that the 8u GRPA State Basketball Tournament will be held at the Pooler gyms Friday, March 14th – 15th, gymnastics and dance classes continue, spring sports practices begin this week, tennis begins this week, and there will be a baseball tournament at the complex Saturday, March 7th, as well as the weekend of March 14th – 15th. All regularly scheduled activities and classes will continue this week at the Senior Citizens Center. Seniors will have the opportunity to attend the greening of the fountain at Forsythe Park, March 6th.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilman Higgins reported that the street department continued routine maintenance, replaced multiple signs throughout the city, continued routine maintenance along the Northeast Quadrant, Savannah River Utilities continue working on Old Town Phase B, reviewed two (2) new sets of site plans and conducted three (3) pre-construction meetings.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Hutcherson reported nine (9) single family residential permits and eight (8) commercial permits, 33 miscellaneous permits, one (1) mobile home permit, 23 Certificates of Occupancy were issued and 163 inspections performed for the month of February.

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

A. Special Event Approval for Tanger Outlets Carnival

Mr. Byrd requested that the special event be approved for the Tanger Outlets Carnival taking place March 26th through March 29th. After some discussion Councilwoman Wilcher made a motion to approve the special event, contingent upon the applicant meeting with the police chief and fire chief about security plans. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

B. Special Event approval for Wild Wing Café Wingstock, to include Liquor, Wine and Beer

Mr. Byrd requested that the special event be approved for Wingstock taking place April 25th. After some discussion Councilman Higgins made a motion to approve the special event, contingent upon the applicant meeting with the police chief about security plans. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

C. Site Plan for BMR Logistics located on Lot 6B, SH Morgan Parkway

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. After some discussion, Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the site plan, contingent upon the truck yard being asphalt or

concrete and NRCS approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

D. Site Plan for 241 Tanger Outlets Boulevard, Outparcel 12

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

E. Adopt a Resolution to Establish a Right-of-Way Franchise Fee Applicable to Holders of Cable and Video Providers Issued by the State of Georgia

Mr. Byrd requested the resolution be adopted. Councilman Wall made a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilcher and passed without opposition.

F. Budget Amendment 2020-01

Finance Officer Chris Lightle asked for items F and G to be moved after item J, due to the fact that the amendments are related to this item. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to move the items. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

After approval of Item J, Mr. Lightle presented item F to council. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

G. Budget Amendment 2019-02

After approval of Item J, Mr. Lightle presented item G to council. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

H. Approval of City of Pooler Old Town Drainage Project Change Order

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Following some discussion, Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$83,981.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

I. Approval of Highway 80 Frontage Road – Change Order 2

Mr. Byrd presented the item to Council. Following some discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$49,755.00, contingent upon the City Attorney approving the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Higgins and passed without opposition.

J. Approval of Homeland Security Grant to Receive Funding

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Following some discussion Councilman Wilcher made a motion to approve the grant. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

Councilman Wilcher made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:48 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal and/or real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

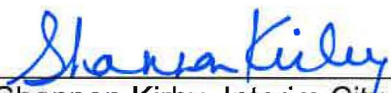
Mayor Benton called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:05 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 16 day of March, 2020.

Attest:


Shannon Kirby, Interim City Clerk