

March 16, 2020

Approved 4/6/2020

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on March 16, 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 Interim Pastor Andre Young of South Valley Missionary Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Aaron Higgins.

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for March 3, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson, with no opposition. Councilman Higgins made a motion to approve the executive session minutes for March 3, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams, with no opposition.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Proclamations

Mayor Benton presented the 132nd Anniversary Proclamation to South Valley Missionary Baptist Church and the 119th Anniversary Proclamation to St. John Baptist Church.

Report from the Standing Committees:

WATER/SEWER

Councilwoman Williams reported that the water department inspected 18 new construction meters, repaired water main on Majestic Pines Ct., repaired and/or replaced 17 water meters, witnessed the testing and certification of 15 backflow preventers and performed 380 line locates requested by the (UPC) Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to eight (8) grinder pump calls, five (5) sewer leak repairs, repaired #2 soft start for R8, pulled and deragged pumps and inspected sonar at Southwest Quadrant, backwashed pumps and verified amps and voltage at Jabot Tract, installed new guide rail brackets on 1 & 2 Van Lines, and performed grounds maintenance at lift stations. Furthermore, the WWTP replaced drum screen #1 chain and repaired headworks water line. They also performed routine preventive maintenance, instrument calibration and sampling.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Wilcher reported that the police department had 29 Part 1 Crimes, 38 past Part 1 Crimes, 151 year to date 2020, 164 last year, for an -8% decrease in Part

1 Crimes from 2019 to 2020 and that the fire department responded to 332 calls, year to date, 834 calls, with a 12.7% increase in calls.

FINANCE

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

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that all parks and recreation facilities, including the senior center are now closed and all activities are suspended until at least Monday, March 30th.

STREET/DRAINAGE

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

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Hutcherson reported 10 single family residential permits and three (3) commercial permits were issued and 190 inspections were performed.

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

A. Zoning Map Amendment of 16.85 acres on Pine Barren Road from a PUD Commercial to a PUD Multi-Family Zoning District

- **Public Hearing – Postponed until April 2020**

Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner asked for the public hearing to be postponed until April 2020.

B. Site Plan for Members First Credit Union at 1501 Pooler Parkway

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

C. Site Plan for Bassford Industrial Park Buildings 26-34

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Mr. Byrd recommended that the staff add a contingency for the petitioner to add \$312,500.00 to escrow for future widening of their portion of Old Louisville Road. Mr. Zittrouer, the engineer for the project stated they are planting 40 additional trees to reduce the tree fund to \$40,000.00. After further discussion, Councilman Higgins made a motion to approve the site plan, contingent upon

planning and zoning recommendations and \$312,500.00 being put in to escrow. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

D. Surplus Equipment

Mr. Byrd presented the surplus equipment list to council. After some discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the surplus equipment list. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and passed without opposition.

E. Pricing Proposal for design Services for the Pooler Stadium

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. Councilwoman Black made a motion to approve the pricing proposal subject to the city attorney reviewing the proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:35 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 7:58 p.m.

Councilwoman Black made a motion to add item E to the agenda for the pricing proposal for the Pooler Stadium in the amount of \$36,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

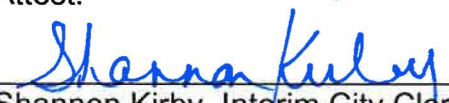
There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutcherson and passed without opposition.



Rebecca Benton, Mayor

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 6TH day of APRIL, 2020.

Attest:



Shannon Kirby, Interim City Clerk