



City of Pooler

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council

AGENDA

Monday, May 18, 2020
Pooler City Hall

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REGULAR MEETING – 6 PM

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of May 4, 2020

V. REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

Public Works
Finance
Fire
Police
Recreation
Building/Zoning

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ecosorb's Proposal for the City of Pooler Wastewater Treatment
- B. Proposal - Pipemaker's Canal Widening
- C. Addendum No. 1 for Copper Village/Godley Station Drainage Improvements

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel, legal and/or real estate matters (if needed)

VIII. ADJOURN

May 18, 2020

Approved June 1, 2020

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on May 18, 2020. Mayor Rebecca Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Shannon Black, Aaron Higgins, Tom Hutcherson, Stevie Wall, John Michael Wilcher and Karen Williams. City Manager Robbie Byrd, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

Mayor Benton reminded the citizens of Pooler how important filing the 2020 census is and how it will impact the funding for the city of Pooler for the next ten years.

New Clerk of Council, Mahendra Mahabir, was introduced during the first live public meeting, since being hired.

The invocation was given by Pastor Alphonso Piper of St. John Divine Missionary Baptist Church and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Benton.

Council Member Wall made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for May 4, 2020. Motion was seconded by Council Member Black, passed without opposition.

Report from the Departments:

PUBLIC WORKS

Matt Saxon reported that the Street Department/storm water are continuing routine maintenance. Public Works Administration reviewed four (4) site plans and conducted two (2) pre-construction meetings. Water Department, Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Department continue routine maintenance. EOM is continuing routine maintenance and reported nine (9) calls during last period.

FINANCE

Chris Lightle reported that the audit information and financial statements are in the hands of the external auditors at Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. The external audit will be done remotely this year due to COVID-19. Mr. Lightle reported that general funds revenues are down and will keep Mr. Byrd updated on those figures.

FIRE

Chief Simmons reported 269 responses for April 2020, down 26% from April, 2019. In May, 187 responses to date, down 8%. The only category that has seen an increase is structure fires. As of May 18, 2020, 17 structure fires were reported, compared to nine (9) from a year ago. Automobile accidents were down about 50% in the months of April and May, compared to last year's numbers.

POLICE

Chief Brown reported that in the last 14 days, 23 Part 1 crimes were reported compared to 18 from the previous two (2) weeks. Also, that a 21% reduction of Part 1 crimes for the year. There was also a 17% reduction in shoplifting due to COVID-19, related to business closures. The Pooler Municipal Court will resume normal business in the middle of June, following the guidelines of the Georgia Supreme Courts.

RECREATION

Hugh Elton reported that the parks' green spaces are open to the public, while all parks' amenities and buildings are still closed, including the Senior Center. The parks' crews are performing routine maintenance as normal. The recreation staff is performing maintenance projects, cleaning and sanitizing areas that were not sanitized and cleaned by EnviroVac. At the Senior Center, Senior Citizens, Inc. is using the parking lot as a pick up and drop off facility for programs such as Meals on Wheels.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Phillip Claxon reported for the month of April, 2020, that there were 33 residential permits, three (3) commercial permits, 20 certificates of occupancy and 36 miscellaneous permits issued, \$45,130.00 in building fees and \$2.5 million in construction value. He stated that the next regular scheduled Planning and Zoning will meet on June 8, 2020.

Under **NEW BUSINESS** the following discussed:

A. Ecosorb's Proposal for the City of Pooler Wastewater Treatment

Mr. Byrd presented the Ecosorb's Proposal for the City of Pooler Wastewater Treatment to council. Mr. Kevin Butler, with OMI Industries and the Vice President of Business Development, for Ecosorb presented the proposal and treatment plans. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposal by Council Member Williams. Seconded by Council Member Hutcherson and passed without opposition.

B. Proposal- Pipemaker's Canal Widening

Mr. Byrd requested that the Proposal for the Pipemaker's Canal Widening to be tabled until Terry Coleman could be present. Council Member Wall made a motion to honor the request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Higgins and passed without opposition.

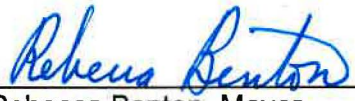
C. Addendum No. 1 for Copper Village/Godley Station Drainage Improvements

Mr. Byrd presented the item to council. After some discussion, Council Member Wall made a motion to approve Copper Village/Godley Station Addendum No.1, subject to approval by the city attorney. Motion was seconded by Council Member Black and passed without opposition.

Council Member Black made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m. to discuss, legal and/or real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Member Wall and passed without opposition.

Mayor Benton called the meeting back to order at 6:45 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:46 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Higgins and passed without opposition.


Rebecca Benton, Mayor

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

Attest:

Mahendra Mahabir, Clerk of Council