



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

April 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM | City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor
Tom Hutcherson, Mayor Pro Tem
Shannon Black, Councilmember
Aaron Higgins, Councilmember *via teleconference*
Stevie Wall, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Karen Williams, Councilmember
Robert Byrd, City Manager
Steve Scheer, City Attorney
Craig Call, City Attorney
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Associate Pastor Shirlenia Daniel, of Bread of Life Ministries, gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Shirlenia Daniel also led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton welcomed a number of guests present. Leslie Mason of Pooler Paws shared that their non-profit group provides rescue and population control services locally for feral cats. Adoption events are held every second Saturday at Bentley's in Pooler. Mark and Francis Dana were present to speak on behalf of the upcoming Two Hundred Club of the Coastal Empire event: the Pooler Run for Heroes on May 28, 2022. The Two Hundred Club provides immediate financial assistance to surviving spouses and children of local law enforcement officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty while protecting their communities. Matthew Gunn was also present to share his upcoming annual Love & Soul Family Festival scheduled for June 4, 2022. The inspirational event

focuses on artistic creative expression through music, visual, graphic, culinary art, and spoken word.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

- A. **City Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022**
- B. **Special Event Permit Application for The Two Hundred Club of the Coastal Empire on May 28, 2022**
- C. **Special Event Permit Application for Matthew Gunn on June 4, 2022**

Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Ordinance O2022-03.A - To Amend Appendix A - Zoning, Article II - Definitions by Adding Retreat and Article III - General Provisions by Adding Section 29 - Retreats and Article III, Section 5 - Off Street Parking and Unloading by Adding Retreat Parking Requirements as Section 5 (A) (3)(F) and Table 4.1 – Allowed Uses (*Second Reading*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the second reading for consideration.

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2022-03.A - To Amend Appendix A - Zoning, Article II - Definitions by Adding Retreat and Article III - General Provisions by Adding Section 29 - Retreats and Article III, Section 5 - Off Street Parking and Unloading by Adding Retreat Parking Requirements as Section 5 (A) (3)(F) and Table 4.1 – Allowed Uses.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- B. **Resolution R2022-04.A - Water Facility Contract Item Agreement (Undated) with Chatham County, P.I. No. M006213**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the contract for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve Resolution R2022-04.A - Water Facility Contract Item Agreement (Undated) with Chatham County, P.I. No. M006213 in the amount of \$9,400.00.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Abandonment of Oxidation Pond and Sewer Agreement for Hunters Ridge Subdivision**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration. Lawrence Smith and John Wardlaw were present to answer questions regarding the Landmark 24 Homes project. Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the Abandonment of Oxidation Pond and Sewer Agreement for Hunters Ridge Subdivision.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Zoning Map Amendment Request for 129 and 145 Raymond Road from RA-2 to I-1**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. The petitioner was not present. Resident Christopher Box shared his safety concerns and opposition to the project, and he was joined in opposition by a show of five hands from the audience. Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing, and Councilmember Karen Williams moved to deny the Zoning Map Amendment Request for 129 and 145 Raymond Road from RA-2 to I-1 in that it did not meet numbers three and five of the criteria.

Motion to Deny; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. Conditional Use Request of a Senior Independent Living Community within the Morgan Family PUD

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration, and Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Attorney John Northup and Hunter Whitefield were present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request of a Senior Independent Living Community within the Morgan Family PUD.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

C. Award Contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant 6.223 MGD Expansion Special Inspections Services

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to award the contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant 6.223 MGD Expansion Special Inspections Services to ECS in the amount of \$193,328.00.

Motion to Award; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

D. Webcam Services Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant with Low Country Documentation Services, LLC (Multivista)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Webcam Services Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant with Low Country Documentation Services, LLC (Multivista), subject to City Attorney review.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

E. Georgia Power Easement for Transformer Placement at Public Works

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the easement for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Georgia Power

Easement for Transformer Placement at Public Works.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m..

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council