

January 7, 2019

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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on January 7, 2019. Mayor Mike Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilman Bruce Allen, Councilwoman Rebecca Benton, Councilwoman Shannon Black, Councilman Larry Olliff, Councilman Mike Royal and Councilman Stevie Wall. Assistant City Manager Matt Saxon and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Black.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed upon a motion by Councilman Olliff, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

FINANCE

Councilman Wall presented bills in excess of \$1500.00 for payment and made a motion to pay, subject to funds. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Royal reported that the fire department responded to 334 calls in December, totaling 4130 for the year and that the police department responded to 1364 calls since the last meeting, totaling 31,431 for the year.

Police Chief Ashley Brown presented a certificate of excellence that was awarded to Major Jim Ward for his time served as interim chief.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that the street department picked up trash throughout the City and repaired potholes in various locations. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance and various work orders and crews have cleared trees and debris from canals on the north and south sides of the City and cleaned a total of 1,768 feet of ditches.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected new construction meters, coordinated the after-hour repair of the water main on Highway 80 in front of Polk's Produce, repaired leaks and laterals at six (6) addresses, repaired the level transducer at the elevated storage tank on Highway 80, repaired 10 residential meters, notified 36 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments/water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of five (5) backflow preventers and performed 395 line locates requested by the UPC. Further, that EOM

responded to four (4) grinder pump calls, nine (9) sewer leak/repairs and performed maintenance on lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that youth basketball games have begun.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that 209 new single-family residential, 41 attached unit, 596 multi-family unit and 74 commercial permits were issued in 2018, with 5130 inspections performed.

Mayor Lamb read aloud a proclamation in regards to January 9th being "The Garden Club of Pooler Day" to mark the Club's 85th year in existence. Councilwoman Benton expressed appreciation of the remaining members for their dedication to the Club. Councilwoman Benton gave a brief history of the Garden Club, to which her mother helped reorganize in the 1950s.

There was no OLD BUSINESS to discuss.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Site plan for The Shops at Westbrook

The intent is to construct 12,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurant space on the corner of Pooler Parkway and Westbrook Lane. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

2. Alcoholic beverage license for Amy Mae Lane at Parker's #69

Amy Mae Lane submitted an application to sell beer and wine at the new Parker's convenience store at 1275 E. Highway 80. Mr. Saxon stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown performed the background investigation and recommends approval. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the license. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

3. Temporary/special event alcoholic beverage license for Drucelia A. Mendez at Cottonwood Suites on January 11th

Drucelia A. Mendez submitted an application to serve alcoholic beverages at a birthday party on January 11th at the Cottonwood Suites. Mr. Saxon stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown performed the background investigation and recommends approval. Councilman Royal made a motion to approve the license. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

4. Qualifying fees for 2019 Municipal Election to be held November 5th

Georgia Code requires municipalities to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each office to be filled in an upcoming election and such fee shall be three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding year. Councilman Royal made a motion to fix the qualifying fee for mayor at \$216.00 and councilmember at \$108.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

5. Amendment to Schedule of Fees

Mr. Saxon presented an amendment to the fee for the rental of the picnic shelter located next to the Senior Citizens Center, stating that Hugh Elton, Leisure Services Director, recommends the fee be increased due to the shelter's disrepair from constant rental. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

6. First Reading on amendment to utilities ordinance

Mr. Saxon presented an amendment to the utilities ordinance to provide for the regulation to prevent the discharge of any pollutant (food, oil, grease) into the sanitary sewer system, the storm water system or surface waters. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the amendment on First Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

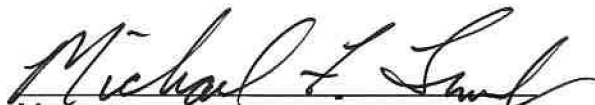
Beverly Holbrook, resident, expressed concern about the traffic problems in the Godley Station and surrounding area, asking the Council to be proactive. Councilman Wall stated that the City recently added a lane at the entrance to Sam's at Tanger Outlets Boulevard.

There being no further business to discuss or the need for an Executive Session, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:29 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Lindler
City Clerk


Mayor