

February 4, 2019

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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on February 4, 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. City Manager Robbie Byrd, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The invocation was given by Mayor Lamb and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Black.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed upon a motion by Councilwoman Benton, seconded by Councilman Olliff, 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 Olliff and passed without opposition.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Royal reported that the fire department responded to 298 calls in January, totaling 330 for the year and that the police department responded to 1192 calls since the last meeting, totaling 2481 for the year.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that the street department picked up trash throughout the City, repaired potholes in various locations, performed shoulder work, repaired/replaced street signs as needed, repaired the driveway at 120 Regency Circle and performed road repairs on Herrin Court. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance within Country Homes Subdivision, removed and raked debris from the northeast quadrant, removed two (2) beaver dams, repaired two (2) curb inlets at Westside Business Park, crews have cleared trees and debris from canals and cleaned a total of 5,390 feet of ditches and Savannah River Utilities continues the drainage work in Old Town Pooler and Quacco Road.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected 23 new construction meters, repaired leaks on water mains at Veterans Memorial Park and Newton Street, performed State radiological water sampling, repaired 14 residential meters, notified 51 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill

adjustments/water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 37 backflow preventers and performed 318 line locates requested by the UPC. Further, that EOM responded to three (3) grinder pump calls, three (3) sewer leak/repairs and performed maintenance on lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that youth basketball games end this week. Further, that registration for all spring sports is ongoing.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that six (6) single family residential and two (2) commercial permits were issued since the last meeting, with 251 inspections performed.

Under OLD BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Conditional use for a nursing home on Pine Barren Road

A public hearing was held on January 22nd. Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner has requested the item be tabled. Councilman Royal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wall, to table. Motion passed without opposition.

2. Zoning map amendment of 1716 Old Dean Forest Road from I-1 to C-2

A public hearing was held on January 22nd. Mr. Byrd stated that the request was tabled in order to allow the code enforcement officer to inspect the site, which has been cleaned up significantly. Further, that a layout (drawing) of where the used cars will be parked has not been received. Therefore, Councilman Wall made a motion to table the item. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Building height variance for Extended Stay America Hotel

A public hearing was held prior. Terry Coleman of Coleman Company presented a request for an additional five foot (5') building height variance to accommodate the air conditioning system (with screening). After review of the criteria, Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the variance, based on the request meeting #2 and #3 of the criteria. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

2. Major subdivision plat for The Benton Tract

Councilwoman Benton stepped down from her seat. Mr. Byrd presented a plat for a major mixed-use subdivision located at the end of Tanger Outlets Boulevard, adjacent to Pipemakers Canal and I-95, consisting of five (5) lots, a pump station and a 1.99 acre right-of-way, adding that five (5) acres has been removed from the multi-family tract and added to the single-family residential tract. Councilman Royal made a motion to approve the plat. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed with Councilman Wall in opposition. George Fidler, Director of Engineering for the

Savannah Airport, stated that the FAA has determined that part of this tract is not compatible for residential development, due to the proximity of the main approach to the airport, which will cause noise to be 65 decibels. Councilwoman Benton returned to her seat.

3. Acceptance of performance bond/approval of final plat for Whitaker Park Subdivision

The developer submitted a performance bond in the amount of \$326,271.00 for a single-family residential subdivision consisting of nine (9) lots. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilman Olliff, to accept the performance bond and approve the final plat, contingent upon the city attorney approving the bond. Motion passed without opposition.

4. Release of performance bond/acceptance of maintenance bond for Berkeley Walk, Phase III

A final inspection was performed on January 15th. Councilman Wall made a motion to release the performance bond and accept the maintenance bond in the amount of \$33,712.00, contingent upon the city attorney approving the bond. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

5. Alcoholic beverage license for Mei Ying Chan at Yummy House Restaurant

Mei Ying Chan submitted an application to serve beer and wine at Yummy House, now located at 125 Foxfield Way, Suite 5. Mr. Byrd stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown has 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.

6. Memorandum of Understanding with Chatham County for 911 Dispatching Services

Mr. Byrd stated that Mr. Scheer has made a few changes to the memorandum of understanding with Chatham County for 911 dispatching services and recommends approval. Councilman Royal made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, to approve the memorandum. Motion passed without opposition.

Telecia Turner, resident of The Harmony Subdivision, presented concerns over the need for a traffic light at Pooler Parkway and Memorial Boulevard and the potential for coyotes and alligators being in the neighborhood. Mr. Byrd presented information on the progress of a traffic light being installed on the Parkway at the intersection of St. Joseph's/Candler Drive as well as the future installation of a light at the intersection of Memorial Boulevard.

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

Mayor Lamb called the meeting back to order at 6:36 p.m.

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There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Allen made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:36 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Lindler
City Clerk


Mayor

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held prior to the regular City Council meeting on February 4, 2019. Mayor Mike Lamb called the hearing to order at 5:45 p.m. Present were Councilman Bruce Allen, Councilwoman Rebecca Benton, Councilwoman Shannon Black, Councilman Larry Olliff, Councilman Mike Royal and Councilman Stevie Wall. City Manager Robbie Byrd, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss a requested building height variance at the Extended Stay America Hotel at 500 Outlets Parkway. Terry Coleman of Coleman Company presented the request, stating that an additional five feet (5') is needed to accommodate the air conditioning system (with screening), making the total height 55'.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was adjourned at approximately 5:47 p.m.