

February 18, 2019

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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on February 18, 2019. Mayor Mike Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilman Bruce Allen, Councilwoman Rebecca Benton, Councilman Larry Olliff, Councilman Mike Royal and Councilman Stevie Wall. Assistant City Manager Matt Saxon, Finance Officer Chris Lightle and City Attorney Steve Scheer were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lamb.

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

The minutes of the February 4th Executive Session were approved upon a motion by Councilman Royal, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

FINANCE

Councilman Wall presented bills in excess of \$1500.00 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 172 calls since the last meeting, totaling 467 for the year and that the police department responded to 1192 calls, totaling 2481 for the year.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that trash was picked up throughout the City, repaired potholes on Pooler Parkway, Rogers Street, Collins Street and Memorial Boulevard, performed shoulder work on Old Louisville Road with 13 tons of asphalt poured and repaired the sidewalk at 106 Silverton Road and 508 S. Rogers Street. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance within Garden Acres Subdivision, cleared and removed 5,226 feet of trees and debris from canals and 1,096 feet of the padded outfall in Worthington Estates, removed and raked debris from the southwest quadrant, removed several beaver dams on Governor Treutlen Boulevard and from the sewer easement on SH Morgan Parkway and work continues on the drainage improvement project in the "old town" section and Quacco Road.

Councilwoman Benton made a motion to add item #10 to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected 17 new construction meters, repaired leaks on a two-inch (2") main at 215 S. Oliver Street and laterals at 307 W. Whatley Street and Post House Trail, repaired residential meters and MXUs, notified 67 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments and water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 24 backflow preventers and performed 392 line locates requested by the Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to four (4) grinder pump and two (2) sewer leak problems and performed routine maintenance on lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

There was no report.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that eight (8) single family residential, seven (7) attached unit and three (3) commercial permits were issued since the last meeting, with 274 inspections performed.

Mayor Lamb read aloud a proclamation regarding "A Walk to Remember Day".

Under OLD BUSINESS the following was discussed:

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

This item was tabled to allow the petitioner to submit a drawing of the parking area for the used cars. After review of the criteria, Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the zoning map amendment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Final plat for Hunt Club, Phase 7

Phase 7 of The Hunt Club consists of 45 single family residential and 105 townhome lots located off Serengeti Boulevard. Councilman Olliff made a motion to approve to plat. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

2. Proposal from Hussey Gay Bell for Professional Services for Miscellaneous Water Line Project

Mr. Saxon presented a proposal for engineering services for two (2) water line projects. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilman Olliff, to approve. Motion passed without opposition.

3. Proposal from McGuireWoods Consulting for lobbying and consulting services

Mr. Saxon presented a proposal for lobbying and government affairs consulting specific to the Georgia Department of Transportation in conjunction with economic development projects along Pooler Parkway and the I-95 overpass. Councilman Royal made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

4. Agreement with Pooler Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau for 2019

Mr. Saxon presented the agreement with the Chamber for 2019 hotel/motel tax funds. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilman Royal, to approve. Motion passed without opposition.

5. Special event permit for Wingstock 2019

The owner of Wild Wing Café has submitted an application for Wingstock 2019 to be held on April 27th. Mr. Saxon stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown has reviewed the application and recommends approval. Councilman Olliff made a motion to approve the permit, contingent upon the security plan being approved by Chief Brown. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

6. Resolution/Participation Agreement regarding Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System's OPEB Trust

Mr. Lightle presented a resolution/participation agreement regarding the GMEBS Other Post Employment Benefits Trust. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

7. Change meeting date from Monday, March 4th to Tuesday, March 5th

Councilman Wall stated that a charity golf tournament is being held on March 4th, with several members of Council and staff attending, and therefore, made a motion to change the meeting date from March 4th to March 5th. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

8. First Reading on amendment to utilities ordinance

Mr. Saxon presented an amendment to the utilities (grease trap) ordinance. Councilman Olliff made a motion to approve the amendment on First Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

9. First Reading on amendment to tree protection ordinance

Mr. Saxon presented an amendment to the tree protection ordinance to provide for maintenance projects to be funded. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the amendment on First Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

10. Site plan for warehouse at 119 Westside Boulevard

A 56,000 sq. ft. warehouse with an office is proposed at 119 Westside Boulevard. Mr. Saxon stated that all of the engineering comments have been addressed. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the site plan, contingent upon NRCS approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

A resident of The Hunt Club expressed concern over the large warehouse on Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, stating that the large wall is unsightly with no landscaping in front of it.

Dave Legasse, President of the Pooler Plaza Association, addressed Council in regards to a business within the Plaza that is allowing patrons to bring their own alcohol for consumption in the building. Mr. Legasse stated that the owners in the plaza are concerned about the nuisance that is occurring with patrons drinking inside and outside of the building and the noise that is coming from the establishment, asking how this type of activity can go on without being regulated. Mr. Scheer stated that the alcohol issue is being regulated.

A resident of The Hunt Club questioned whether any type of traffic light was planned for the second entrance into the subdivision. Mr. Saxon replied that he would look into the matter.

Karen Williams, resident, reiterated the issue with the large warehouse on Jimmy DeLoach Parkway being unsightly, noting that several residents in the subdivision are unhappy with the lack of landscaping.

There being no further business to discuss or the need for an Executive Session, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Lindler
City Clerk


Mayor