

March 18, 2019

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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on March 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. City Manager Robbie Byrd, 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 March 8th Executive Session were approved upon a motion by Councilwoman Benton, seconded by Councilman Royal, 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 Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Royal reported that the fire department responded to 194 calls since the last meeting, totaling 771 for the year and that the police department responded to 1129 calls, totaling 5771 for the year.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that the street department picked up 35 bags of trash, poured a concrete pad for a batting cage at the recreation complex, assisted the water department at 414 N. Newton Street, assisted the stormwater department with a driveway repair at 1108 Plantation Drive and repaired a driveway at 512 Heritage Court. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance in the areas of Moore Avenue, Symons Street, Holly Avenue and the outfall near the library, dug ditches along S. Rogers Street from Tietgen Street south to the railroad tracks, cleaned and dug a total of 7,268 feet of ditches and picked up trash in designated areas.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected six (6) new construction meters, repaired two (2) leaking mains and three (3) leaking laterals, repaired seven (7) residential and two (2) commercial meters and MXUs, notified 52 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments and water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 62 backflow preventers and performed 324 line locates requested by the Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to three (3) grinder pump and three (3) 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 four (4) single family residential and three (3) commercial permits were issued since the last meeting, with 195 inspections performed.

There was no OLD BUSINESS to discuss.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Resolution in support of Georgia's coastal tourism and fisheries

Damon Mullis, the Ogeechee Riverkeeper, and Paulita Bennett-Martin of the Oceana Organization, presented a resolution supporting Georgia's coastal tourism and fisheries as economic drivers and opposing seismic testing off of the coast. Councilwoman Benton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Royal, to approve. Motion passed without opposition.

2. Release maintenance bond for East Spine Road (Easthaven Boulevard, Phase IV)

A final inspection was performed on March 5th and all of the punch list items are complete. Councilman Wall made a motion to release the maintenance bond in the amount of \$157,540.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

3. Preliminary construction plan for Westbrook Greens Subdivision

Westbrook Greens is a 46-lot residential subdivision located off of Westbrook Lane at the end of Puttenham Crossing. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the plan, contingent upon NRCS approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

4. Alcoholic beverage license for Nelish Patel at Holiday Inn Pooler (100 Outlet Parkway)

Nelish Patel submitted an application to serve alcoholic beverages at the new Holiday Inn Pooler. Mr. Byrd stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown has performed the background investigation and recommends approval. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilman Royal, to approve the license, including Sunday sales. Motion passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

5. Award bid for Highway 80 Frontage Road, Phase 1

Councilman Allen stepped down from his seat. Mr. Byrd presented bids for the construction of a two-lane frontage road (Collins Street) between Sheftall Street and Chestnut Street, on the south side of Highway 80. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$307,823.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition. Councilman Allen returned to his seat.

6. Proposal from Thomas & Hutton for freshwater wetlands jurisdictional line survey at recreation park

Mr. Byrd presented a proposal from Thomas & Hutton for surveying services for the expansion of the recreation park on South Rogers Street. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$28,500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

7. 2019 Surplus Property List

Mr. Byrd presented a list of vehicles and equipment to be declared surplus and sold at auction. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the list. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

Councilman Olliff made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:35 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

Mayor Lamb called the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Lindler
City Clerk



Mayor