

May 6, 2019

Approved SWG (initials)

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on May 6, 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 and Councilman Mike Royal. 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 Councilwoman Black.

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

The minutes of the April 15th Executive Session were approved upon a motion by Councilwoman Benton, seconded by Councilman Allen, with no opposition.

Report from the Standing Committees:

FINANCE

Councilman Royal 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 173 calls since the last meeting, totaling 1337 for the year and that the police department responded to 1433 calls, totaling 9530 for the year.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that the street department picked up 25 bags of trash, repaired sidewalks at Village Green, 229 Lakeview Drive, Sydney Lane and 212 Village Green, repaired the street at 19 Tranquil Place, assisted with a concrete spill at Pooler Parkway and I-16 and repaired potholes on Weston Way and Memorial Boulevard. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance in the southwest quadrant on Pinecrest Place, West Tietgen Street and James Road, cut Benton Canal, began cutting within Sangrena Woods Subdivision, started repairs on five (5) storm inlet boxes and cleaned and dug a total of 15,414 feet of ditches.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected 35 new construction meters, repaired two (2) leaking mains, repaired 38 residential meters and MXUs, notified 38 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments and water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 96 backflow preventers and performed 554 line locates requested by the Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to three (3) grinder pump and four (4) sewer leak problems and performed routine maintenance on lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that dance and gymnastics classes continue, baseball and softball games end on May 10th and t-ball games end on the 18th. Further, that registration for youth and high school basketball is open.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that 15 single family residential, 12 attached unit and two (2) commercial permits were issued since the last meeting, with 252 inspections performed.

Councilman Royal made a motion to add Item #4 under Old Business to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

Under OLD BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Zoning map amendment of 1330 Quacco Road from R-A to C-2

Scott Moore, owner, presented a request to rezone his property from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) to continue operation of Phillips Paving. After review of the criteria, Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the amendment, with the condition that all of the permitted uses in C-2 are deleted, and only allow the current use (Phillips Paving). Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

2. Zoning map amendment of 1324 Quacco Road from R-A to C-2

Scott Moore, owner, presented a request to rezone his property from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) for future expansion of Phillips Paving. After review of the criteria, Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the amendment, with the condition that all of the permitted uses in C-2 are deleted, and only allow the current use at 1330 Quacco Road (Phillips Paving). Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Black and passed without opposition.

3. Second Reading on amendment to alcoholic beverages ordinance regarding application/fingerprinting

Mr. Byrd presented an amendment to provide for a new application process, including the submission of fingerprints. Councilman Olliff made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, to approve the amendment on Second Reading. Motion passed without opposition.

4. Zoning map amendment of 134 Raymond Road from RA-2 to I-1

Romine Enterprises, LP petitioned to rezone 134 Raymond Road from RA-2 (Residential-Agricultural, two-family dwelling) to I-1 (Light Industrial). Mr. Byrd stated that the request was tabled to allow the prospective owner to meet with Code Enforcement Officer Scott MacPherson to discuss the code violations that have been issued for the property. James Dasher, representing the owner, stated that the prospective owner would like to operate a seal coating business on the property and has submitted a plan to address the violations. After review of the criteria, Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the amendment, contingent upon the occupational tax certificate for the business not being issued until all of the upgrades to the property are complete. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Major subdivision plat of Parcel E-2B for 929 Properties

Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner has requested the item be tabled. Councilman Royal made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

2. Construction plan for proposed right-in/right-out access for 929 Properties

Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner has requested the item be tabled. Councilman Royal made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

3. Site plan for Blakely Commons on Pooler Parkway & Old Quacco Road

Travis Burke of Coleman Company presented a site plan for a commercial (office/retail) center at the intersection of Pooler Parkway and Old Quacco Road. Councilman Allen questioned whether the owner would be willing to participate (set up an escrow account) in the cost of traffic improvements, when warranted. Mr. Burke replied that he would have to check with the owner. Therefore, Councilman Allen made a motion to table the site plan. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

4. Site plan for St. John Divine Baptist Church parking improvements

Travis Burke of Coleman Company presented a site plan for improvements to the St. John Divine Baptist Church site including a paved parking lot and drainage/landscape. Councilman Allen made a motion to approve the plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

5. Site plan for Ameris Tract container storage area on Wildcat Dam Road

Mr. Byrd presented a site plan for a container storage area on Wildcat Dam Road within the Port Logistics Center. Councilwoman Benton made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Black, to approve the plan. Motion passed without opposition.

6. Temporary/special event alcoholic beverage license for Felish Haywood on June 1st at Cottonwood Suites

Felish Haywood submitted an application to serve alcoholic beverages at a wedding on June 1st. Mr. Byrd stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown has performed the background investigation and recommends approval. Councilman Olliff made a motion to approve the license. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

7. Alcoholic beverage license for Prakash V. Patel at 1024 E. Hwy 80 (convenience store)

Prakash V. Patel submitted an application to sell beer and wine at the convenience store at 1024 E. Highway 80. Mr. Byrd stated that Police Chief Ashley Brown has performed the background investigation and recommends approval. Councilman Royal made a motion to approve the license. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

8. First Reading on zoning text amendment of Main Street Overlay District

Councilman Allen stepped down from his seat. A public hearing was held prior. Mr. Byrd presented a proposed amendment to the main street overlay district to allow mayor and council's consideration of the effect on properties adjacent to the district. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve the amendment on First Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition. Councilman Allen returned to his seat.

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 6:43 p.m.

Councilwoman Royal made a motion to add Item #9 to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

9. Moratorium on new site plan applications

Councilman Royal made a motion to place a moratorium on all new site plan applications being submitted, pending review of the site plan approval ordinance, to be completed by July 1st. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton and passed without opposition.

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There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Allen made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:46 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Benton 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 May 6, 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 and Councilman Mike Royal. 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 proposed zoning text amendment of the main street overlay district. Mr. Byrd stated that a provision has been added to allow mayor and council's consideration of the effect on properties adjacent to the district. Aaron Higgins, resident, questioned the timeframe for when the City would be reviewing any development in the district, whether it be at Planning & Zoning or Council meetings. Mr. Scheer replied that Council has the final decision.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.