

July 1, 2019

Approved 7-15-19 (m)

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on July 1, 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 Attorney Craig Call, on behalf of 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.

The minutes of the June 17th Executive Session were approved upon a motion by Councilwoman Benton, seconded by Councilman Allen, 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. Mr. Lightle reported that the 2018 audit is complete and that there were no adjustments made. Further, that a line for a "committed" (tree) fund has been added.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Royal reported that the police department responded to 1195 calls since the last meeting, totaling 14,562 for the year and that the fire department responded to 358 calls in June, totaling 2004 for the year.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Councilwoman Benton reported that the street department picked up 20 bags of trash, repaired sidewalks in Village Green and performed road and pot hole repairs in multiple areas. Further, that the drainage department performed routine maintenance in the older sections, graded out the ditch behind Herrin Court and picked up trash. Mr. Byrd reported that improvements are being made at the intersection of Canal Bank Road and Quacco Road.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected 18 new construction meters, repaired 24 residential meters and MXUs, replaced two (2) broken meter boxes, repaired a fire hydrant at Morgan Street and Highway 80 that was struck by a vehicle, notified 37 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments and water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 12 backflow preventers and performed 292 line locates requested by the Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to nine (9) grinder pump calls, nine (9) sewer leak repairs and performed routine maintenance on several lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Black reported that the 8 and under boys' baseball all-star team won the G.R.P.A. State championship. Further, that registration for all fall sports is open.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that 17 single family residential and three (3) commercial permits were issued since the last meeting, with 210 inspections performed.

Mayor Lamb welcomed State Representative Ron Stephens to the meeting.

Under OLD BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Proposal from Chatham County Board of Elections for additional polling precincts

Mr. Byrd stated that City Attorney Steve Scheer asked that this item be tabled, due to his absence. Councilman Wall made a motion, seconded by Councilman Olliff, to table. Motion passed without opposition.

2. Second Reading on zoning text amendment regarding site plan approval

Mr. Byrd presented a zoning text amendment regarding site plan approval stating that item #5 in paragraph (D) has been moved to #10. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Benton, to approve on Second Reading. Motion passed without opposition.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Zoning map amendment of 1835 Dean Forest Road from RA-1 to C-2

A public hearing was held prior. Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner requested the item be withdrawn. The request was honored.

2. Amendment to Savannah Quarters, Phase 1 Final PUD Master Plan/Development Standards

The developer of Savannah Quarters, Phase 1 submitted a final PUD master plan and development standards. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

3. Recombination/minor subdivision plat of Parcel 8, Towne Center

A recombination/minor subdivision of Parcel 8 has been submitted to create Parcels 8A, 9 and 10. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

4. Special event permit to extend hours for Premier Bowl & Bistro's 1 year anniversary on July 27th

Premier Bowl & Bistro's special event was approved on June 17th, but the owner wants to extend the hours from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Police Chief Ashley Brown stated that in the past when late-evening events with live entertainment (not permitted) have taken place, there were public safety issues, therefore he recommended denial. Councilman Royal made a motion to deny the extension. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

5. Amendment to Letter Agreement for Services with Thomas & Hutton for traffic analysis of Tanger Outlets Boulevard

Mr. Byrd presented an amendment to the agreement with Thomas & Hutton for traffic analysis of existing intersections along Tanger Outlets Boulevard. Councilwoman Benton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Royal, to approve the amendment, not to exceed \$34,000.00. Motion passed without opposition.

6. Re-appointment of resident to serve on Planning & Zoning Commission

Mr. Byrd stated that the two (2) year term for Ernie Buckstine has expired and that he submitted an application to continue his service on the Board. Councilwoman Benton made a motion to re-appoint Ernie Buckstine to the Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

There being no further business to discuss or the need for an executive session, Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen 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 July 1, 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 Attorney Craig Call, on behalf of City Attorney Steve Scheer, were also present.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss a requested zoning map amendment of 1835 Dean Forest Road from RA-1 to C-2. Mr. Byrd stated that the petitioner has requested the item be withdrawn. Justin Boatright, Jr., son of the adjacent property owner, expressed opposition based on the proposed activity affecting his elderly mother's quality of life. Kathy Rose, daughter of the adjacent property owner, stated that the well at the adjacent property is too close to the area where a septic tank/field would have to be placed, noting that when the house was removed from the property, the septic tank was crushed. Further, that there is no area on Dean Forest Road for access (turn lane) to the property.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was adjourned at approximately 5:51 p.m.