

July 15, 2019

Approved 8-5-19 *(initials)*

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pooler City Council was held on July 15, 2019. Mayor pro tem Rebecca Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilman Bruce Allen, 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 Lord's Prayer was recited by all and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor pro tem Benton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed upon a motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilman Olliff, 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 police department responded to 1184 calls since the last meeting, totaling 15,746 for the year and that the fire department responded to 176 calls, totaling 2185 for the year. Fire Chief Wade Simmons reported that the new ISO rating will be a Class 2, effective August 1st.

STREET/DRAINAGE

Mayor pro tem Benton reported that the street department picked up 45 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, cut and cleared a total of 8,810' of ditches and picked up trash.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Olliff reported that the water department inspected seven (7) new construction meters, repaired 32 residential meters and MXUs, repaired two (2) leaking laterals, repaired a fire hydrant at Morgan Street and Highway 80 that was struck by a vehicle, notified 44 residents of continuous water usage in an effort to reduce bill adjustments and water loss, witnessed the testing and certification of 11 backflow preventers and performed 302 line locates requested by the Utility Protection Center. Further, that EOM responded to four (4) grinder pump calls, two (2) sewer leak repairs and performed routine maintenance on several lift stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

RECREATION

There was no report.

BUILDING/ZONING

Councilman Allen reported that nine (9) single family residential and one (1) commercial permit were issued since the last meeting, with 195 inspections performed.

Under OLD BUSINESS the following was discussed:

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

Mr. Byrd stated that he and Mr. Scheer have met with the Elections Board recently and requested the proposal be tabled. Councilman Royal made a motion, seconded by Councilman Olliff, to table. Motion passed without opposition.

Under NEW BUSINESS the following was discussed:

1. Savannah Quarters, Phase 18 final PUD master plan/development standards

Mr. Byrd presented a final Planned Unit Development (PUD) master plan and development standards for Phase 18 of Savannah Quarters, stating that the roads will be private and that the developer has agreed to escrow \$25,000 prior to infrastructure construction for traffic improvements. Attorney Rob Brannen stated that the developer would like the roads to be public. John Haden, resident, expressed concern over Quacco Road being inadequate to handle the additional traffic from 288 homes. Mr. Byrd stated that widening of Quacco Road is proposed within the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) cycle. Aaron Higgins, resident, expressed concern over long-term safety for the residents, particularly during potential evacuations, with only one (1) entrance/exit for the subdivision. Karen Williams, resident, questioned what type of noise abatement the developer is proposing. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the master plan and development standards, contingent upon the roads being private and \$25,000.00 being put into an escrow account for traffic improvements. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed with Councilman Allen in opposition.

2. Minor subdivision plat of 220 N. Skinner Avenue

The owner's intent is to create Parcels 1 and 2 for the construction of a single-family home on each parcel. Councilman Wall stated that there is a large amount of trash on the property and made a motion to table the request until it is picked up. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

3. Site plan for Port Logistics, Building B on Wildcat Dam Road

A 1,310,400 sq. ft. warehouse is proposed. Mr. Byrd stated that issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the first building on Wildcat Dam Road is contingent upon two (2) traffic lights (at the newly constructed road and at Sangrena Drive) on Highway 80 being installed. After discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to table the request. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

4. Acceptance of maintenance bond/approval of final plat for Forest Lakes, Phase 8

Phase 8 of Forest Lakes consists of 40 single-family residential lots located off Sinclair Drive. Mr. Byrd stated that an inspection was performed. Councilman Wall made a motion to accept the maintenance bond and approve the final plat, contingent upon the city attorney approving the bond. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

5. Acceptance of maintenance bond/quit claim deed for rights-of-way within Mosaic Town Center

Mr. Byrd stated that an inspection has been performed. Councilman Allen made a motion to accept the maintenance bond and quit claim deed for the rights-of-way within Mosaic Town Center, contingent upon the city attorney approving the bond. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

6. Transfer and Assignment of Lighting Services Agreement with Mosaic Town Center Property Owners Association, Inc.

Mr. Byrd presented an agreement for the City to assume all obligations for the lighting services within Mosaic Town Center, stating that he is waiting for confirmation from Georgia Power that the developer has pre-paid the service for 18 months, as proposed. Councilman Olliff made a motion, seconded by Councilman Royal, to table the item. Motion passed without opposition.

7. Award bid for Old Town Drainage Project "B"

Mr. Byrd presented a bid for the Old Town Drainage Project "B", noting that there were five (5) plan holders, but only one (1) bid was submitted. Councilman Wall made a motion to award the bid to Savannah River Utilities in the amount of \$811,700.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Olliff and passed without opposition.

8. Master Services Agreement with Thunderbolt Consultants, LLC for transportation consulting services

Mr. Byrd presented an agreement for services related to transportation consulting for roadway improvements/pavement rehabilitation, stating that Mr. Scheer has changes to be made. Councilman Olliff made a motion to approve the agreement in the amount of \$100,000.00 (\$20,000.00 for five (5) years), contingent upon the city attorney's changes and approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wall and passed without opposition.

9. Property tax millage rate for 2019

Mr. Lightle presented the current 2019 tax digest and five (5) year history of property tax, noting that the roll-back rate proposed by Chatham County is 3.754 mills. Councilman Wall stated that the millage rate has been reduced for seven (7) years and that the City is in solid financial shape. After discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to adopt the 2019 millage rate at 3.754 mills. Motion was seconded by Councilman Allen and passed without opposition.

10. Purchase of 309 W. Collins Street for parking, greenspace or other public purposes

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the purchase of the property at 309 W. Collins Street for \$185,350.00 for parking, greenspace or other public purposes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Royal and passed without opposition.

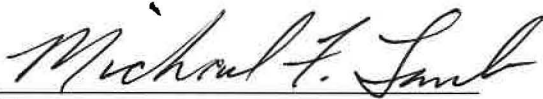
Cindy Cox and Joy Aiken expressed appreciation from several residents of Gleason Heights Subdivision for the revision to the main street overlay district ordinance that was recently approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Lindler
City Clerk



Mayor