

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2020 @ 7:00 PM



The Honorable Charles Jones, Mayor (present)  
The Honorable Larry Johnson, Ward 4, Mayor Pro tem (present)  
The Honorable Walter Dupree, III, Ward 1 Councilmember (absent)  
The Honorable Isaac Jackson, Jr., Ward 2 Councilmember (present)  
The Honorable Mark Giddens, Ward 3, Councilmember (virtual)  
Autron Hayes, City Manager (present) • Carolyn Williams, City Clerk, (present)  
Lester Castellow, City Attorney, (present)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR CHARLES JONES**

Councilman Walter Dupree - Absent  
Councilman Mark Giddens- Virtual Attendance

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – DR. WILLIE MAE MARLIN**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hayes asked for the agenda to be amended to remove items A and E under new business.

Councilman Jackson motioned to remove the above items from the agenda and a second was offered by Councilman Johnson – **3-0 Motion Carries**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Councilman Jackson seconded – **3-0 Motion Carries**

**V. SPEAKER APPEARANCES**

Kenny Giddens asked for help with traffic when he's at a wreck. He cited Ga. law requiring notice, and stated not all wrecker services were abiding by that law. He does not want the businesses that do not follow procedures to be on the rotation for calls for the City.

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Terry Giddens asked for permission, procedures and support of a prayer march in the City September 26. Their organization will reach out to other churches in the City and the County for participation. A route has not been chosen, but it will end at the Courthouse. Councilman Johnson asked her to meet with the City Manager and he will work out details.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the prayer march and was seconded by Councilman Jackson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

Mr. Nelms and neighbors were present to gather information regarding the final plat for the Kingsdale Estates Subdivision. Mr. Hayes informed him that they may speak with the Community Development Director at the end of the meeting. Mr. Hayes stated this item was pulled from the agenda due to the circulation of misinformation.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

**B) BEER/WINE/ALCOHOL LICENSE-DOWNTOWN PIZZA & TAVERN M. HUFSTETLER**

**C) BEER LICENSE-NETHER’S SOUL & SEAFOOD CAFÉ – JOHNNY NETHER**

Mr. Hayes asked for approval of the two applications above with one motion.

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the applications and a second was offered by Councilman Johnson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**D) WRECKER ISSUES – CHIEF URQUHART**

Mr. Hayes informed the Council of current wrecker issues, in order to formulate a policy or ordinance to address the situation. Staff will not set any prices for wrecker services, but owe it to citizens to enforce regulations. Chief Urquhart has revised the policy outlining procedures for wreckers to be on rotation with the City, and will hand delivered to wrecker companies. Companies must be accessible 24-7 to alleviate excess fees. Rotation will be from January to December. The Council and the City Attorney will review the drafted revised policy.

**E) REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

**F) CHARGING STATIONS/YARD SALE/SIDEWALK SALE – KAREN SINGLETARY**

Mr. Hayes recommended continuing the 100 Mile Yard Sale.

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Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the 100 Mile Yard Sale was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

The City Manager will handle the charging stations. Ms. Singletary told Council that several stores wanted to have a sidewalk sale. They would like to have food trucks and let it be in conjunction with the prayer march. Mr. Hayes and Ms. Singletary will have further discussion on this request.

**G) AGREEMENT-GMA TELECOMMUNICATIONS & RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Hayes indicated this agreement is with GMA to procure their assistance in providing auditing service with cable companies. He is asking for approval of this agreement with the GMA.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the GMA Agreement and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**H) RESOLUTION NO: 2020-24 – GMA TELECOMMUNICATIONS & RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Hayes informed Council that this was the accompanying resolution to approve the GMA Agreement.

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the GMA Resolution and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**I) RESOLUTION NO: 2020-21 USDA**

Mr. Hayes advised Council this referenced the USDA Grant to purchase police vehicles, and asked for approval.

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the USDA Grant Resolution and was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**J) ORDINANCE NO: 2020-04 – AMEND CHARTER APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK**

Mr. Hayes informed Council that these were charter amendments and had met the necessary publication requirements. This was the first reading and will be voted on at the next meeting.

**K) ORDINANCE NO: 2020-05 – AMEND CODE FOR COLA COMPENSATION MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Attorney Castellow suggested adoption at this meeting and the next meeting.

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Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance No: 2020-05 to amend code for COLA compensation for Mayor and Council and was seconded by Councilman Jackson— **3-0 Motion Carries**

**L) 2021 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCESS POWER SALE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Hayes briefed the Council stating this agreement with MEAG guides the way of disposing of our remaining power, and asks for approval.

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the agreement and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – **3-0 Motion Carries**

**M) AWARD OF BID AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR SYLVESTER AIRPORT-RUNWAY AND APRON CRACK SEAL, ETC. PROJECT NO: 1575004**

Mr. Hayes asks for the award of the bid and the authorization for the Mayor or City Manager to execute the contract. The funds need to be under contract before the federal fiscal year ends on September 30. The City will receive \$302, 023.40 and the budget impact will be only \$5,276.71. Mr. Hayes recommends awarding bid to Remac, Inc. and authorize execution to sign the contract.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the award of bid and authorization to execute contract and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – **3-0 Motion Carries**

**VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- The financial statements are in good shape
- The City received over \$300,000 in CARES ACT funds, deposited to reserves
- Thanked Police Chief for pressure washing the building
- Financial software system down, and being worked on
- City practicing safe procedures, but want to return to normal. This weekend had a wrestling match for the community

**VIII. CITY ATTORNEY**

- Waiting on deed from BOE and their check for half of broker fees

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IX. REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- Councilman Jackson asked Council to look at pond near Holley. Mr. Johnson did a real good job, it looks good. No sand bagging has to be done.
- Mayor Jones appreciated all the public that attended the meeting.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Johnson motioned to adjourn and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – **3-0 Motion Carries**

Mayor Jones duly adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

  
Charles Jones  
Charles Jones, Mayor

Carolyn Williams  
Carolyn Williams, City Clerk