

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 (present)  
The Honorable Isaac Jackson, Jr., Ward 2 Councilmember (absent)  
The Honorable Mark Giddens, Ward 3, Councilmember (present)  
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 Isaac Jackson - Absent

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hayes asked for the agenda to be amended to add two items – Surplus Property and Renaming Ayers Street

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**V. SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) REQUEST EXTENSION FOR TEMPORARY USE AT SGB – K. KICKLIGHTER**

Mr. Hayes told Council that South Georgia Bank requested 12 additional months of use for their modular office at their banking location for renovations. He recommends approval of the extension for 12 months.

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Councilman Giddens motioned to approve the request for extension of an additional 12 months of temporary use and a second was offered by Councilman Dupree – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONTRACT**

Mr. Hayes stated this was the annual Economic Development Services Contract with the Chamber of Commerce. Staff has reviewed and seeks approval.

Council Johnson motioned to approve the contract and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**SURPLUS PROPERTY (amendment)**

Mr. Hayes informed Council that someone was interested in parcel 9913 owned by the City. The property must be declared surplus and advertised at market price. Whoever buys the property will be responsible for removing the house that is on the site; but, Mr. Hayes stated there is no house on this property. Mr. Johnson stressed that the property should be declared surplus and go to the highest bidder.

Councilman Dupree motioned to declare the property surplus and advertised for bids and a second was offered by Councilman Giddens – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**AYERS STREET RENAMING (amendment)**

Mr. Hayes advised the Council of the request from Mr. Dupree's ward to rename Ayers Street from Hwy 82 South to ***Simon Buddy Anderson Lane***, effective January 1, 2021. No more than 15 residents should be affected, but they have not been informed of this suggested change. Attorney Castellow affirmed that this renaming would not affect the property deeds of the residents. Mr. Hayes recommends approval of the renaming.

Councilman Dupree moved to approve the renaming to Simon Buddy Anderson Lane, and was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**C) DECAL DESIGN**

Mr. Hayes presented four options for decals for the new police vehicles. He recommends option 3. Upon discussion with the fleet manager, a new design would cost an additional \$250 set-up fee, with very little difference from the current design. To maintain uniformity, Mr. Childers suggests using the same decal the City already has in place.

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Councilman Johnson moved to keep the same design already in use and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**D) POLICY AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR USING FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM  
E) RESOLUTION NO 2020-25 POLICY FOR USING FAHP FUNDING**

Mr. Hayes explained that the procurement policy addressing use of federal aid and the Resolution for that policy is listed above. He suggests approval of both items listed in one motion.

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the Federal Policy and the Resolution for using federal aid and was seconded by Councilman Giddens – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

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

Mr. Hayes indicated this was the final reading of the Ordinance to amend the charter for the appointment of the City Clerk, and seeks approval.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the Ordinance to amend the charter to appoint the City Clerk and a second was offered by Councilman Dupree – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

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

Mr. Hayes informed Council that this was the final reading of the Ordinance addressing COLA for Mayor and Council, and is seeking approval.

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the Ordinance amending the COLA compensation for Mayor and Council and a second was offered by Councilman Dupree – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

**VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- National Faith and Blue Weekend-October 11<sup>th</sup>, Woolard Center - Cook-out from 12-3pm. Sponsors: SPD, SFD, GSP and WC Sheriff's Dept. All invited
- Permit from GDOT for Prayer March September 26 from 10-12 noon.
- Flu shots given by Health Department at Depot Friday from 8:30-11
- Met with broadband engineers discussed design and pole attachments, they will come and give full presentation on their progress

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- Will bid out last phase of work plan for electrical department

**VIII. CITY ATTORNEY – NONE**

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**IX. REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

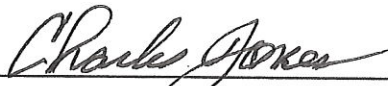
- **Councilman Giddens** is receiving complaints about N. Westberry Street. It has been patched several times and would like to see what City can do to fix problem

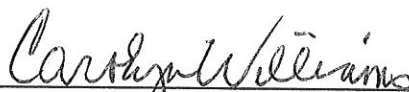
**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Jones duly adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

  
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Charles Jones, Mayor

  
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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

