

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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 (present)
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
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – DR. WILLIE MAE MARLIN
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the agenda and a second was offered by Councilman Giddens – **4-0 Motion Carries**

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Dupree moved to approve the minutes and Councilman Jackson seconded – **4-0 Motion Carries**

- V. SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Mr. Melvin Powell came forth and addressed the Council concerning the utility poles on the North side of Franklin Street being “clipped.” He noted that the city had moved all their poles to the South side, away from the road. Mr. Powell asked if there was a way to have those that use the poles to have them removed because of their proximity to the road, which is a safety issue. Mr. Jones stated that the poles were property of AT&T, and was unsure of whether the City could force removal. Attorney Castellow suggested sending a letter to AT&T which puts them on notice of the hazard. Mayor and Council agreed to have the City Manager send a letter to AT&T outlining the present issue with the poles.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS ALLEY – KAREN SINGLETARY

Mr. Hayes explained this request was for the downtown area to decorate the alley for Thanksgiving and Christmas just as it was for Halloween. He recommends Council approval.

Councilman Giddens motioned to approve the request for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Alley and was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***4-0 Motion Carries***

B) RESOLUTION NO: 2020-27-AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE CDBG APPLICATION

Mr. Hayes told Council this was standard procedure going into the upcoming CDBG application in April. He expressed that the Public Hearing was held earlier in the day, and this Resolution gives approval from the governing authority to a make application for the grant. He seeks approval from Council.

Council Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution authorizing application for the grant and was seconded by Councilman Jackson – ***4-0 Motion Carries***

**C) SEABROOK DRIVE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BID AWARD-
DOYLE HANCOCK & SONS**

Mr. Hayes noted this is another CDBG project that was awarded to the City in 2018 for water system improvements to the Seabrook Drive area. The City advertised to the public for solicitation of bids, and received four (4) bids. Doyle Hancock and Sons was determined to be the low bidder. The engineer and staff recommends approval of bid to Hancock and Sons.

Councilman Johnson moved to award the bid to Hancock and Sons and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***4-0 Motion Carries***

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- Financial Summary, holding steady and costs are under control
- Police Department vehicles are ready-delivery Wednesday
- Communicating with Chairman of Commission-will have agreement to send to Tax Commissioner for upcoming year
- Enterprise fund available to help organizations during Christmas

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- Many compliments from public to Mayor and Council for downtown events

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY

- NONE

IX. REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- NONE

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:18 PM

Councilman Johnson motioned to convene an Executive Session for legal purposes and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – ***4-0 Motion Carries***

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED: 7:39 PM

After discussion of legal matters, no official action was proposed or taken and regular session reconvened.

Councilman Giddens moved to accept the minutes as read in Executive Session and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***4-0 Motion Carries***

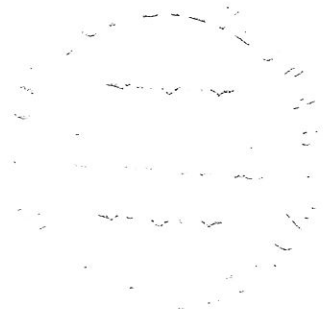
Mr. Hayes gave an update on the Housing Authority's request to abandon Sheppard Circle to allow for new construction. The road in question already has apartments constructed over it. Another issue arose regarding paying Housing Authority Board from General Funds, and under what agreement was it done. There was much discussion, and documents will be sought to gain information about the formulation of the Authority in respect to the City. Attorney Castellow stated that our Ordinance requires the applicant to publish notice for 30-days for abandonment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Giddens motioned to adjourn and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – ***4-0 Motion Carries***

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Mayor Jones duly adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.



Charles Jones

Charles Jones, Mayor

Carolyn Williams

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