



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, November 12, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building -1021 Park St. and via-teleconference

Present at Meeting:

Mayor: Mark Moore  
Stephanie Moncrief  
Linda Pilgrim  
Mary Hall  
Jon Dial

City Attorney: Mike Malcom  
Interim City Clerk: Denise Vojnich

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Moore

**II. INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Mike Malcom

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEDIANCE**

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. INSTALLATION OF – Jon Dial**

The Mayor asked Mike Malcom to swear in Jon Dial as CITY COUNCILMAN. Mr. Dial excepted and raised his right hand and was sworn in.

**V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Council member Mary Hall made a motion to approve the minute's from the September 10, Regular Meeting , October 8, Regular Meeting, October 22, 2020, Work Session and the invoices.

Council member Stephanie Moncrief seconded the motion, motion passed.

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM- (Mayor Moore asked if there were any)**

None

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Committee- Council member Mary Hall was assigned to Parks and Recreation by Mayor Moore.
2. Committee- Council member Jon Dial was assigned to Public Works Chair by Mayor Moore.
3. Committee- Council member Linda Pilgrim, Chair of the Community Involvement spoke about the "Tree Lighting" and said that the committee has been working very hard with the parks and recreation getting ready for the event. The decoration are already going up and that it will be next Saturday the November 21, 2020 from 4:00-6:30. There will be games, hayride (with social distancing of 2 families per ride or 4 couples a ride), Santa will be attending (with no one on Santa's lap). Mask are required at the event and all will be social distancing.
4. Committee- Council member Stephanie Moncrief, chair of the Downtown Development. Looking into getting people involved with related experience.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Financial Summary- Mayor Moore spoke about finances and there have been many processes in place to get the financial in compliance regarding "Chart of Accounts" and prior differences. The Mayor logged in to the City website and looked at the prior financials online. The Mayor asked the council members if there were any questions? Council Mary Hall questioned the Local Victim Assist. Fund is? The Mayor explained that all the line items GA Crime Victim fund and other are all payables that come out when a ticket is written. Furthermore, he stated that Walton County gets a "cut of the piece of pie". Council member Linda Pilgrim, asked where the \$10,000 for insurance that was on the prior budget? Mayor Moore stated that it is still in the financials, it is just budgeted in each department and it will be added as a sub item. Council member Stephanie Moncrief asked why utility water is budget for \$750.00 but the expense allocated is \$3356.50? Mayor looked back at the budget online and it was the same, he stated he would investigate it. Mayor Moore about contract labor, as when the ramp needed to be fixed that an acquisition was written up and a contractor was hired to fix the ramp. Any temporary workers not regular employees are considered "contract labor". The Mayor spoke about the budgeted amount many expenses are only paid annually- expense is not allocated as of yet (real estate taxes, insurance premium etc..) The Mayor also stated he would fix the wastewater treatment of \$3700, that it is incorrect. The mayor asked for motion to approve the budget, and Council Linda motioned it, Council member Mary Seconded it. Mayor asked for vote; Council members Ms. Pilgrim, Jon Dial and Mary Hall approved, and council member Stephanie Moncrief apposed, 3/1 it is stated is approved.
2. Installation of Planning and Zoning Members; Don Cannon, Jeff Phillips, Eloise Carter, Megan Ragan and Brenda Abnerb were sworn in by, Mike Malcom.

## **IX. REPORTS**

1. Clerk's Report was given by the Mayor, Citations issued, state patrol-55, County-9, Ball Field Rentals-10, Pavilion rentals-4. Permits issued, 1-Land Disturbance and 1-Electrical Permit.
2. Violations issued by Craig Ellington- per the Mayor, 3 #31-128 vehicles and trailers may only be parked on paved or graveled areas. 1 #31-129 vehicles must be tagged, insured and able to be driven. 1 #31-135 required to keep grass cut, 1 #900 Walnut Grove zoning ordinances states that livestock ma not be kept in a residential zoning

area.

3. Mayor Report- Very excited about the tree lighting and the moving forward of the Basketball Courts & Tennis Courts. The Mayor shared about attending a meeting with Walton County at a Workshop and had spoken to Kevin Little, Commission Chairman, sad to see him leave. Look forward to David Thomas the newly elected, Commission Chairman.

**X. Discussion Items-** The mayor asked for any townhall discussions. There was discussion from attendees and the Mayor-which way we want to move with the Mayor and council with objectives, priorities and getting acquainted with the ordinances in conflict with overlays and C1-C2 commercial district. The mayor spoke about variances and said needed updated revisions needed, as far as back let signs. Mayor spoke about looking forward to sharing my vision of Walnut Grove and we need to get a plan in place and concrete schedule. Need to look into proper steps are regarding UGA and Atlanta Regional Commission (will share the name of the person to talk to). The Mayor questioned what do the residents want the town to look like? Monroe? Snellville? Do we want more residential or commercial? What is the future of HWY138 or Hwy81? Council member Mary Hall spoke planning for the next 10 years and that very important to elect a secretary and a chair. Mayor stated that the City would pay to educate the committee.

**XI. Council Comments-** Council member, Mary Hall, thanked the citizens stepping up and being a part of the newly created "Planning and Zoning Committee" and the former Mayor Cannon for stepping up. Education is a very big part. Council member Stephanie Moncrief stated that she believes that we need to get an outside company on board to really make this plan happen for the city. Need a strategic plan in place. We need to meet with the city rep of Loganville. Looking forward to working on the planning and zoning committee and to a successful year of moving forward. The Mayor spoke about making it public and to meet virtual for the committee meetings and hopefully will do a better job than he did tonight. The Mayor also spoke about the resources available free on GMA website and that he can not express enough that he will provide the tools needed. Council member Jon Dial stated he is looking forward to working with the council and thanked the mayor for making our committee better. Council member, Linda Pilgrim, welcome to new committee members and stated, do not forget to come to the tree lighting next Saturday at 4pm!

**XII. Executive Session - None**

**XIII. Adjourn by-** council member Stephanie Moncrief and seconded by council member Mary Hall at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Mark Moore

Sonya Cox, Deputy Clerk

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