

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by C. Stacy, Mayor, with Council Members L. Brown, J. Young, T. Akra, D. Miller present;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;
- C. Invocation – Pastor Derone Armstrong;
- D. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Council Member D. Miller;
- E. Adoption of Agenda – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd Council Member L. Brown to adopt said agenda; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
- F. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt said minutes; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
- G. Reading of the Civility Pledge – Council Member L. Brown;

Old Business:

- 1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns/Information – Update(s) – working with Council Member T. Akra – update – 2 patches for sewer services – Platinum Paving – time frame – 2 weeks to maybe a week and ½ ; 2024 supplement – DOT/LMIG – about \$20,000 (Twenty-Thousand) Dollars available for the city; need to re-access our list;

Drive way to new treatment plant – T-Splost, not LMIG monies – county maintained road; Council Member T. Akra will work with Paul on this project; section on Barrington Ferry Road in front of 1st. Zion Church was repaired with T-Splost monies;

Spoke about the round about – county and state;
- 2. Dana Ingram, AAA Consulting Services – Renee Brown, Asst. site mgr & marketing director – filling in for Mrs. Dana; 15 over-the-phone interviews; waiting on the equipment to come in; gave a brief update of healthy homes program;

New Business:

- 1. Public Participation – John Pirkle, Attorney – briefing on legislative updates that affect the cities – handout for Council;
- 2. Customer Complaints – included in the packet – per Council Member D. Miller, 2 taken care of and 1 ongoing;
- 3. Council Member Louise Brown, Community Development – Updates – SYP – taking application up until April 9th; April 16 @ 6:00 p.m. – interviews; May 28 – July 3 – program dates; GA Cities Week – April 21 – 27; April 19th – 18th Annual Earth Day Celebration; April

20th – Health Benefit Teaser – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – targeting citizens 64 & older; 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., April 20th – Pastor’s Breakfast; Great American Clean-up – April 27th;

CDBG – Resolution for Ways Temple Road for sewer – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to adopt resolution; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

4. Maggie Wright, LCPC – Home based business license application – U.S. Yoshukul – Karate of Georgia – Paige Lee Arthur – approval – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to approve said request; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Home based business license application – Trucking - Richard L. Waye – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to approve said request; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Placement of double-wide manufactured home – Timeka Y. Akra – approval – reinforced vinyl – go far back off the road – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to approve with the exception of not having to follow gateway requirements; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain due to kinship (Council Member T. Akra);

Gateway Design Review Board – Modular Building for SNF – Approval – Temporary training admin. bldg.. – power point presented; 12-24 months – Markus Sack, Engineer; eventually a new bldg. will go in this spot; variance for parking lot should be coming in May; Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said request – temporary only; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

*Council Member J. Young – yellow zoning signs – make them a little larger so people will be able to see them and read them; Jeff Ricketson, LCPC, said he will look into getting larger signs; Meeting for E.B. Cooper highway is April 16th; May 20th – comprehensive planning meeting @ 6 p.m. at the Riceboro Youth Center;

5. Karen Bell, Keep Liberty Beautiful – Great American Clean-Up Proclamation – April 27th starts at 9 a.m. – 12 noon; Earth Day – Bryant Commons – April 19th – 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.; will have 3 food trucks; city can have a booth; no booth cost; promote on the city’s sign;
6. Georgia Cities Week – April 21 – 27, 2024 – GA Cities Resolution – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt said resolution; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
7. National Child Abuse Month – FYI;
8. Mayor Updates – Information – 24x40 building at the treatment plant; record retention building for city hall – funding will come from LOST monies; April 8th – solar eclipse – get essentials such as water, toilet tissue, etc., Riceboro Youth Center – issue being discussed with the County; water bills – water went down; sewer went up; trash went up; United Way – back pack buddy; Travis Gordon will be cutting trees at the treatment plant; Day Break will remove the trees;

9. Global Business Development Strategies, LLC – Mrs. DeLisa Cliff – HR Manager – Discussion/Approval – 7 areas: Compliance goes deep, hiring process, compensation & benefits; performance management system, training & development, diversity inclusion – HR audit; interviewed 3 candidates and have 3 more to interview; hoping to have a potential candidate by end of next week; focus on the HR person after hiring the finance person; Mayor C. Stacy thinks both of the above work hand in hand; HR & finance person; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to hire finance person and HR manager; 3 pass; 1 abstain (Council Member J. Young);

10. Executive Session – Personnel/Land Acquisition – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to come out of regular session at 7:15 p.m. and go into executive session to discuss said items; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. and go back to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay; No action taken;

11. Adjournment – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor