

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Wm. T. Austin, Mayor, with Council Members D. Miller, J. Young and T. Williams, Sr., present; Council Member C. Stacy absent due to work schedule;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting;
- C. Invocation – Council Member T. Williams, Sr.;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adopt said minutes; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business

Review of ongoing projects requiring engineer/contractor support:

1. Water/Sewer System – (P.C. Simonton & Assoc.)
 - A. Remaining Sewer Projects – Peter Henry of P.C. Simonton present – Update – Robert Young property – met with DOT; everything is ok; 4” sewer line and lift station in place; inner parts need to be installed at the lift station;

*Gill property – Mr. Henry said he’s not up to speed and will get with Paul;

*Charlie Beverly’s property – shot some elevation and the elevation is correct; problem is with the maintenance; he has a spread sheet on all the lift stations; a preventive maintenance schedule needs to be in place; Mr. Henry stated that he will get with Paul and they will go over the issues;

*Bids for Oak Street Paving & NCF Paving – Provident Construction, Ludowici, Ga. – Contract A - \$78,826.26; Griffin Contracting, Pooler, Ga. - \$90,598.00; Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to proceed to award Contract A to Provident Construction of Ludowici, Ga., for paving of NCF Plant Road; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;
 - B. Green Well – Update – Mayor Austin gave update – funds were paid to McIntosh County – ½ Million Dollars; NCF has given the city ½ Million Dollars on their commitment; USDA meeting completed on 2.6 Million Dollar loan; letter from governor on 1.2 Million Dollar Economic Development Grant; GEFA loan is in place; initial project start-up should be around June/July time frame;
 - C. Fire Hydrant Flushing Policy and Procedure – Review – decision to flush once or twice a year;
 - D. Gloria Brown – See Correspondence – FYI – information sent certified return receipt and will send electronically;

*Council Member J. Young stated that they would like to start back paying firefighters response fees; Mayor Austin indicated that this will be put back into the 2017/2018 budget; letters will be sent out to the firefighters giving them the option of whether they want to receive said fees;

2. Community Development, Council Member C. Stacy – Update – absent due to work schedule; Mayor Austin indicated that a copy of the Ricefest report is needed;

*Spring Event information will be discussed at the next meeting;

*Tearing down of old houses – Mayor Austin spoke on this issue; a tractor trailer was purchased to move hi-ho around for this project; located a trailer with a lift to haul debris; will sit down with Republic Waste to mitigate dumping fees;

New Business

1. Public Participation – Robert and Cynthia Carter – question of building at Baptismal – response that it is a bathroom; question of who’s responsible for cleaning around the fire hydrants and response was the city is responsible;
2. Customer Complaints – 1. Julian Colmenares, 2. Lawrence Roberts, 3. Barbara Holmes, 4. Vanessa Collins-Roberts, 5. Christopher and Sarah Stevens – All complaints were addressed by Council Member T. Williams, Sr.; Mr. Robert Carter – manhole cover lid removed – Council Member T. Williams, Sr., will get with Dean to have it replaced;

*MLK Parade – Participants will be Mayor/Council and Council Member J. Young with the Fire Truck for the fire dept.;

3. Financial Statement, Month of December, 2016 – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adopt said item; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;
4. Executive Session – Personnel – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to come out of regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:15 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to come out of executive session and go back into regular session at 7:40 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;
5. Adjournment – Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor