

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, CECIL THOMPSON, KAILEY DEES, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, NICK OVERSTREET – ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD - FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –POLICE CHIEF, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, BILL MITCHELL – CHAMBER, TOMMY SASSER – RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA YOST – REPUBLIC SERVICES, JAMES ONEAL – ESG, REID LOVETT - ESG

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. TRACY TODD

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - County Commissioner Wendell Dixon suggested that the Council drive the newly paved Ezra Taylor road. The Council complimented Wendell and the County on getting this much needed project completed.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade coming up on December 3, 2016.

VCVB – Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on the activities of the CVB. She reminded the Council of the upcoming Tree Lighting Ceremony being held at the Stage at City Park on November 29th.

ONION FESTIVAL – No Report

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He encouraged the Council to attend the Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday the 15th at Gaston Crue Lifestyles and Interiors located at 112 Church Street at 4:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of October. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Finance Committee Meeting 11/2/16** – Mr. Overstreet presented the results of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 2nd. (See Attached Minutes) The 2017 Budget is being presented to the Council and will be officially approved at the December Council meeting following a public hearing. The public meeting will be on December 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. here at the Council Chambers.
2. **McIntosh Fire Station Bid Opening** – Mr. Overstreet informed the Council that we had three bids for the old McIntosh Fire Station. He reported that two of those bids were exactly the same, and recommended that he be allowed to approach the two top bidders and see if they would be interested in resubmitting their bids. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Dees seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Roadway Speed Limit Revision** – Mr. Overstreet presented a report from the DOT reviewing the speed limits of all City streets. The list has been reviewed by the Police Department. This review is done about every three years, and needs to be approved by the Council. Councilwoman Chesser

- made a motion to approve the report. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Airport Road and Miracle Lane Bid Opening** – Mr. Overstreet presented the bids on each of the TSPLOST projects. The Airport Road low bidder was McLendon Enterprises at \$965,977.97, and he is recommending that the Council accept this bid. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. The low bidder on the Miracle Lane resurfacing is East Coast Asphalt at \$56,036.00, and Mr. Overstreet is requesting the Council approve this bid. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
 5. **Vidalia Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority Bylaws** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the by-laws for the new City of Vidalia Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. Councilwoman Dees made a motion to approve the by-laws. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
 6. **WTOC Christmas Parade AD** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from WTOC for the City to help sponsor the TV broadcasting of the Vidalia Christmas Parade. The sponsorship is \$500.00 and is the same as last year. The funds would come from legislative capital. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomson. The vote was unanimous.
 7. **Pool Committee Update** – Mr. Overstreet gave an update on the bid to build the new aquatic center. The current low bid is for \$1,500,000.00 from Swim-Pro, and Mr. Overstreet is requesting that the bid be accepted. After some discussion Councilman Turner made a motion to accept the bid. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 8. **Library Board Recommendation** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from the Library Board to replace two retiring Vidalia Board Members. Those who are retiring are Gail Harris and Ann Powell. The requested new members are Jason Davis and Carol Hansley. Councilwoman Dees made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Overstreet gave the Council an update on the current projects that are underway or about to bid. These include SPLOST and TSPLOST projects.

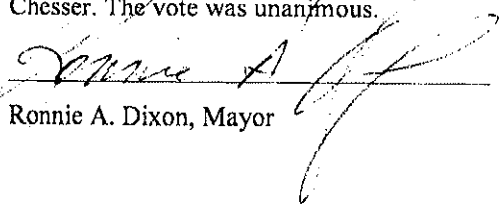
A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss personnel and the acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to adjourn from executive session and enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

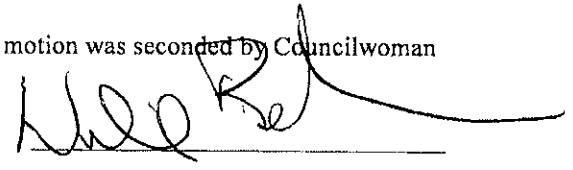
A motion was made by Councilman Turner to allow Assistant City Manager Overstreet to offer \$550.00 for .15 acres of land on 5th Avenue belonging to Joann Keitt. The money would come from fund balance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Overstreet presented the 2016 performance package to the Council. The package is the same as last year and includes a 3.5% bonus for employees that qualify. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the 2016 performance package for all City employees that qualify. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 2, 2016

2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Lisa Chesser, Mayor Dixon and Eddie Tyson, Non-members present: Bill Bedingfield, Nick Overstreet and Bill Torrance

AGENDA

1. **2017 Budgets** – Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order and asked Nick Overstreet to present the 2017 proposed budgets. Mr. Overstreet outlined the budget process, from his work with Bill Bedingfield to the final review with Bill Torrance and Mayor Dixon. He stated that the General Fund budget has a \$15,000 contingency based on revenues of \$8,582,196.00. The Water and Sewer budget has a \$5000.00 contingency based on revenues of \$2,175,730.00. The Airport budget is balanced based on revenues of \$539,775.00. His recommendation is that the Committee approve the budgets so that they can be presented to the Council at the November 14, 2016 meeting. Mr. Bedingfield can then advertise that the budgets are available for public review at City Hall for the next 30 days. The Budgets can then be officially approved at the December Council Meeting. A public hearing would be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2016. The Committee is in agreement.
2. **Airport Funding** – Mr. Overstreet explained to the Committee that the Airport cash on hand was not at the level that was needed to ensure having sufficient funds available to handle every day and unexpected needs. The Committee made a recommendation that Mr. Bedingfield and Mr. Overstreet keep the Council up to date on the funding needs of the Airport, and let them know the timing and possible needs of a cash infusion.
3. **Project Review** – Mr. Overstreet gave the Committee an overview of the SPLOST funding needs for the current projects that have bid or are about to bid. Councilwoman Chesser brought up the need to search for available grants. She stated that she would do some research and bring a list of possible grants that we could qualify for.

Being no further business Mayor Dixon adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF VIDALIA
AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meetings is as checked below:

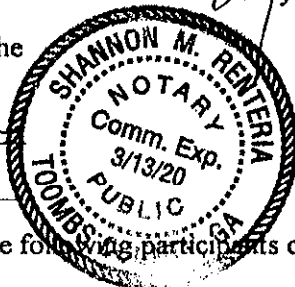
- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]
- Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]
- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

This the 14th day of November, 2016.

CITY OF VIDALIA
By: [Signature]
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 3/13/20



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

[Signature]

John R. [Signature]

Risachene [Signature]

[Signature]

Harley Mills

Note: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.

COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN *November 14, 2016*

NAME	ADDRESS
<i>Bill Mitchell</i>	
<i>Ken A. Tucker</i>	
<i>Mike Sutton</i>	<i>VUVB</i>
<i>Robert P. Gunn</i>	<i>CMFA</i>