

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. KEVIN HICKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. Senator Jack Hill will be the speaker at the annual Veterans Luncheon held at the Community Center this Wednesday at noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend. She also informed everyone that the Christmas Parade deadline is November 20, 2015.

VCVB – Alexa Britton gave an update of the activities of the Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. She informed the Council that the Pal Theater Committee met last week for the first time and that some very good ideas were exchanged. She also passed out a schedule of the November and December events that will take place at the City Park. Alexa also complimented Brenda Carroll for her outstanding job.

ONION FESTIVAL – No Report

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. Parker's will have a ribbon cutting on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

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 Councilwoman Chesser to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2015. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

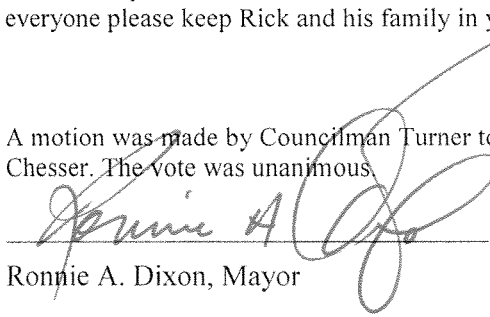
1. **Finance Committee Meeting 11/9/15**– Mr. Torrance presented the results of the Finance Committee meeting held this morning. (See Attached Minutes) The budgets will be advertised for 30 days and then a public hearing will be held on December 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall. Mayor Dixon has called a Council Meeting to follow the public hearing at 12:00 noon to approve the budget. This meeting will also be held at City Hall.
2. **Election Results** – City Manager Bill Torrance presented the results of the November 2015 election and stated that the results had been certified as accurate by the County Election Superintendent. (See Attached Results) Mayor Dixon asked for a motion to accept the results. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to accept the results as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
3. **License and Permits Meeting 11/9/15** – Councilwoman Chesser presented the results of the License and Permits Committee meeting held this morning. (See Attached Minutes) She informed the Council that she would get back with Mr. Torrance and have a proposal for the Council next month concerning mobile food vending units.

4. **Revolving Loan Committee 10/19/15** – Mr. Torrance presented the results of the Revolving Loan Committee held on October 19, 2015. (See Attached Minutes) A motion was made by Councilman Turner to accept the request of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Operation Rouge Viper Request** – The United States Special Operations Command is requesting to again hold a Navy Seal training exercise in Vidalia. Mr. Torrance met with the Commander and discussed some of the issues that had arisen from the first exercise held in Vidalia, and was assured by the Commander that those issues would not happen again. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
6. **Christmas Parade AD with WTOC** – Mr. Bedingfield presented a request for the City to purchase a \$500.00 ad that will run when WTOC airs the Christmas Parade. DVA Director Paula Toole stated that WTOC needed a \$3500 commitment before they would agree to air the parade, and from commitments so far she felt a \$500.00 ad would hit the \$3500.00 goal. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion the purchase a \$500.00 ad. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. This purchase would come from fund balance.
7. **Donation of Lockers Vidalia City Schools** – Fire Chief Brian Sikes informed the Council that the Vidalia School System has donated 12 lockers to the department. The much needed lockers were split between two stations. The Council expressed their gratitude to the School System for the donation. Chief Sikes also introduced Robert Tillman and Jeremy Newell to the Council. Both men have just been promoted to the rank of Captain with the Vidalia Fire Department. The Council congratulated both men.


CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Cecil Thompson informed the Council that Rick Jordan was in the hospital in Savannah and asked that everyone please keep Rick and his family in your prayers.

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 MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2015
11:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: **Ronnie Dixon, Eddie Tyson and Brian Frost, Non-members present: Bill Torrance, Bill Bedingfield and Melissa Moore**

AGENDA

1. **2016 Budgets** – Mayor Dixon opened the meeting by presenting the 2016 budgets to the Committee. Mr. Torrance explained that the Water and Sewer department was not breaking even and that rates would need to be addressed. He stated that over the last five years the fund was under or only at the breakeven point, and that if it was not addressed we would eventually need to dip into reserves. His recommendation is to increase the minimum \$1.00 for both water and sewer. He also stated that this still would require that we meet the water and sewer sales estimates to breakeven. Mayor Dixon recommended that we address the deficit now and not have to come back to the public next year. His recommendation is to raise the minimum \$1.50 on water and sewer. The Committee was in agreement with Mayor Dixon's proposal. Mr. Torrance then outlined the General Fund Budget. He explained that the revenue numbers have been reviewed very carefully and that he was comfortable that the numbers could be met. He then reviewed the expenses and stated that the budget as presented has a fund balance of \$57,788.00. He stated that this budget did not allow room for any capital, and that he would bring a capital request back in December using fund balance as the funding source. The Committee was in agreement recommending the budget. Mr. Torrance then presented the Airport budget which is balanced. The Committee was in agreement recommending the Airport budget. Mayor Dixon recommended that the budgets be advertised for 30 days as required and to have a public hearing on December the 17th at 11:00 a.m. here at City Hall. We would then have a called Council meeting at 12:00 noon on December 17th to approve the budget. The called meeting would also be held at City Hall. The Committee was in agreement.

Being no further business Mayor Dixon adjourned the meeting.

Election Summary Report

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Toombs County

State of Georgia General Municipal and Special Election

November 3, 2015

Summary For Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, All Races

Official and Complete

Registered Voters 6134 - Cards Cast 1404 22.89%

Num. Report Precinct 2 - Num. Reporting 2 100.00%

| VIDALIA CC LRG | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total |
| Number of Precincts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Precincts Reporting | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 6134) | 772 | 283 | 348 | 1 | 1404 22.9 % |
| Total Votes | 764 | 277 | 342 | 1 | 1384 |
| KAILEY L. DEES | 440 | 132 | 209 | 0 | 781 56.43% |
| BRIAN P. FROST(I) | 323 | 144 | 133 | 1 | 601 43.42% |
| Write-in Votes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 0.14% |

| VIDALIA CC W3 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total |
| Number of Precincts | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Precincts Reporting | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 1516) | 73 | 169 | 46 | 0 | 288 19.0 % |
| Total Votes | 60 | 79 | 28 | 0 | 167 |
| RAYMOND TURNER(I) | 60 | 78 | 27 | 0 | 165 98.80% |
| Write-in Votes | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 1.20% |

| VIDALIA CC W4 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total |
| Number of Precincts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Precincts Reporting | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 1531) | 240 | 57 | 113 | 1 | 411 26.8 % |
| Total Votes | 207 | 25 | 98 | 1 | 331 |
| LISA S. CHESSER(I) | 205 | 25 | 98 | 1 | 329 99.40% |
| Write-in Votes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 0.60% |

| VIDALIA BOE LRG | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total |
| Number of Precincts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Precincts Reporting | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 6134) | 772 | 283 | 348 | 1 | 1404 22.9 % |
| Total Votes | 741 | 271 | 330 | 1 | 1343 |
| JACK MORRIS DOWNIE | 195 | 72 | 92 | 0 | 359 26.73% |
| JULEE TORRANCE | 545 | 199 | 238 | 1 | 983 73.19% |
| Write-in Votes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 0.07% |

| VIDALIA BOE W1 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total |
| Number of Precincts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Precincts Reporting | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 1416) | 157 | 37 | 56 | 0 | 250 17.7 % |
| Total Votes | 131 | 8 | 47 | 0 | 186 |
| DOUG P. ROPER(I) | 130 | 8 | 47 | 0 | 185 99.46% |
| Write-in Votes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 0.54% |

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VIDALIA BOE W3

| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| Number of Precincts | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Precincts Reporting | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 1516) | 73 | 169 | 46 | 0 | 288 | 19.0 % |
| Total Votes | 58 | 73 | 27 | 0 | 158 | |
| BRUCE ASBERRY | 58 | 73 | 27 | 0 | 158 | 100.00% |
| Write-in Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS

| | Polling | ABM | AIP | PRO | Total | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| Number of Precincts | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Precincts Reporting | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 % |
| Times Counted (Reg. Voters 6134) | 772 | 283 | 348 | 1 | 1404 | 22.9 % |
| Total Votes | 755 | 276 | 343 | 0 | 1374 | |
| YES | 576 | 175 | 236 | 0 | 987 | 71.83% |
| NO | 179 | 101 | 107 | 0 | 387 | 28.17% |

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11-6-15

LICENSE AND PERMITS MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2015
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Lisa Chesser, Eddie Tyson and Raymond Turner, Non-members present: Bill Torrance, Frank Waits and Bill Bedingfield

AGENDA

1. **Mobile Food Vending Units** – Councilwoman Chesser opened the meeting by explaining that the City has had another license application for a Food Truck. The City currently has nothing in its ordinance that addresses these types of mobile vending businesses. Councilwoman Chesser researched several cities that do have ordinances and has presented two to the Committee for their review. After much discussion the Committee is making the recommendation that the City issue a temporary permit to the current applicant provided that she meets the requirements that are currently in place. These requirements include a health department certificate and approval of the land owner where the mobile unit will operate. This permit will expire on December 31, 2015. Councilwoman Chesser and Mr. Torrance will meet to fine tune an ordinance recommendation that will address mobile vending in the City. The Committee will meet later to approve an ordinance recommendation for the Council.

Being no further business Councilwoman Chesser adjourned the meeting.

**Revolving Loan
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2015
10:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: **Members – Bill Torrance, Les Ramsey, Tom Peterson and Matt Oxley**
 Non-members – Bill Bedingfield and Tony Williamson

1. **Vitech** – Chairman Les Ramsey presented to the Committee a revolving loan request from Vitech for \$38,250.00. The loan would be used to develop retail space and to hire a fulltime office manager. Mr. Ramsey stated that due to the amount of funds that would be used for working capital we would have to follow DCA requirements by not charge less than 4% with a maximum 5 year payout. Mr. Williamson stated that he would reduce his salary to \$200.00 per week which would help meet the 25% personal investment requirement. The company is putting up a M&R Sprint modular gas drying system (Serial #049330475) and a M&R Gauntlet 6 color auto press (Serial #099372499) as collateral. A motion was made by Tom Peterson to approve the loan and require Tony Williamson's personal guarantee. The motion was seconded by Matt Oxley. The vote was unanimous.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

November 9th

| NAME | ADDRESS |
|-----------------|---------|
| John Jones | |
| Melissa Brown | |
| Paula Taylor | |
| Alexa Griffin | VCVB |
| James A. Stokes | |
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