

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2016
MINUTES

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, REID LOVETT – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, ROGER CALLOWAY – ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF, PAULA TOOLE – DVA, ALEXA BRITTON – TOURISM, BILL MITCHELL – CHAMBER

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. H. W. MILLER

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She informed the Council that the Fall Festival event will be on Thursday the 31st in the historic downtown and at the stage at City Park.

VCVB – Alexa Britton gave a brief overview of the activities of the Vidalia Tourism and Convention Bureau. She reminded the Council of the upcoming Jazz and Wine Festival being held at the Stage at City Park on October 22nd.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He thanked the Council again for their support of the Chambers re-model.

ONION FESTIVAL – Alexa Britton informed the Council of the Onion Festival Board meeting being held on Wednesday October 12, 2016 here at the Annex.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 and the September 29, 2016 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Health Insurance Escrow** – City Manager Bill Torrance presented a request to add \$100,000.00 to the health insurance escrow account to handle some extremely large claims that we have experienced this year. He is asking that the Council approve the \$100,000.00, but that we only intend to move \$65,000.00 in October, and then look at how the claims come in during November and December. If claims normalize during the next couple of months we won't have to transfer the remaining funds. The money would come from fund balance. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous. Councilwoman Chesser requested that Mr. Overstreet review pricing of different options for the City's health insurance.
2. **Advance Ad** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from the Advance to place an ad in their special business edition of the paper. The ad will cost \$475.00 for a full color ½ page. The Mayor tabled this until more information can be gathered.
3. **Chamber Golf Tournament** - Mr. Overstreet presented a request from the Chamber to have the Council place a team in their upcoming golf tournament. The tournament will be held on November 3, 2016 at Hawks Point Golf Club. The cost for a team is \$700.00 and

would come from the Council's legislative capital. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Overstreet thanked ESG and their Staff for their outstanding service during the storm this weekend. He also informed the Council that a crew from ESG is in Jesup helping out their City with storm damage. The Council thanked ESG for their dedicated service.

Mr. Overstreet also gave a brief over view of the current projects that the City has underway.

Councilman Turner made a motion to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate. Councilwoman Dees seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

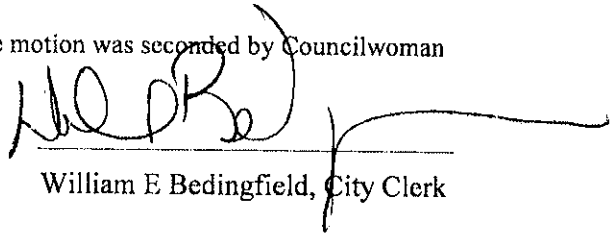
Councilwoman Dees made a motion to adjourn from executive session and enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to allow Mr. Overstreet to advertise and seeks bids on the old fire station located on McIntosh Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. 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

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 10th day of October, 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] _____
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Note: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.