

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, 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 –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, CHRIS BLOXHAM – REPUBLIC, JAMES O’NEAL - ESG

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. SAMUEL THOMPSON

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She recommended two dates for the City Halloween Festival in October for the Council’s review. After some discussion the Council decided to wait and specify the date at the next Council meeting.

VCVB – Alexa Britton gave an update of the activities of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ms. Britton asked the Council if they wanted to move the July 4th celebration from Monday to Saturday. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to hold our July 4th event on Monday the 4th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

ONION FESTIVAL –Dustin Booth brought the Council up to date on activities of the Onion Festival Committee. He stated that Big and Rich would be the headlining act on Saturday night, with 1000 Horses opening the show. Friday night will have Sonic Grove on the Downtown Stage for opening night. Mr. Torrance asked if the Committee has applied for their alcohol permit. Mr. Booth stated that he would get the application filled out this week.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – No report

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **License and Permits Meeting 2/3/16** – Councilwoman Chesser presented the minutes from the License and Permits meeting held on February 3, 2016. (See Attached) The report is for information only and does not require Council action.
2. **2016 Capital Request** – Mr. Torrance presented the request for 2016 capital to the Council for approval. (See Attached Requested List) A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Streets and Sanitation Meeting 2/8/16-** Mr. Torrance presented the minutes from the Streets and Sanitation meeting held today. (See Attached) The Committee is requesting that the Annex parking lot be approved as a SPLOST project and be funded as soon as possible. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson also made a motion to approve the

Committee's recommendation to have the sewer line work done by Southeast Pipe for up to \$9000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the Barnhardt Group to do the pavement management plan as presented by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. All of these projects would come be paid from SPLOST.

4. **Resolution for TSPLOST Second Band-** Mr. Torrance presented a resolution to the Council that will authorize Mayor Dixon and City Clerk Bedingfield to execute the TSPLOST second band contracts with the DOT. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Pal Renovation Committee Meeting 2/2/16-** Mr. Torrance presented the results from the Pal Theater Committee. The Committee is recommending that they proceed with interviewing three of the seven architects that submitted proposals, and to interview all five of the contractors that had submitted proposals. These interviews are scheduled for this week.
6. **Alcohol License – Flash Foods –** Flash Foods #259 and #290 have changed ownership. The company that has purchased the chain is from Texas and has presented a change of the licensee request. The applications are correct and have been approved by the necessary departments. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.
7. **Alcohol License – Friendly Foods –** Friendly Foods, at 201 North Street East, is also changing ownership and has applied for a license change. The application is complete and has been signed by all required departments. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Turner. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.
8. **GEMBS Retirement Fund –** Mr. Bedingfield informed the Council that to bring the City retirement plan to the funding level that GEMBS has recommended would require a onetime infusion of \$63,891.00 which, if funded, would come from fund balance. The 2016 monthly requirement would require an increase in the 2016 budget of \$60,289.00. This would reduce the contingency in the 2016 budget to zero. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the additional funding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
9. **Onion Festival Banking Resolution –** Mr. Torrance presented a resolution that is required by Ameris Bank to allow Mr. Bedingfield and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign checks for the Onion Festival. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
10. **2016 Cleanup Event –** Assistant City Manager Nick Overstreet outlined the 2016 Vidalia Cleanup Event to be held on February 27, 2016. Those wishing to help need to meet at Public Works on Brinson Road at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th.
11. **2016 Committee Appointments –** Mayor Dixon presented the list of Committee appointments that need to be re-appointed in 2016. (See Attached List) Councilman Tyson made a motion to accept the list as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
12. **Brown's Jewelry –** Mr. Torrance explained that during the streetscape project in 2006, a vent that serviced the crawl space under Brown's Jewelry, located on McIntosh Street, could have been blocked off inadvertently. The resulting lack of ventilation allegedly caused the floor to rot and eventually collapse. The bid to repair this, from MMI Construction, is \$4800.60. Although the City is not responsible, Mr. Torrance feels that it was something that the contractor should have not blocked during construction, and it should have been discovered by the Engineer's inspector. He is asking the Council if they feel the City has any obligation concerning this issue. After some discussion the Council recommends that we pay for this repair and have Ms. Garbutt sign a release that this resolves the issue. The funds would come from the street line item in the old SPLOST call. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance presented a request from Terry Webb to metal detect the old fair grounds on Airport Road. The Council has no problem with him doing this.

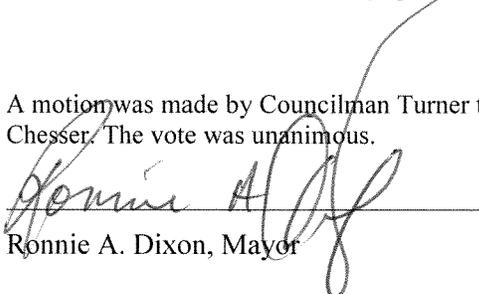
Mr. Torrance presented a bid of up to \$3500.00 to have the property near the Community Center core sampled to evaluate whether it would be suitable for the new City swimming pool. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance gave an update on Mr. Nick Overstreet and his development as the new City Manager.

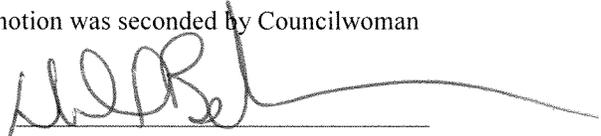
Mr. Torrance reported that Alma Telephone cut an 8 inch water line at the hospital last Friday which caused red water all over town. The issue has been resolved.

Mr. Torrance also reported that he has checked the warranty on all electronic equipment proposed for the Community Center. He reported that the warranty is above the industry standard for all components. The Council thanked him for following up on this, and instructed him to proceed with the project.

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

LICENSE AND PERMITS MEETING

February 3, 2016

11:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Lisa Chesser, Kailey Dees and Eddie Tyson, Non-members present: Bill Torrance, Bill Bedingfield, Nick Overstreet, Shaun Oliver and Melissa Moore

AGENDA

1. **Building Permit Request from Shane Durrence** – Councilwoman Chesser called the meeting to order and explained that this was a follow up to the January 14, 2016 meeting. She stated that Shane Durrence, as requested by the Committee at the January 14th meeting, had polled his neighbors, and that 38 of 60 home owners had no problem with him erecting the metal building. Mr. Torrance informed the Committee, after much research and meeting with City Attorney Reid Threlkeld, that the City could not enforce neighborhood covenants and therefore should issue the permit if it met all City requirements. The Committee was in agreement, but suggested that the permit state that it did not protect the owner from litigation arising out of restrictive deed covenants. City Marshall Shaun Oliver presented a copy of the permit with the appropriate language to the Committee. The Committee was in agreement with issuing the permit as presented.

Being no further business Councilwoman Chesser adjourned the meeting.

POLICE OTHER

57.9000	A	8	Remote Digital Ally microphones with Holster	\$300.00	\$2,400.00	
57.9000	B	1	Printer for Captain	\$412.96	\$412.96	
57.9000	C	1	Bar Code Scanner	\$594.50	\$594.50	
57.9000	D	1	Projector - Overhead	\$299.00	\$299.00	
57.9000	F	4	Desk top Computers for Rotation	\$826.92	\$3,307.68	
57.9000	F	4	MS Office license	\$254.89	\$1,019.56	
57.9000	E	1	Voice Print Server	\$14,930.00	\$14,930.00	
57.9000	H	1	Shipping	\$159.00	\$159.00	
57.9000	K	6	Leather Case for X26P Taser	\$53.25	\$319.50	
SUBTOTAL					\$8,512.20	\$14,930.00

\$23,442.20

FIRE TOTAL

SPLOST	A	3	100' Fire Hose	\$736.00	\$2,208.00	< than \$5,000
SPLOST	B	4	Pistol Grip Nozzles	\$495.00	\$1,980.00	> than \$5,000
SPLOST	C	1	1.5" in-line foam inductor	\$592.00	\$592.00	
SPLOST	D	2	2.5" Play Pipe Nozzles	\$892.00	\$1,784.00	
SPLOST	E	1	Tool Door entry Kit	\$260.00	\$260.00	
SPLOST	F				\$0.00	
SPLOST	G	1	Complete DOT (4) Cylinders with (2) fill containment	\$13,143.00	\$13,143.00	
SPLOST	H	1	Shipping	\$350.00	\$350.00	
SPLOST	I	1	Tablet for mobil unit with keyboard and office license	\$910.00	\$910.00	
SPLOST	J	1	Laser Jet Printer	\$229.00	\$229.00	
SPLOST	K	1	Projector for Training	\$300.00	\$300.00	
SPLOST	L	1	Rescue Dummy	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	
SPLOST	M				\$0.00	
57.9000	N	1	Reseal and Pack pump on engine 3	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	
57.9000	O	1	Reseal and Pack pump on engine 4	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
SPLOST	P				\$0.00	
SPLOST	Q				\$0.00	
SUBTOTAL					\$9,873.00	\$25,843.00

\$35,716.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

	A				\$0.00	\$0.00
	B				\$0.00	\$0.00

\$0.00

ESG Street Department General Fund Amount

\$201,570.00

GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL

\$337,329.99

STREETS AND SANITATION MEETING

February 8, 2016

10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Raymond Turner, Cecil Thompson and Kailey Dees, Non-members present: Bill Torrance, Melissa Moore, Jeff West, Nick Overstreet and Bill Bedingfield

AGENDA

1. **Annex Parking Lot** – Mr. Torrance presented an estimate to resurface the Annex parking lot. The estimate is \$163,342.00. Mr. Torrance is recommending that we move forward and develop this as a SPLOST project. The Committee is in agreement, and recommends that we bid this when appropriate.
2. **Museum Parking Lot** – Mr. Torrance presented a bid from Southeast Centerline to repair and stripe the parking lot at the Museum. The bid is for \$4509.35. The Committee is recommending that we table this until later.
3. **Clean and Camera Sewer** – Mr. Torrance informed the Committee that after the 6 inch rain fall last week we had a major sewer blockage on Hwy 280 West. The sewer is flowing now, but needs to be cleaned. Jeff West has a bid from Southeast Pipe Survey to CCTV and clean approximately 3000 feet of sewer line for \$7200.00. Mr. West is recommending the Committee allow him to spend up to \$9000.00 to have up to 4000 feet of sewer line in the City inspected. The Committee is in agreement to allow up to \$9000.00 to be spent. The funds would come from the SPLOST Water and Sewer line item.
4. **Pavement Management Plan** – Jeff West presented a request to hire the Barnhardt Group to do a full pavement management plan of our City streets. This would include a complete analysis of 111 miles of City streets, and provide us with a 10 year management and financial plan. The cost is \$20,209.00 and would come from the Streets line item in SPLOST. The Committee is in agreement to have this study done.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Resolution

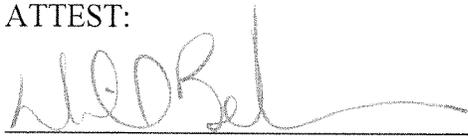
STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF VIDALIA

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vidalia, and it is hereby resolved, that the foregoing attached Agreement, relative to the Projects attached and that Ronnie A. Dixon as Mayor and William Bedingfield, as Clerk, be and they are, thereby authorized and directed to execute the same for and in behalf of said by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vidalia.

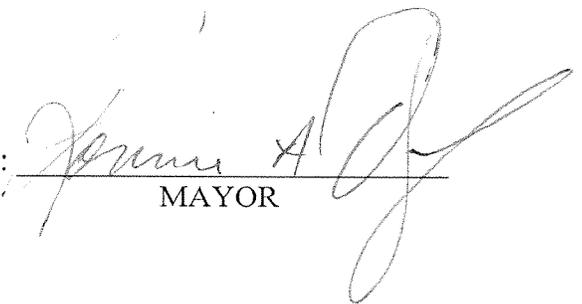
Passed and adopted this the 8th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

BY:



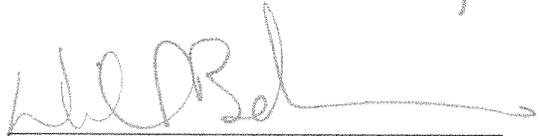
MAYOR

STATE OF GEORGIA,

CITY OF VIDALIA

I, William Bedingfield, as City Clerk, do hereby certify that I am custodian of the books and records of the same, and that the above and foregoing copy of the original is now on file in my office, and was passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Vidalia.

WITNESS my hand and official signature, this the 8th day of February,
2016.

BY: 

WILLIAM BEDINGFIELD

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016

VIDALIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

DONNIE ALDERMAN 4TH TERM EXPIRES 12/31/20

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF VIDALIA

HAL CHESSER 4TH TERM EXPIRES 12/31/21

VIDALIA PLANNING COMMISSION

LEANDER TUFTS 2ND TERM EXPIRES 12/31/19

REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE

TOM PETERSON 3RD TERM EXPIRES 12/31/19

COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

NAME	ADDRESS
Shane + Amber Durrence	821 Estroff Drive, Vidalia
Melissa Moore	City of Vidalia
Paula Jade	OVA Mini Street
Lydia + Terry Durrence	
Dustin Booth	
Rev. Tompkins	