

CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2020

7:30 P.M.

112 South Railroad Avenue

Twin City, Georgia 30471

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Donaldson 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Matt Donaldson Present

Mayor Pro Tem Jule Bady Jr. Present

Commissioner Jesse S. Brown Present

Commissioner Kenton Landon Present

Commissioner Charles Moody Present

INVOCATION: Reverend William Jackson, Friendship Freewill Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: In unison

Mayor Pro Tem Bady made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moody. The motion was approved unanimously with the striking of Item A under new business.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting and Workshop Session of the Mayor and City Commission was made by Commissioner Landon. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

Guests: **None**

New Business

A motion to approve to contract with the lowest bid not to exceed \$11,375.00 for City Treatment Plant improvements. This is a SPLOST expenditure. The motion was made by Commissioner Moody, and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Landon made a motion to suspend all City utility disconnections, for the month of May 2020, for non-payment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Landon made the motion to approve by resolution to apply for the 2020 GDOT REBC Grant. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Mayor Donaldson emphasized the importance of being counted for the upcoming Census. Mayor Donaldson announced that City Hall will be accepting online payments for utilities and tax bills very soon. There will be a convenience fee for online payments. The City now has a subscription for One Call for up to 5,000 individual calls to keep the citizens informed.

Main Street Report – Main Street Program Director Huddie Culbreth

All events have been canceled. Ms. Huddie is working on sending out a census post card to our citizens to remind them to complete their census.

Streets & Roads Department Report/ Water & Sewer Department Report

Commissioner Brown emphasized how Public Works has been working hard at the spray field/LAS site and working on needed repairs. Commissioner Brown is researching the best company to replace the shafts.

Finance Report

Mayor Donaldson read aloud the fund balances, with the fund balance being \$736,009.06. As of May 1, 2020, there are 215 unpaid tax parcels.

Recreation Department Report

Commissioner Landon informed the Commission that everything is still postponed due to COVID-19.

Fire Department Report

Commissioner Moody read aloud the fire reports. All training is still suspended due to COVID-19

Executive Session – Personnel

The motion to enter Executive Session was made by Commissioner Landon and seconded by Commissioner Moody. The motion was approved unanimously.

The motion to exit Executive Session was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bady. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Landon made the motion to approve the Employment Offer Letter to Eugenia A. Ducker for City Clerk. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bady made the motion to accept the Resolution to amend all City bank accounts. Commissioner Landon second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Landon made the motion to hire Larry Johnson as part time groundskeeper with starting pay of \$12.00/hour. Mayor Pro Tem Bady seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Landon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Bady seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned



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PRE-COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION

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6:30 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Donaldson 6:30 P.M.

Presentation from Police Chief Randal Beach

Chief Beach updated the City Commission on police activity, daily reports, and the pursuit policy. The old city jail is in works of being completed, and Chief Beach thanked Mr. John for his hours of volunteering and helping complete the restoration of the old jail.

Discussion of Police Department staffing needs and consideration of Police Academy applicant.

Instead of pursuing the Police Academy at this time, Chief Beach, Mayor Donaldson, and Commissioners discussed proper advertising for a certified police officer with offering a signing bonus with a signed contract of employment with the City.

Discussion of improvements needed at City Treatment Plant and quote from EIC

Commissioner Brown explained a shaft was out at the sewer pond and needs replacing. He got a quote from one and is waiting on another quote. Two shafts and one motor needs replacing in order to keep the system working correctly. The quote reviewed was for \$11,375.00 from Environmental Instrumentation and Calibration. Mayor Donaldson stated

another quote was needed before the project commenced. The Commission would approve up to the current quote of \$11,375.00 to EIC but would wait for a second quote to compare prices

Discussion of May City utility disconnections.

As of May 1st, there were 44 past due water accounts. Mayor and Commissioners suspended disconnection for the month of May due to the COVID-19. The disconnections will resume in June.

Discussion of resolution for REBC grant application.

Mayor Donaldson explained the roadside beautification grant, and the City has until May 15, 2020 to submit. The City plans to plant trees of different sorts. Commissioner Landon brought up about cutting the pine trees in the railroad bed area. Mayor Donaldson stated this grant is just on the State right-of-way, and the pine trees are on the City's land. If this grant is awarded, the Commission would discuss the cutting of them later.

Discussion of update from Pop Boogie Recreation Complex Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Landon and Commissioner Moody went out to the complex to inspect the area. They are working together to get some dirt to level the field to make it usable. They are also checking into some quotes for equipment to be used at the park complex.

Discussion of Recreation Department areas of responsibilities.

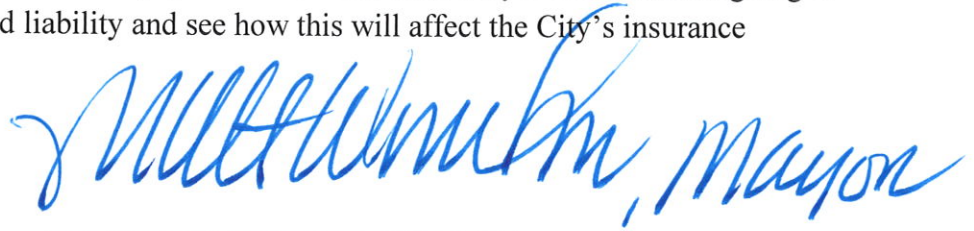
Commissioner Landon will now take over all parks in the City, as under the umbrella of the Recreation Department. Commissioner Landon, Commissioner Moody, and Mayor Pro Tem Bady will all work together to keep the parks maintained. Although Commissioner Landon will be responsible for all parks, the Public Works Department will still need to do maintenance to the areas.

Discussion of LWCF grant update for Carilee Coleman Park.

Mayor Donaldson reminded everyone that the City applied for this grant and should know the results of the grant in the next couple of months. At one point, DNR HPD was going to require an archaeological study of the park area, before the final grant would be approved. Mayor Donaldson wrote to HPD to request an exemption to this study. With the help of the City's state delegation, this exemption was approved, and the final grant was submitted to the National Park Service for final approval.

Discussion of Fire Department request for the purchase of a boat for rescue purposes.

Fire Chief Grimes spoke on the need of having a rescue boat with sonar. He is looking to get something close to the same equipment that DNR uses. Mayor Donaldson is going to check into insurance and liability and see how this will affect the City's insurance coverage.



Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Mayor's approval

Submitted By: City Clerk Eugenia A Ducker

