

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS

Council Members present; Rich, Davis, Prosser, Newman and Attorney Hall. Councilman Wynn was absent.

2. INVOCATION; MAYOR GROOMS.

3. APPROVAL OF JULY 15th MINUTES.

Motion made by Councilwoman Prosser to adopt the minutes from the July meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Rich abstained because he was not present for the July meeting. The motion passed.

4. APPROVAL OF JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Councilman Rich's review. The General Fund balance closed out with about a month's worth of operating cost, which means we will need to make a transfer from water account in the near future. The Water Fund account continues to accrue value. He sees this account continue to increase and we will need to plan on allocation for this money before next budget time. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

S. RECOGNITION;

1. STATEWIDE ENGINEERING; Vicki did not attend the meeting as planned, but each member had a copy of a letter from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs stating they were unable to fund our CDBG Application. Also a letter from Statewide requesting permission from council to re-submit the application for 2005. Councilman Rich presented a motion for council to continue to work with Statewide Engineering Co. with the re-submission of the CDBG application under the conditions that existed at the time the initial grant was submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

2. JARRELL JONES, requesting water to Kemple Business Center, Highway 80 East. Mayor Grooms advised council that Mr. Jones would not be with us tonight. He does not have all the needed information to present. Councilman Rich had a question on this matter. We know Mr. Jones is talking about developing a business area on Highway 80 East, but what does council know about the proposed shopping center or whatever Romaine Bradford has plans for on North Parker Avenue.

Has anyone brought this to the attention of any Council Member? Councilman Davis knows Mr. Bradford plans to move the house on the corner of Highway 80 and Parker Avenue before he presents the information to Planning & Zoning. Several people have seen the set of plans done by Eckles Martin and Rule. Councilman Rich believes this information bears on the Jones request to the extent that we have several additions to the City Limits area to consider and we do have limitations on how much water we can pump. We will have to consider all these things as a single water distribution and supply system and be wary of how much water we promise to who, because we will be to the limit of pumping before we know it.

3. BARNEY SINEATH, 320 RAILROAD STREET, fence, tires, and condemnation.

Mr. Sineath reports there has been no activity on the fence. The tires are still on the property breeding misquotes. Condemnation Status, The code section chosen for the condemnation, you could start and finish in less than 25 days. Attorney Hall advised Mr. Sineath he did not want to comment on that and he plans on a closed session tonight for a discussion as this is part of litigation, and just for the record, Mr. Hall understands from Mr. Sineath's attorney that Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung have not been allowed to enter the premises to perform an inspection. Mr Sineath feels the inspection to allow the condemnation has been completed. The contract with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, signed by the mayor, permits them to actually move items on the property, including the fuel tanks. Attorney Hall asked again if Mr. Sineath refused to allow Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung to go inside the building for inspection. Mr.Sineath advised, no individual will enter the property without further clarification and definitely not under the contract the mayor signed. Mayor Grooms advised Mr Sineath the fence would be put up in the next few weeks. Councilman Newman will check with the county on moving the tires.

4. RICHARD WILLIAMS letter concerning garbage pick up. Council members had heard of no other complaints concerning once a week pick up. Members discussed the issue; if more garbage was generated in the summer months than winter, number of people in the household. They were concerned that the letter mentioned his Rubbermaid can being picked up by the town collector. Mr Williams will receive a letter from the Town Council concerning this matter and they will monitor this situation before making a definite decision.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

COUNCILMAN RICH; already reported

COUNCILMAN DAVIS; No report this month but will have one for the September meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER had a copy of the invoice for garbage truck repairs done by Taylor Built for removal of the packer assembly and replacing of 8 weenr parts made by Brooklet Plastic Co. (Mr. Sherrod). Councilman Rich asked if we were looking at the possibility of getting a bigger truck with a larger capacity. They will keep this in mind for a later date. Chief Mundy recommended, on a heavy load day, they break before 12:00 to go to the dump to keep from overpacking.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN reports some walls have been studded up at the cafeteria. He had another electrical bid, but he will present it next month with other bids. He also shared information on the upcoming Peanut Festival. Mrs. Janie Ruth Smith and her husband, James will be Grand Marshall for the parade this year.

CHIEF MUNDY provided council with a written report on the monthly activities. None of the applicants accepted the Police Officer position. Councilman Newman asked if he knew of a reason for that. Chief Mundy advised the main reason was the salary of \$9.75 per hour. They were not impressed. The radios used by the public works department are about shot. They have been used for about 7 years. Chief Mundy spoke with someone at motorola and they have radios from \$290.00 to \$300.00 and up. This is a basic one channel radio and we can still use the base unit we have now. Councilman Rich made a motion to purchase four radios of this type and price range for the city employees to use. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes. Chief Mundy is working with Red Dot to get boots for the public works employees. He also presented bids on a 2005 patrol car.
ROZIER FORD \$20,222.25SPRINGFIELD FORD \$20,418.00
THRELKELD MOTOR CO. \$20,691.25 METTER FORD \$21,160.25.
Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the bid from Rozier Ford. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

7. OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY HALL.

1. SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7-11
Permit to Exceed Ordinance. Attorney Hall read the ordinance with changes made at the July meeting. Motion made to accept this as the second reading of the text amendment made by Councilman Rich and seconded by Councilman Davis passed with all eyes.

2. SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7-41
Junk Vehicles. Attorney Hall read the ordinance with changes made at the July meeting. Councilman Rich questioned the reading "a fine, towing/removal and impoundment fee may be imposed", is this to read may be, or will be? Attorney Hall advised the word was changed to "will" at the last reading. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the second reading of the Text Amendment to section 7-41, Junk Vehicles. Motion seconded by Concilwoman Prosser and passed with all eyes.

3. LIST OF TREES WE NEED TO HAVE CUT DOWN AND ONES WE NEED TO NOTIFY GEORGIA POWER TO CUT.
Several dead trees have been noted and the Georgia Power truck has been in the area trimming limbs. We could have them cut down the dead trees and Billy and the guys could chip them up. Councilman Rich advised we have money budgeted for tree demolition. Caouncillman Newman does not believe we need to go on Mr. Cromley's Property or any other private property and have trees cut down. Councilman Davis will speak to Mr. Cromley and make a list of trees that are on the right of way or on residential property and present it to the guys trimming trees.

4. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LETTER.
RE: Local Assistance Road Program for 2005.
Councilman Davis reviewed the Final Acceptance letter on the paving of Parker Avenue which they did not complete the request made to resurface from highway 80 to the North City limits of Parker Avenue North. Councilman Davis will contact the engineer. Councilman Newman thinks we should list East Lane from Parker to Cromley and East Lee from Parker to Cromley. Then there was a discussion on the pot holes and where public works had cut streets to repair water lines. Billy Taylor will be reminded to look at these and make repairs with asphalt.

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Mayor Grooms asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Rich made a motion to close the regular meeting and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

Councilman Rich made a motion to return to Regular Session. Councilman Newman seconded the motion which passed with all ayes.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.