

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL
August 7, 2017
WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on August 7, 2017 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro tem Louise Mitchell, with the following Councilors present: Donald Harrelson, Robert Baird and C.C. Higginbotham, Jr. City officials present: City Administrator Ken Walker and City Clerk M. Lynn Courson. See sign-in sheet for others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

The invocation was led by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

Work Session:

Ronny Smith gave an update on Public Works activities. Samantha Young gave a Finance update. Lynn Courson gave an Administrative update.

Presentations:

John Gates, the new coordinator for Toys for Tots, gave a presentation for their upcoming holiday program. Mr. Gates stated that he would bring collection boxes and applications to City Hall.

Motion made by Robert Baird, seconded by C.C. Higginbotham, Jr., to approve the Agenda with the following amendment:

Remove 10.c. Consideration of Contracting with Camden County and Chamber of Commerce for
 Tourism Funds

Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

Motion made by Robert Baird, seconded by Donald Harrelson, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 City Council Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

Old Business:

William Ashe stated the City could give the Old Fire Station to the Woodbine Library Board of Trustees and it would relieve the requirements of the City bidding process. Mr. Ashe stated that while it is possible to include a deed restriction when gifting property that the property will remain a library or revert back to the City, it can become a legal issue. He explained that if the Library Board chose to sell the property it would limit the prospective buyers due to the restriction. The Council and the Library Board discussed the details of gift and lease options. Janet Heath advised that the Library board has applied for a State grant which will be considered in their 2018 Budget meetings. The Council asked the Library Board to meet and decide if they would rather have the building leased or gifted to them.

Motion made by Robert Baird, seconded by C.C. Higginbotham, Jr., to open a Public Hearing. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

A Public Hearing to receive public comments on amending the Zoning Ordinance to include cell towers in R-2 and B-2 districts was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Lynn Courson informed the Council that none of the City's current zoning addresses cell towers and that on advice from Will Ashe, there would need to be an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include this use. She further stated that letters were sent to property owners within 300 feet of the proposed location. Ms. Courson advised that she has not received any feedback from the owners. Louise Mitchell stated that Ebenezer Baptist Church members asked her to convey their rejection of the proposed site. She further stated that some of the neighbors expressed the same. Ken Walker stated that the property would need to be surveyed and sub-divided as it sits on the same lot as the Old Fire Station.

Harlan Gin from RG Towers explained why they chose this site as far as being closer to the center of town to better cover the residential areas. Mr. Gin gave some information about the current technology and how that affects where the tower goes and how other users would affect the signals. Mr. Gin and the Council discussed possible other sites of City owned property. Councilor Higginbotham suggested having Mr. Gin look at the City owned property across the Satilla River. Harlan Gin agreed to look at the suggested property. Councilor Baird suggested that Louise Mitchell have the people that spoke to her about the proposal come to the next meeting.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, Jr., seconded by Robert Baird, to close the Public Hearing. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

New Business:

The Council agreed to table the 1st Reading of the Zoning Ordinance amendment.

Motion made by Robert Baird, seconded by Donald Harrelson, to have Election Qualifying held from August 21-25 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Pro tem Mitchell.

Public Comments:

Janet Heath asked to see the map that shows the proposed tower location. Lynn Courson advised what she gave the Council came from the Camden County website. Ms. Heath asked if the Zoning Amendment had been advertised. Ms. Courson stated that it had and that neighboring property owners had been notified by mail also.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Louise V. Mitchell
Mayor Pro tem

Attest: _____
M. Lynn Courson
City Clerk