

**MINUTES OF A REMOTE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL  
October 5 2020  
WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on October 5, 2020 was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Knight, with the following Councilors present via Remote Video Conference: Richard Baird, C.C. Higginbotham, Jr., Louise Mitchell and Phyllis Drummond. City officials present: City Administrator Samantha Young and City Clerk Lynn Courson.

The invocation was led by C.C. Higginbotham, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by C.C. Higginbotham, Jr.

Jimmie Cohen gave a Public Works update. Lynn Courson gave an Administrative update. Samantha Young gave a Finance and Administrative update.

Presentations:

Mayor Knight read the proclamation naming Friday October 9, 2020 as “Pink Out Friday” in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, Jr., seconded by Richard Baird, to approve the Agenda with the following amendments: Add 10.d. Discussion of Halloween on the Riverwalk. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Louise Mitchell, to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2020 City Council Meeting as presented. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Louise Mitchell, to open a Public Hearing for the following Alcohol License Application. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Alcohol License Application:

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| Applicant:        | Chetna Patel   |
| Business Name:    | Jay Mataji Meldi, Inc. DBA Woodbine IGA                                      |
| Business Address: | 908 Georgia Avenue   |
| Type of License:  | Package Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine Not for Consumption on the Premises |

The Public Hearing opened at 6:49 p.m.

Lynn Courson advised that a new owner would be taking over Woodbine IGA and is applying for a new Alcohol License. She advised that staff was still waiting to receive the results from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) fingerprint background check but that Mrs. Patel has paid all fees required for the license. Ms. Courson stated that there have been no comments submitted regarding the application.

No Public Comments were received.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Richard Baird, to close the Public Hearing. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Public hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Phyllis Drummond, to approve the application contingent upon the GBI fingerprint approval. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Beth Gowen presented a request to appoint Natalie Larson and reappoint Jerry Holcomb to the Tree Board. Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Louise Mitchell, to approve the appointments as requested. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Jimmie Cohen presented information regarding purchasing a Marsh Master (aka Swamp Buggy) for the Public Works Department to aid in the Dunns Creek Drainage Project as well as other drainage maintenance within the City. Mr. Cohen introduced John Coast with Coast Machinery who manufactures and sells the Marsh Master. Mr. Coast gave specifications on the equipment and its uses. Jimmie Cohen and the Council discussed attachments that are available for use with the equipment. Councilor Higginbotham asked if the City rented the equipment for a month, would Coast Machinery deduct the rental amount from the purchase price. Mr. Coast agreed. The Council and Mr. Coast discussed maintenance and repairs of the Marsh Master. Mr. Coast stated that they would train staff to maintain the equipment. Jimmie Cohen advised that he has submitted a plan for the project using the Marsh Master to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Samantha Young advised that rental costs would have to be taken from the General Fund and purchasing costs would come from SPLOST funds. Motion made by Richard Baird, seconded by Louise Mitchell, to approve up to \$10,000.00 for rental of the Marsh Master for a one-month trial period to determine if the City wants to purchase the equipment. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Councilor Baird expressed concerns about managing COVID-19 requirements with the scheduled Halloween on the Riverwalk event. Beth Gowen gave a brief history of the event. Candy Worthing, President of the Woman's Club, advised of the organizations plans to change the celebration to a "Drive Through" event, they will practice social distancing with booths, require masks of all participants, and have members present to assure the guidelines are being followed. Ms. Worthing stated that the Club would coordinate with the Camden County Sheriff's Office (CSO) for the event for traffic control. Mayor Knight stated that she believes the event can be successful with the precautions put into place.

Public Comments – None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Lynn Courson  
City Clerk