**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE CALLED MEETING OF THE WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL**

**January 20, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

**WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The called meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on January 20, 2022 was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Knight, with the following Councilors present via Remote Video Conference: Richard Baird, Louise Mitchell, and Phyllis Drummond. C.C. Higginbotham recused himself from these proceedings (email attached to these minutes). City officials present: City Administrator Samantha Young, City Clerk Elaine Koch and City Attorney Brian Correy.

The invocation was led by Phyllis Drummond.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phyllis Drummond.

Discussion between the City of Woodbine and Kelley’s Scrap Metal Recycling, Inc., regarding the explosion that took place on December 24, 2021. Both parties had their Attorney’s present during discussions. The noise, odor and ground shaking coming from the scrap yard was addressed. The City’s Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector, James George, spoke to the inconsistency of heavy equipment on site and the level of scrap metal that is being processed, within the I-2 General Industrial District.

Mayor Knight asked that the agenda be amended to allow Public Comments to be heard before Executive Session. Rick Baird made the motion, seconded by Louise Motion to amend the agenda as requested by Mayor Knight. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Lorriane Sullivan, Cynthia Ellison, Kevin Walker, Sheila Sapp, and Patricia Gibbs all commented on the noise, ground shaking, possible damage to property from the explosion and the late hours of operation at Kelley’s Recycling.

Motion made by Louise Mitchell, seconded by Rick Baird to go into Executive session. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Executive Session convened at 7:45 p.m.

Motion made by Rick Baird, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Knight asked Rick Baird to convey the decisions reached during Executive Session to all in attendance. Rick Baird made a motion to place Kelley’s Scrap Metal Recycling, Inc. business license on probation for ninety days, limit their operating hours to Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It was also the recommendation of the Mayor and Council, that Kelley’s and City staff work together to remediate the concerns of the citizens who reside in close proximity to the business. It was also advised that during this 90 day probationary period, that no further investment be made by the Business owners. The motion was seconded by Louise Mitchell. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Elaine J. Koch

City Clerk

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