

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 2023
WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on October 2, 2023 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Knight, with the following Councilors present: C.C. Higginbotham, Jr., Louise Mitchell and Phyllis Drummond. City officials present: City Administrator Samantha Young, City Clerk Elaine Koch and City Attorney Brian Corry via Zoom during Executive Session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Knight.

The Invocation was done by C.C. Higginbotham.

Jimmie Cohen gave a Public Works update. Elaine Koch gave an Administrative update. Samantha Young gave a Finance and Administrative update.

Presentations –

Steve Weinkle presented additional information regarding the GDOT Highway 17 Bridge Project.

Mayor Knight proclaimed October 13, 2023, “Pink Out Friday” in the City of Woodbine.

Mayor Knight proclaimed October 8 – 14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Woodbine.

C.C. Higginbotham asked that the agenda be amended to move Executive Session to Item 11a. Litigation, and to add 11b. Personnel and 11c. Contracts, Public Comments to Item 9, and New Business would remain Item 10.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, seconded by Rick Baird to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Old Business –

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to approve the first reading of the City’s Landscaping and Tree Preservation Ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight. Staff was instructed to adapt the City of Kingsland’s landscape ordinance to meet the current needs of the City of Woodbine and amend for any future projects as needed. Utilizing any recommendations from the Planning Commission, the Tree Board and to reference standards provided by the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Motion made by Rick Baird, seconded by C.C. Higginbotham to approve the second reading of Revision to Appendix A – Zoning, Article VII – Additional Regulations, Exceptions and Modifications. Addition to include Sec. 7-12 – City Policies and Specification Manual. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Public Comments –

Janet Heath asked if ARPA funds could be used to cover any costs related to the lead and copper repiping.

Rhetta Sutton spoke on the lack of interest by the Joint Development Authority to bring any projects or new businesses to Woodbine.

New Business –

Council discussion regarding the transfer of property from the Public Service Authority to Camden County Board of Education. Council advised Mayor Knight to present the City of Woodbine’s position to the PSA Board. The Council is in favor of transferring the property to the School Board, and would not be willing to contribute any funding for future improvements to the football stadium. Council also discussed the condition of the pavilions at the waterfront, and the danger of having the Crawfish Festival under those extremely damaged structures.

Council discussion regarding traffic issues at the Truck Stop at Exit 14. Council asked staff to contact GDOT, the property owners and the business owner for direction controlling the traffic back-ups occurring.

Council suggested contacting Brian Crum to set up a circle trap off 2nd street to trap and remove the herd of feral hogs that have become a nuisance in the City.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, seconded by Rick Baird to go into Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Executive Session convened at 8:19 p.m.

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

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor Knight advised that during Executive Session, no votes and no decisions were made regarding 11a. Litigation. Item 11b. Personnel, Council is concerned about Employee work loads in the City and wants to work towards finding possible solutions. No votes and no decisions were made regarding 11c. Contracts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: _____

Elaine J. Koch
City Clerk