**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL**

**April 1, 2024**

**WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on April 1, 2024 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Kizziler Knight, with the following Councilors present: Louise Mitchell, C.C. Higginbotham, Rick Baird, and Phyllis Drummond. City officials present: City Administrator Samantha Young.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Knight.

The Invocation was done by Phyllis Drummond.

Mayor Knight read a Proclamation recognizing Kim T. Baird, for her devoted medical services to the citizens of Woodbine and Northern Camden County.

Mayor Knight read a Proclamation recognizing Ernest L. Hamilton, for his legacy of service in law enforcement to the City of Woodbine and to all of Camden County.

Lounita Armstrong, from Hamilton Church presented Trailblazer awards to Mayor Kizziler Knight, City Administator Samantha Young, Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Mitchell and Councilperson Phyllis Drummond.

Trey Pearson from Tindall Enterprises presented possible solutions to the high electric billing that is occuring at the well area on East 8th street and at the Water Sewer treatment plant. Staff will continue to monitor electric usage and work with Tindall Enterprises to solve the issues as quickly as possible.

Jay Torbert from Southeastern Bank discussed the need to move the ATM from 414 Bedell Avenue. Alternate locations and options were discussed by Council and City staff.

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

C.C. Higginbotham asked to add Consideration of Replacement of Lift Station Pumps to Old Business as 9a. and to add Personnel to Executive Session as 11c. Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, seconded by Rick Baird to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

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Rhetta Sutton gave a Woodbine Library update. Sonia Alberta asked why a particular trash can was not picked up. The staff informed her that only Cumberland Services cans are picked up. The can in question was an old Waste Management can. City Staff assured her they would take care of the can. Teresa Sawyer thanked the City for repairing the Gazebo.

Old Business –

Motion made by Rick Baird, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to approve $200,000.00 for the total replacement of Lift Station Pumps at the Lang Avenue Lift Station. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

New Business –

Motion made by C. C. Higginbotham, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to approve funding up to $30,000.00 for the Water Alarm System for the Treatment Plant. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Southeastern Bank ATM location change was tabled until May 6, 2024 Meeting.

In the matter of the JDA appointment of JR Burns, Council reiterated that Mr. Burns must fill out and submit the online application from the Camden County website to be considered for the JDA Board’s vacant position.

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

The Executive Session convened at 8:10 p.m.

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

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

Mayor Knight advised that during Executive Session, there were no votes taken and no decisions made regarding Litigation, Contracts or Personnel.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:13p.m.

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 Kizziler Knight

Mayor

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 Elaine J. Koch

 City Clerk