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

**August 1, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

**WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on August 1, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Knight, with the following Councilors present: C.C. Higginbotham Jr., Richard Baird, 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 led by Louise Mitchell.

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

Presentations –

Amanda Hammond of Valor Events requested permission to hold a Fall Festival on the Nature Trail on October 22, 2022. She presented the idea of craft and food vendors, a kid zone and possibly trick or treating during the event.

Mayor Knight proclaimed August 2, 2022 as National Night Out.

Mayor Knight proclaimed the Sibley/Campbell Family worthy of special recognition for being the oldest African American family in Woodbine and all of Camden County.

Mayor Knight proclaimed October 23, 2022 to be Cumberland Island Day.

Greg Huntington from Waste Management presented an Appeal regarding an Inflationary Cost Increase.

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

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

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

The Executive Session convened at 7:25 p.m.

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

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Old Business – None

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The Public Hearing was opened for discussion, to provide an opportunity for comments or questions, for/against the rezoning request. Matt Jordan gave a brief summary of the request. Mr. Jordan stated that the property owners were asking for the property to be rezoned from R-2 (Single-Family Residential – Mobile Home District) to B-2 (Roadside Business), to utilize the property for a small discount retailer. There were no other comments, and no further discussion on the request.

New Business –

While completing the research required for the rezoning application, City Staff determined that parcel W19 03 001, was owned by Hearn Family LLLP ETAL as of May 16, 2022. City Administrator, Samantha Young reminded Mayor Knight that the original rezoning application was filled out in the name of Woodbine Partners LLC. After consulting with City Attorney, Brian Corry, during Executive Session, the rezoning request was denied. Mayor Knight advised Mr. Jordan, that due to the application not being completed by the correct business property owner, the City could not legally approve the Rezoning request. Per the City Attorney’s recommendation, the Rezoning process would have to start over from the beginning.

Two applications were submitted for the vacancy on the Planning Commission; Corey Higginbotham and J.R. Burns. (C.C. Higginbotham recused himself at this time and left the Council Meeting Room.) Motion made by Rick Baird, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to select Corey Higginbotham for the position on the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight. C.C. Higginbotham returned to the Council Meeting Room after this vote was taken.

Motion made by Rick Baird, seconded by Louise Mitchell, to deny Waste Management’s appeal for an increase in monthly fees. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Jimmie Cohen requested permission to list the 2007 Honda Odyssey van belonging to the City on GovDeals. Motion made by Rick Baird, seconded by Phyllis Drummond to allow listing the 2007 Honda Odyssey van on GovDeals. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Public Comments –

Andrew Heath spoke about Asplundh, hired by Georgia Power, and the horrible way they had trimmed the trees throughout the city. Mr. Heath asked about what time the City parks closed and are those hours posted anywhere. Mr. Heath suggested putting locks on the power outlets at the parks, to prevent any misuse or vandalism.

Matt Jordan asked for the City to establish RV zoning with in the city limits.

Elwood Rahn asked if the City was planning on installing a fence on West 8th Street. The Staff assured Mr. Rahn that there were no plans for a fence to be installed.

Janet Heath thanked the City for their help acquiring and installing the directional library signs. Mrs. Heath gave a brief update on the Woodbine Public Library and informed the Council that the County had eliminated their funding for 2023.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Elaine J. Koch

City Clerk

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