

MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2020

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Jim Looney

Staff:

Brandon Douglas
Lonnie Waters
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
David Hall

Guests in Attendance:

John Sneve
Rick & Selina Hales
Wayne Reece
Katelyn Klock
Ed Cochrane
Steven Daniel
Patrick Klock
Lonnie Adams

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

David Syfan

Press:

Mari Livsey
Angela Reinhart

Mayor Lawrence recognizing a quorum present called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He requested Lonnie Waters to provide the invocation. He requested Mr. Hales to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them and he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Council member Sneve made motion to adopt the agenda with Council member Foust providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence stated that Council has the minutes from the February 3, 2020 regular meeting and he entertained a motion. Council member Looney provided motion with Council member Raffield providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized Old Business for a request for car show from Donnie Fowler. Mayor stated that Mr. Fowler is not here tonight so that item will be moved until the next meeting.

Mayor Lawrence called on City Attorney Syfan to address Item relating to the consideration of Prosecuting Attorney Ordinance. Mr. Syfan stated that in an attempt to update the various ordinances relating to municipal courts, this ordinance was provided as an introduction in the previous meeting. Council member Foust provided motion to approve the ordinance with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to adopt approved unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called on City Attorney Syfan address Item relating to the consideration of Public Defender Ordinance. Mr. Syfan provided information relative to public defender and advised that the City's current ordinance does not address this matter and that the introduction was provided in the previous meeting. Council member Sneve provided motion to approve with Council member Raffield providing second. Motion to adopt approved unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called on City Attorney Syfan to address Item relating to Municipal Court Ordinance. Mr. Syfan advised that this item is under the same heading of updating the various ordinances relating to municipal court and was introduced during the previous meeting. Motion provided by Council member Looney with Council member Proctor providing second. Motion to adopt approved unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item was alcohol application and asked Brandon Douglas to present. Brandon Douglas advised that approval of advertising the alcohol application was conducted previous meeting. As such Teek 2 LLC application is in proper order for final approval. Motion to approve to was provided by Council member Looney with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item as a table for alcohol application for Texas Grill, LLC and asked Brandon Douglas to present. Brandon Douglas advised that there were no disqualifying factors but

rather the requisite advertising on site was not provided. Motion to table provided by Council member Foust with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item under new business for consideration for requesting to rezone Parcel No. JA11023 at 26 Hickory Street from R-1 to R-3 and asked Brandon Douglas to provide information. Brandon Douglas advised that per the staff report, a public hearing had been conducted before the Planning and Zoning Commission at the February 25, 2020 meeting. The request for R-3 multi-family zoning, the applicant had originally requested a detached product; however, through consultation with legal it was determined that the definitions of the zoning ordinance required an attached dwelling unit to comply with the requested rezoning. Staff had spoken with the applicant prior to the P&Z meeting to advise as such. The applicant provided a concept at the P&Z meeting that presented a site plan that incorporated a multi-family unit concept that would be in compliance with the use of the proposed zoning. Brandon Douglas further advised that there were public in attendance at the meeting. Further discussion conducted. Brandon Douglas further advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to the Mayor and Council not to rezone the property. Mayor Lawrence asked the applicant, Mr. Wayne Reece, if he would like to make any comments or to provide any considerations. Council member Proctor asked if he could speak. Mayor Lawrence recognized Council member Proctor. Further discussion held. Mayor Lawrence recognized Wayne Reece. Mr. Reece advised that he is receptive to tabling this matter to work with the elected for creating a concept that is more in line with traditional neighborhood development. Further discussion held. Mr. Reece advised that if this matter is tabled, he would like to move it forward in an expeditious manner. Mayor Lawrence asked for what Council would like to do on this matter. Council member Raffield made a motion to table this matter. Mr. Reece respectfully asked that the motion involve a date specific for the table as well as a request to conduct another public hearing on the matter. Mayor Lawrence asked Mr. Syfan to speak on this matter. Mr. Syfan advised that he agrees that a specified time is appropriate for the tabling; however, there are variables involved such as times associated with procedure. Mr. Syfan stated that the meeting in May would be the earliest. Mayor Lawrence asked the applicant if he is comfortable with this idea. Mr. Reece asked if he would be in compliance if he connecting the units with a common space like a porch, etc. Further discussion held. Council member Raffield amended his motion to table until May 4th. Mr. Reece asked if that could also include a public hearing. Further discussion held. Council member Raffield amended motion to table this matter until May 4th with directing staff to establish and provide notice for a public hearing with Council member Foust providing second. Motion to approve tabling passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item for consideration of requesting rezoning Parcel No. 031 003.002 at 1874 Hobson Road from C-2 to R-1 and asked Brandon Douglas to provide information. Brandon Douglas advised that there was a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission at their February 25, 2020 meeting. Brandon Douglas provided comments relative to the staff report as provided in the packets. Essentially this request is a result of a subdividing of a smaller parcel from a larger tract of land that had previously been annexed into the City limits along Hwy 515. The smaller tract of land associated with this request is 68 acres + whereupon the zoning associated with the parcel is C-2 and the access to the parcel is along Hobson Road with no access from Hwy 515. Further discussion held. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approving the rezoning with the condition of minimum 5 acre tracts. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve the rezoning with the conditions read (5 acres) passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item for consideration of requesting rezoning and annexation of Parcel No. JA02038 at 1343 Talking Rock Road from RR in the County to C-2 in the City. Brandon Douglas provided comments relative to the staff report. The applicant desires to annex into the City and rezone the property to C-2 so as to utilize the property accordingly. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this request at their February 25, 2020 meeting whereupon it was recommended for approval to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Lawrence asked the applicant if he would like to discuss. Applicant Edward Cochran came forward and presented information for the request. Further discussion held. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion. Council member Proctor provided motion for approval of introduction of ordinance for rezoning with Council member Sneve providing second. Council Member Proctor asked if the County was aware of the annexation. Brandon Douglas advised that a letter had been submitted with the County advising of no objection. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Motion for consideration of annexation on same parcel with Council member Proctor providing with Council member Sneve providing second with approval unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item for consideration City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance amendment and zoning map approval. Brandon Douglas provided comments relative to this item was a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission at their February 25, 2020 meeting where it was approved for recommendation to Mayor and Council. Further discussion held. Mayor Lawrence asked for a

motion. Council member Foust provided motion to approve with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item for consideration and approval for additional water line for Grandview Project. Brandon Douglas provided comments relative to the need to move forward with finalizing the installation of the pipe and to utilize fund balance to purchase. David Hall provided quotes from Core & Main of \$13,165.25 and Fortiline did not bid and Calhoun Meter Company came in at \$15,261.00. Mayor Lawrence asked for motion. Council member Proctor made motion to accept the low quote of \$13,165.25 with an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and Council member Foust providing second. Motion to approve unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item for consideration and approval of updated Gateway Site Plan. Brandon Douglas provided comments as reflected in the memo in the packets. The plan is to put in the amenities along with about 50 units and the Phase II would extend the road and infrastructure and the additional 50 or so units. The stage approach is to make the project more viable. Further discussion held. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion. Council member Raffield made motion to approve the updated site plan with Council member Sneve providing second. Council member Proctor inquired of the acreage along with other requirements. Further discussion held. Motion to approve unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item relative to alcohol application for approval to advertise Folksy Ventures LLC dba Waldmet Cellars at 916 Old Philadelphia Road. Brandon Douglas advised that this is a request for advertising. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion. Council member Looney made motion to approve advertising with Council member Raffield providing second. Motion to advertising approved unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised of next item relative to consideration and approval of Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the City of Jasper and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Mayor Lawrence asked Lonnie Waters to present. Lonnie waters provided comments relative to procedurally on how to move forward with this request. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion. Council member Foust provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve unanimous.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to go into executive session. Council member Looney provided motion with Council member Raffield providing second. Motion approved.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Council member Looney provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion approved.

Mayor Lawrence asked for development committee with Council member Proctor presenting. Council member Proctor advised that there is a desire to meet with Clark Patterson Lee to discuss them reviewing the zoning ordinance.

Mayor Lawrence asked street/parks committee. Council member Sneve directed staff to obtain a quote for up to \$30,000 for a new stage along with quotes up to \$50,000 for new playground equipment and to demolish the wooden equipment. Additional direction to obtain quotes on banners and sound equipment. Further direction to demolish the Entegra for parking and to go up to \$15,000 for signage and building improvements.

Mayor Lawrence asked administration committee. Council member Looney asked staff to begin looking at administrative software and that committee is working on personnel policy and job descriptions. Also look at securing a professional appraiser for identifying key city property for marketability. Additionally, staff is to proceed with developing a list of equipment and vehicles for surplus.

Mayor Lawrence asked for water/waste water committee. Council member Proctor asked staff to secure price from Match Point leak detection and for zone meters.

Mayor Lawrence asked for police/fire committee. Council member Raffield would like quotes for body armor up to \$12,000 for police.

Mayor Lawrence asked for staff reports.

Brandon Douglas provided financial report.

Lonnie Waters provided Development report.

Chief Lovell provided police report.

Chief Roper provided fire report.

Mayor Lawrence asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to make comments. Recognizing none, Mayor Lawrence asked for motion with Council member Looney providing and Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.



Steve Lawrence
Mayor



Brandon D. Douglas
City Manager/Interim City Clerk