

MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED
COUNCIL MEETING
Via Google Zoom
Monday, June 1, 2020

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Brandon Douglas
Lindsey Williams
Lonnie Waters
Tara Benson
Sharron Burtz

Guests in Attendance:

no sign in – zoom participants
Wayne Reece
Sam Latimer
Philip Searles

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

David Syfan

Press:

Mari Livsey
Angela Reinhart

Mayor Lawrence asked Councilmember Looney if he recognized a quorum. See a quorum, Mayor Lawrence recognized meeting as opening. He requested Lonnie Waters to provide the invocation. He requested Councilmember Raffield 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. Councilmember Looney made motion to adopt the agenda with Councilmember Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence stated that Council has the minutes from the April 28, 2020 Special called meeting and May 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting and he entertained a motion. Councilmember Raffield provided motion with Councilmember Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized Sam Latimer of Rushton and Company to present the 2020 Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Latimer thanked the Finance departments for all the help in the audit process. Mr. Latimer reported that the city received an unmodified opinion. Then Mr. Douglas addressed Mayor, Council and Public stating that council and Mayor have been provided a copy of the audit report. Mr. Douglas thanked the staff did a phenomenal job ending the year watching expenditures. Councilmember Looney thanked staff as well. Mr. Latimer seconded that.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under old business (Item a) as final consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2020-15 for a text amendment to the Jasper Zoning Ordinance for a text amendment to the Jasper Zoning Ordinance for inclusion of a new zoning district of Dense Residential In-fill (DRI-6)

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion for approval with Councilmember Looney motion approval with Councilmember Raffield providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under old business (Item B) Final consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2020-07 for requesting to rezone Parcel No. JA11023 at 26 Hickory Street from R-1 to DRI-6 and asked Brandon Douglas to address. Brandon Douglas provided background on the item. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion for approval with Councilmember Proctor motion approval with councilmember Raffield providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Mr. Reese thanked Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under old business (Item C) Final consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2020-14 for request to rezone Parcel No. 030C 050 at 1067 Philadelphia Road from C-2 to R-3 and asked Brandon Douglas to address. Brandon Douglas provided background information. Council member Raffield asked if the conditions would be the same as the May meeting. Brandon Douglas confirmed. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion for approval with Councilmember Raffield approval with identical conditions and Councilmember Looney provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under new business Consideration of Ordinance No. 2020-16 for a request to rezone and an Ordinance No. 2020-17 for annexation of Parcel No. 053D 079.003 at 41121 Highway 515 South to C-2 into the City of Jasper. Brandon Douglas provided background information. It was advised that the land/development consultant for the applicant, North Georgia Grading, assured that this parcel is not eligible for septic and was substantiated in writing by environmental health. The applicant is responsible for tying onto the city's sewer system and to ensure compliance with the standards and cost associated therein will be bore by the applicant. Brandon Douglas advised that this item was on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on May 26th. Brandon Douglas reported that no persons spoke in favor or opposed to this request at the public hearing. Mayor and Council were provided with staff report/analysis. Mayor asked for a motion for approval of first reading. Councilmember Sneve provided motion and Councilmember Looney providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item (Item B) for Consideration of Ordinance No. 2020-18 for text amendment to the Jasper Zoning Ordinance for the section of permitted and conditional uses by districts to allow the use of a brewery in the Central Business District. Brandon Douglas provided background information. At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on May 26th. Staff along with Syfan advise to text amendment permitted uses by right for brewery in CBD. Mayor Lawrence asked for motion for approval of first reading. Councilmember Raffield approved with Councilmember Sneve providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item (Item C) Consideration and approval of an agreement between the City of Jasper and Turnipseed Engineers for Professional Services for the additions to the Water Pollution Control Plant and for Mayor and/or City Manager to execute final document upon review and acceptance from City Attorney. Mr. Syfan suggest adding special stipulations that have been sent to GBT. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion for approval agreement between the City of Jasper and Turnipseed Engineers for Professional Services with stipulations. Councilmember Sneve motioned to approve with stipulations. Councilmember Looney providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item as Consideration and approval of the purchase of up to 4 sets of turnout gear and associated apparel for the Jasper Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$12,000 and to amend the 2020 Budget to reflect the purchase thereof. Brandon Douglas provided background information on the need for the additional turn out gear. Chief Roper gave additional background information on the need for new turnout gear. Mayor Lawrence asked for a motioned to approve purchase of up to 4 sets of turnout gear and associated apparel for the Jasper Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Councilmember Looney motioned to approve. Councilmember Sneve providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item Consideration and approval of replacing the water line along Myrtle Street at a cost to not exceed \$15,000.00 including the acquisition of a boring machine and associated pipe. Mayor Lawrence called on Councilmember Dr. Proctor and Councilmember Foust to bring forward. Councilmember Dr. Proctor gave background information on the infrastructure. Councilmember Foust provided information on boring machine. Mayor Lawrence motioned to approve consideration and approval of replacing the water line along Myrtle Street at a cost to not exceed \$15,000.00 including the acquisition of a boring machine and associated pipe. Councilmember Raffield motioned to approve with Councilmember Sneve providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item as Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2020-19 for the purchasing policy for the City of Jasper. Mayor Lawrence called on Councilmember Looney and Councilmember Sneve to provide background information. Mayor Lawrence called for staff comments.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to approve Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2020-19 for the purchasing policy for the City of Jasper with modifying section –contract cost. Councilmember Looney motioned to approve and Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item Consideration and approval of the job descriptions for Mechanic; Meter Reader Supervisor; Municipal Court Clerk/Office Manager for the Police Dept.; Police Captain; Police Corporal; Police Detective; Police Lieutenant; Police Officer; Police Sergeant; Public Works Crew Leader; Public Works Equipment Operator; Public Works Technician; Sanitation Collector; Sanitation Driver/Collector; Sanitation Supervisor; Water Distribution Crew Leader; Water Distribution

Equipment Operator; Water Supply Crew Leader; Water Supply Equipment Operator; Water Supply Technician. Mayor Lawrence asked Councilmember Looney to give background information. Councilmember Looney stated that we may have one more round of job descriptions. Councilmembers Looney and Sneve thanked staff for all the hard work that has gone into getting the job descriptions. Councilmember Looney motioned to approve and Councilmember Sneve seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Raffield motioned to approve with Councilmember Dr. Proctor providing second and all approved. Brandon Douglas provided information on how executive session will be conducted.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to come out of executive session with council member Looney providing a motion with Councilmember Raffield providing second. Motion to come out of executive session passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized committee reports.

Councilmember Proctor and Councilmember Raffield: Councilmember Dr. Proctor continuing meeting with CPL (re: Zoning ordinance) and everything is going well. Raffield participated in Jail n' Bail fundraiser for First Readers Pickens raising \$1,400 and all together they raised \$14,000. Councilmember Sneve and Councilmember Foust were appreciative of work being done in town as well as the added picnic table. Council would like to see more picnic tables.

Councilmember Looney and Councilmember Sneve request staff to continue to look at the cost of creating a credit towards business licenses. Looney mentioned the city finance director and city clerk job position has been posted.

Councilmember Dr. Proctor mentioned possible grants from CARES from state.

Councilmember Dr. Proctor would like to look at water service agreements. Councilmember Foust thanked staff for all that they do; he also expressed his excitement about the upcoming improvements on Myrtle Street.

Councilmember Raffield and Councilmember Looney: Council member Raffield gave background information on report that was provided in packet, having a desire to see a policy moved forward for wearing of bullet proof vest. Councilmember thanked council for approving the Fire Department turnout gear. Councilmember Raffield commended the City Manager on the Chairs and co Chairs for the Committees. He stated how wonderful it has been working all together and how much is being accomplished with council as well as staff.

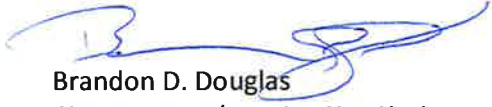
Brandon Douglas provided a financial report as provided in the packets.

Police and Fire report are in packets.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn with Councilmember Looney provide Councilmember Sneve providing second.

Meeting adjourned.

Steve Lawrence
Mayor



Brandon D. Douglas
City Manager/Interim City Clerk