## MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING GLENNVILLE CITY HALL TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The regular scheduled council meeting was held in the City Hall Conference Room Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

Present: Bernie Weaver, Mayor

Tammy Waters, Mayor Pro Tem Justin McLeod, Councilmember

Marcus H. Nobles, III, Councilmember

Cynthia Miller, Councilmember Stan Dansby, City Manager Emily Mixon, City Clerk

Hugh McCullough, City Attorney Rob Fravel, Public Works Director Wes Kicklighter, Police Chief

Dale Barnard, Fire Chief

Billy Conley, Code Enforcement Officer

## I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order, Fire Chief Barnard gave the invocation, and Councilmember Nobles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## II. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Nobles, and it passed unanimously.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is the time we set aside for our citizens to comment on matters. We welcome and appreciate your comments or suggestions. Our purpose is to listen to what you tell us, and we will certainly take any comments you make under advisement. We do not answer questions at this time, nor do we reply to your statements at this time. The reason for this is that an individual council member cannot and should not attempt to commit the entire council to any position, and the council should not respond until it has all the information available on a specific matter.

#### **Ground Rules:**

- To be placed on the agenda, you must make your request to the City Clerk or City Manager by noon on the
   Thursday prior to the meeting. If a holiday falls around the meeting date, the deadline will be noon on
   Wednesday prior to the meeting day.
- Your comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

- If you have a complaint about an employee of the City, please discuss it with the City Manager first. The City
  Manager will advise the Council of the matter, and an executive session may be scheduled to discuss personnel
  issues.
- You should avoid making any slander or defamation of someone's character or reputation. If such comments are made, there can be legal consequences that follow since this is a public meeting.
- We prefer that you address matters that this council has the authority to deal with.

## • Stuart Bland would like to discuss the recent bids for HVAC system at the City Auditorium

Mr. Bland requested to reserve his five minutes until after item number IX and Mayor Weaver approved.

## IV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded by Councilmember McLeod, and it passed unanimously.

## V. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF 2025 LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE (LRA) PROJECT

**NOTE:** The proposed project includes drainage improvements. Glennville was allocated \$103,594.22 of LRA funds.

Mayor Weaver asked for motion to approve the 2025 Local Road Assistance (LRA) project. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

## VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SIGN PERMIT AT LOCATION 107 W. BARNARD STREET, SUBMITTED BY CYNTHIA MILLER

Councilmember Miller abstained from voting.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to acknowledge sign permit at location 107 W. Barnard Street, submitted by Cynthia Miller. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

# VII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL FOR THE CITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR 2025 STATE FARM GRANT TO PURCHASE CRITICAL EQUIPMENT FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

**NOTE:** This is a \$10,000 grant to purchase critical equipment for the Glennville Fire department and no match funds are required.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve for the City to submit application for 2025 State Farm grant to purchase critical equipment for volunteer fire departments. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember McLeod and it passed unanimously.

## VIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF TO AWARD AUDIT SERVICES BIDS FOR FY'25 THROUGH FY'29 TO LOW BIDDER, MAULDIN & JENKINS

\$25,000

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Savannah, GA	FY'26	\$26,000
	FY'27	\$27,000
	FY'28	\$28,000
	FY'29	\$29,000
	Single Audit	\$3,500 - \$7,500 (if needed)
Harris & Company, P.C.	FY'25	\$30,000
Jesup, GA	FY'26	\$30,000
	FY'27	\$30,000
	FY'28	\$30,000
	FY'29	\$30,000
	Single Audit	\$3,500 (if needed)

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Stein Accounting, CPA – Did not bid Savannah, GA

Mauldin & Jenkins

Lanier, Deal, & Proctor, CPA – Did not bid Statesboro, GA

McLain, Calhoun, McCullough, Clark & Co., P.C. – Did not bid Vidalia, GA

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve to award audit services bids for FY'25 through FY'29 to low bidder, Mauldin & Jenkins. A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Nobles and it passed unanimously.

# IX. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD HVAC SYSTEM BID TO THE LOW BIDDER, TERRELL'S REFRIGERATION, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, TO BE PAID FROM SPLOST

Terrell's Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning	\$109,585.00*
Glennville, GA	

Bland's Air and Electrical LLC. Glennville, GA

\$118,348.09

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to award HVAC System bid to the low bidder, Terrell's Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning, to be paid from SPLOST. A motion was made by

Councilmember McLeod, seconded by Councilmember Waters, and Mayor Weaver gave the floor to Stuart Bland for public comment.

Mr. Bland thanked the Council their time and for giving the opportunity to have his voice heard. He then explained that he didn't have anything against his heating and air competitors, the Mayor and Council, or any staff member. Mr. Bland stated, "Back in 2022, when bidding on the replacement air conditioning system at the Glennville Police Department, there were three bids that were submitted. At the City Council Meeting the lowest bid, Waters Mechanical, was rejected because it had the clause "prices were subject to change". This was in reference to tariffs at the time; however, the bid had a 30-day guarantee. The other two bids, and I quote from the City Council Meeting, "One stated that it included everything including electrical and the other did not", so the City Council voted for the complete bid, which was the highest bid. This set a precedence that is an example guideline that the City uses, that price differences and incompleteness are taken into consideration. This also sets a precedence that money is not an option. If time had been taken to clarify this, they should have gone to the lowest bidder, Waters Mechanical, which would have saved the tax payers \$22,050. Fast forward to tonight's meeting, you have the two bids in front of you. The first bid provided by the lowest bidder, there is a note one clause that says the cost of the payment and performance bond are not included in the total price and the cost and if required will be 3% of the bid. This is a price change. Point two, the cost should be included in the price, because under the bid requirements that were provided by the City states, "If awarded the contract the buyer will enter into a contract that requires a payment and performance bond each in the amount of the contract valued as required by law and approved by the City Attorney." These costs of the performance and payment bond should have been included in the price. The third point I would like to make is, under the bid requirements, the second bullet point reads, "A detailed project timeline and cost breakdown." The low bidder has one line item on the quote you have in front of you. With no cost breakdown and has not completed the bid requirements section with the price. I provided a cost breakdown, which included equipment, everything specified by the City for installation, including labor cost and the crane rental. So, we have three differences, price difference, missing performance and payment bond in the price, and there is no cost breakdown in the price. I would like to reserve the rest of my time, which is two minutes and eight seconds at the end of the vote."

City Manager Dansby quoted the bid requirements in the bid advertisement.

Councilmember Waters asked if Terrell's had provided everything that was required.

City Manager Dansby explained that Terrell's provided everything that was required at the bid opening, which was a 5% bid bond. He then explained that if awarded, they would then have to provide the performance and payment bond and that was standard practice and how the City does all their contracts. City Manager Dansby quoted from Terrell's quote, "Total quote \$109,585; Note 1: the cost of the Payment and performance bond is not included in the quote, and the cost if required will be an additional 3%." He explained that with the additional 3% the quote would be \$112,872.55, which would still be lower than the other quote. He further quoted, "Note 2: Project Timeline – It is anticipated that the project can be completed within 2 to 3 weeks of notice to proceed and equipment can be obtained. Note 3: Warranty Information – the warranty will include one-year parts and labor, with an additional 4 years on the compressor."

Councilmember Nobles asked if City Manager Dansby thought the City's bidding process was strong, weak, or had any holes in it.

City Manager Dansby stated he thought the City's bidding process was strong.

Mayor Weaver asked the Council if they were ready to vote.

Councilmember Nobles recused himself from voting because he does business with both companies.

Councilmember Waters explained that she would like to look at the bids and the bids requirements in more depth before voting.

Mayor Weaver explained that they would postpone this item.

## X. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE ISSUING OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE FY'25 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to issue funds appropriated in the FY'25 General Fund budget to the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

# XI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE ISSUING OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE FY'25 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to issue funds appropriated in the FY'25 General Fund budget to the Downtown Development Authority (IDA) in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

# XII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD GLENNVILLE HILLTOP ROAD SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (ZONE 1) TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO BE PAID FOR BY STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (SFRF) GRANT

K-Dug Corporation Patterson, Georgia	\$445,039.50
Southeast Pipe Survey Inc. Patterson, Georgia	\$533,207.00
Y-Delta Inc. Statesboro, Georgia	\$572,865.91

Cartee Construction & Utilities LLC. \$592,715.00 Statesboro, Georgia

This item was postponed.

#### XIII. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Kicklighter explained that for the month of May the Police Department:

- Issued 19 citations and 8 warnings
- Completed 38 incident reports and 10 accident reports
- Had 484 calls for service
- Completed 239 building checks, 9 school walk-throughs, and 207 business checks
- Unlocked 28 vehicles
- Arrested 7 individuals resulting in 10 misdemeanors and arrested 8 individuals resulting in 14 felonies

Fire Chief Barnard explained that the Fire Department responded to 13 calls for the month of May with 9 inside the city limits, 4 outside the city limits, and had 14.5 hours of operation.

Code Enforcement Officer Conley explained that he issued 4 building permits and 5 work permits for the month of May.

Public Works Director Fravel explained that the water department completed 4 sewer taps and 3 sewer repairs, 2 water taps and 3 water repairs for the month of May. He then explained that the street department pick up 120 piles of limbs and 150 bags of leaves.

## XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Miller thanked everyone for being there and apologized for missing the workshop.

Chamber Director, Kim Craft, thanked all the departments for helping with the Onion Festival and reminded everyone of the Farmer's Market this weekend at South Tattnall middle School parking lot.

Mayor Weaver mentioned the Memorial Day service at the Veterans Cemetery and explained that it was annual service and was always a good service.

## XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Weaver asked for amotion to go into executive session to discuss litigation. A motion was made by Councilmember McLeod, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to return to regular session. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

## XVI. ADJOURN

With all items being handled, Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting.

## **AFFIRMATION**

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Bernie Weaver, Mayor

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Emily Mixon, City Clerk