MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING GLENNVILLE CITY HALL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 7:00 P.M.

The regular scheduled council meeting was held in the City Hall Conference Room Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Present:

Bernie Weaver, Mayor

Tammy Waters, Mayor Pro Tem Justin McLeod, Councilmember Cynthia Miller, Councilmember Stan Dansby, City Manager Emily Mixon, City Clerk

Rod Fravel, Public Works Director Wes Kicklighter, Police Chief Dale Barnard, Fire Chief

Absent:

Marcus H. Nobles III, Councilmember

Hugh McCullough, City Attorney

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

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order, Fire Chief Barnard gave the invocation, and Councilmember Mcleod 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 Miller 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.
- Dennis Armstrong wants to speak about the lack of progress in Glennville.
 Mr. Armstrong was absent.

IV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

V. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT BRAN THOMPSON TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A 6 YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2030

NOTE: Bran Thompson has been contacted and has agreed to serve if reappointed.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to reappoint Bran Thompson to the Industrial Development Authority for a 6-year term ending September 30, 2030. A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Mcleod and it passed unanimously.

VI. APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT BY MAYOR OF TWO RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS, SETH EDWARDS AND PAYTON TATUM, FOR A 5 YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2029

NOTE: Seth Edwards had been contacted and has agreed to serve if reappointed.

Mayor Weaver reappointed Seth Edwards and appointed Payton Tatum for a 5-year term ending September 30, 2029.

VII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO AWARD PURCHASE OF LED SIGN FOR THE CITY HALL TO LOW BIDDER, SIGN-A-TRONICS LLC., TO BE PAID FOR WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

Sign-A-Tronics LLC. Waycross, Georgia

\$52,297.80 (without 5-year service agreement) \$57,297.80 (with 5-year service agreement)

Douglas Signs Douglas, Georgia \$58,650.00 (does not offer a service agreement)

City Manager Dansby explained that Dairy Queen, Supply Company, and Glennville Dentistry all have Watchfire signs, which was what Sign-A-Tronics bid on and that Councilmember Nobles recommended the City ask for a five-year service agreement to protect them. He explained Sign-A-Troinics was the only company that would offer a service agreement.

Councilmember Waters asked Mayor Weaver's opinion on the sign.

Mayor Weaver stated that he had seen the sign and was in favor of purchasing it.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve to award the purchase of LED sign for the city hall to low bidder, Sign-a-Tronics LLC., to be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Miller thanked everyone for what they were doing.

Councilmember Waters thanked City Manager Dansby for coming by her house to update her during the aftermath of the hurricane and thanked everyone for the hard work they were doing toward the cleanup of Hurricane Helene. She then asked for an update on the trash service.

City Manager Dansby explained that he had not been able to contact AllGreen due to the phone service being out.

Councilmember Waters stated that if AllGreen was not picking up garbage this week, the City should try to provide a dumpster for people to haul their household garbage to.

Lieutenant Boyd introduced Monterius Valentine, certified police officer, hired effective September 30, 2024. He explained that Mr. Valentine lived in Claxton where his father was a police officer for 17 years and he recently put himself through school at Savannah Technical College. He explained that Mr. Valentine came to the Glennville Police Department straight out of school with many valuable certifications and stated that he speaks Spanish which is a huge benefit to the department.

Mayor Weaver explained that all departments were working double time in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and he appreciated everything they were doing.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made by Councilmember McLeod, seconded by Councilmember Miller and it passed unanimously.

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

X. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO GIVE THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY, UNDER AN UMBRELLA, FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE HELENE, UNDER THE EMERGENCY ACT

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to give the City Manager authority to participate with the County, under an umbrella, for debris removal for the damage caused by Hurricane Helene under the Emergency Act. A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Miller and it passed unanimously.

XI. 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, November 5, 2024.

Bernie Weaver, Mayor

Emily Mixon, City Clerk