



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skip Baliles called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

Boy Scout Troop #535 gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Skip Baliles

Council Member Anne Huntsinger

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Branden Whitfield

Council Member Patti Wolfe

ABSENT

Council Member Bill DuVall

C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Long.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

D. FY 23 Audit Presentation

David McCoy with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co presented the FYE 06-30-2023 audit to the Mayor and Council.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. FY 24 Audit Engagement with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co.

B. Authorization to reassign \$250,000.00 (WF) and \$250,000.00 (GF) to Retirement*

C. Police Department Second Floor Remodel - \$110,905.40 (includes 10% Contingency) 2019 Walton County SPLOST

D. 2024 LMIG Bid Recommendation - Garrett Paving Company, Inc \$818,559.99

E. Pecan Street Annual Water Tank Maintenance - \$16,285.01

F. Elevator Service / Repair - \$36,294.25

- G. Walton County IGA - West Walton Park for Independence Celebration
- H. March Meeting Minutes
- I. March Financial Report

Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Planning Commission Appointments

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to appoint Linda Dodd to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to appoint Michael Joyner to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to appoint Cathy Swanson to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Case #AV24-017: Kensay Ceus has filed an application for an administrative variance to replace and expand a screened-in front porch at 214 Covington Street. The house is currently located within the front yard setback for R-16 and as a result is nonconforming. The variance was denied as a result of the residence being in noncompliance and the applicant filed to appeal the decision to the City Council.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve Mr. Ceus' appeal approving the administrative variance as requested. Seconded by Council Member Long.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Final Plat for Sharon Commons Townhome Complex

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the Final Plat as presented. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

A. New Chapter 4 - Alcohol Ordinance

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield to approve the revised Alcohol Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Council Member Long.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion to appoint, Rosenthal Wright LLC as new law firm.

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger made a motion to appoint Rosenthal Wright, LLC as City Attorneys. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *Real Estate Matters*

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Matters. Seconded by Council Member Long.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to open Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Long to close Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry made a motion to enter into a contract to sell approximately 0.018 acres of property near 583 Conyers Road at our Hwy 20/Conyers sewer pump station to GDOT as part of the GDOT Right of Way Project with Identification #0016787 pursuant to their offer at a sales price of \$3,700.00 and allow the City Manager authorization to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the transaction. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.
Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield to enter into a contract to sell approximately 0.092 acres of property at Parcel #LG060142/Bobby Boss Drive to GDOT as part of the GDOT Right of Way Project with Identification #0016787 pursuant to their offer at a sales price of \$32,100.00 and allow the City Manager authorization to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the transaction. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.
Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Council Member Wolfe to enter into a contract to sell approximately 0.436 acres of ROW property and 0.209 acres of permanent easement at Parcel #LG050010/367 Conyers Road & Parcel #LG050009/3693 Conyers Road which is the current library site to GDOT as part of the GDOT Right of Way Project with Identification #0016787 pursuant to their offer at a sales price of \$710,200.00 and to allow the City Manager authorization to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the transaction. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.
Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Wolfe to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.
Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Skip Baliles
Mayor

Kristi Ash
Deputy Clerk