

DECEMBER 5, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting on December 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klayton Luke, David Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White present. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Thompson and Police Chief Stryde Jones all present. Councilman Barfield, PWD Willie Jones and MSD Jennifer Price not present.

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. NOVEMBER 5, 2024 WORK SESSION

B. NOVEMBER , 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Cain asked if anyone had and corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilman Luke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented**

**which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey.
Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro
Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

**A. ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING-REDRILL OF
WELL #1 (CARTER & SLOOPE)**

City Manager Sumner said as discussed on Tuesday night this is for Redrill of Well #1 which will be funded by grant. It is to replace the current Well #1 and will be named Well #4. It has been advertised for 30 days as required with no questions or concerns. We will put this out for bid after the first of the year and bring back to Council in February with the low bid recommendation. We have Carter and Sloope representatives here tonight if anyone has any questions. We really appreciate all the work they did to help get the grant that was needed. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against Well #4 bid. None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor?
None noted.

Does anyone have any discussions? None noted.
Nor vote is required.

B. APPLICATION OF DAVID L. TURNER ON BEHALF OF FRIENDLY EXPRESS, 940 GA HIGHWAY 122 WEST FOR PACKAGE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND SUNDAY SALES (CHIEF JONES)

Chief Jones stated he did a background check and found nothing to prevent issuing a license. The applicant holds multiple licenses. It was advertised in the legal organ with no questions.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the license application. None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve the license application for beer, wine and Sunday sales which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem White.

Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

C. FY25 BUDGET FORMAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this is the final step in the FY25 Budget process. We have no issues or problems. We got the Millage set and then moved forward with the budget. It was advertised and we had no questions or

concerns from citizens. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the FY25 Budget Adoption? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the FY25 Budget adoption. None noted.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget Formal Adoption which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

D. FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner said as reviewed last month both the revenues and expenses changed due to growth. The first of next year we should have it all in order. The amendments are itemized in your packets for review. We did have a positive side of revenues but nothing great in expenditures. This is all available for review at City Hall. Thank you to the Finance Director for her hard work.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the FY24 Budget amendments. None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the FY24 Budget amendments. None noted.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve the FY24 budget amendments as presented which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bill. None noted. **Mayor Pro White made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

A. AGENDA DEADLINE AND PACKET DISTRIBUTION FOR JANUARY MEETINGS-DECEMBER 17 & 20, 2024 (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated we will have to back up the dates for the Agenda deadline and Packet distribution due to the holidays. The deadline is December 17th and the Packet Distribution will be December 20th. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. **A motion to approve was**

made by Councilman Luke which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CONTRACT FOR FY25 STATE ACCREDITATION OF HAHIR POLICE DEPARTMENT -DEB ROBINSON - \$20,000-SPLOST VIII**
- B. DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT FOR HOTEL-MOTEL TAX WITH VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER AND TOURISM AUTHORITY**
- C. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS POLLING PLACE-DEPOT**
- D. AUTHORIZATION FOR BID-\$1,150,000 DEEP WELL FOR REDRILL OF WELL #1-GEFA WIIN GRANT**
- E. ADDITION TO MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY- JUNETEENTH**
- F. NEW FIRE TRUCK-AUTHORIZATION FOR BID**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the Consent Agenda. None noted.

Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman

Luke and Councilman Lindsey all voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS:

Councilman Luke said it is always a privilege to be here. I appreciate all the hard work of the department heads. I hope everyone has happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. We live in the best place and I am thankful. I look forward to the new year 2025 and I appreciate City Manager Sumner, Mayor Cain and everyone who works in the City. God Bless America.

Councilman Lindsey said thank you to Carter & Sloope. We are ready to drill. Thank you to Ms. Rose and Ms. Barbara for coming out tonight. I appreciate all the hard work of the employees and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem White said we just came through a rough storm but we are ready for new decisions, new goals and new vision for the new year. I pray for us to always do the right thing and we have good people to guide us. Be safe for the holiday season and put God first.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to Carter and Sloope for all that you do, all the hard work, you are the driving

force. Thank you to the department heads and I think we are all happy to see 2024 in the rear-view mirror. Thank you to the front office staff, I am proud of all the staff. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone for coming out tonight and congratulated Councilman Luke and Lindsey on 12 good months. It has been a pleasure to work with you and I really appreciate you both. Thank you to Mayor Pro Tem White on 3 years of service. I would like to thank Carter and Sloope for all the hard work and I appreciate you coming out tonight. Thank you to the office staff and the department heads.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN