

Regular Meeting - Minutes

October 10, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Councilpersons Mary Quinn, Gary Snow, Kenneth Tweedell, Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond, and City Attorney Al Stone.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Snow moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote on the proposed Tree Ordinance, Version 6.0, as discussed in a prior Public Hearing and Workshop. Councilperson Tweedell moved to approve the Tree Ordinance, Version 6.0, as presented. Councilperson Quinn seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

The Second Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to appoint an official Arborist to the City of Winterville. Councilperson Quinn moved to appoint Roger Cauthen, a part-time Public Works employee, as the Arborist for the City. Councilperson Tweedell seconded the motion. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to populate a Tree Commission. Mayor Ferrelle and Roger Cauthen may serve as ex-officio on the Tree Commission but not as variance members. Holly Campbell, a Winterville citizen, has agreed to serve on the board and will be appointed as Chairperson. Councilperson Quinn moved to table further appointments until it can be discussed further at the next Workshop Meeting in November. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle read aloud a letter from Ted Gilbert, Athens-Clarke County School Board, who has given their blessing to allow New Urban Tree Forestry, to adopt the large oak tree in Wesley Whitehead Park. They will maintain the tree by mulching, fertilizing and pruning to keep the tree healthy and in turn use the tree as a training tool for their business saving the city up to \$4,000.00 in costs to care for this tree. They have provided a liability insurance binder to the City. Councilperson Snow moved to approve the project. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to the new Library Board applicant. Councilperson Quinn moved to accept Shialoh Wilson's application to serve on the Winterville Library Board beginning January 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Sixth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle has established a Business License Committee, as stated in the Charter, and has appointed Councilpersons Tweedell and Snow to serve on the Committee.

The Seventh Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle had presented copies of a proposed City seal to everyone for review. Councilperson Tweedell moved to adopt latest version of the seal (with the etched windshield and without the bell) as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn. All votes were in favor.

The Eighth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle had distributed to Council a list of guidelines for appointment of the Fire Chief as stated in the Charter. After a discussion Councilperson Quinn moved to table agenda items 8 and 9 for further discussion at the November Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Tweedell. All votes were in favor.

The Tenth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle has asked everyone their opinion of changing the meeting time of the Regular Scheduled City Council meetings to be held at 6 pm instead of 7 pm. Councilperson Quinn moved to table this item to the Workshop Meeting of November. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Eleventh Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle opened the discussion of the Bookstore Restroom Project. After the discussion, Councilperson Snow moved to table this item to the next Workshop Meeting in November. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn. All votes were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided a financial report for the year to date ending September 30, 2017. Copies are available for public view.

Winterville Community Center – JoAnn Snow gave a brief report of the Community Center.

Police Department – John Finley submitted a written report. (Attached.)

Fire Department – Asst. Chief Michael Gabriel stated the Fire Department continues with calls and training.

Public Works – No report.

Library Report – Tonya Sands was present and submitted the attached report.

Clerk's Report – Wendy Bond had no additional report.

City Attorney's Report – Al Stone had no additional report.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Ferrelle gave an informal verbal report to the attending public. He reminded everyone there will be a 'Walking Workshop' on October 24, 2017 at 6 pm to walk Dozier and discuss any feedback. The trial closing will end on November 14, 2017 and then Council will vote whether to make it permanent or not.

Public Comment – None.

Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to go into Executive Session. Councilperson Quinn moved to go into Executive Session at 8:13 pm for a Personnel Matter. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Mayor Ferrelle called for a vote to close the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting. Councilperson Tweedell moved to close the Executive Session at 8:36 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Councilperson Tweedell made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Clerk

Date