

**Minutes of
City Council Public Hearings
City of Winterville
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
11:30 am, 6:00 pm & 6:30 pm – Winterville City Hall**

Public Hearing 11:30 am

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for a Public Hearing.

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Mayor Ferrelle opened the Public Hearing at 11:30 am. Also present were Councilpersons Mary Quinn, Brenda Keen, and Municipal City Clerk Wendy Bond.

There was no public attendance and no one from the public signed up to speak.

Mayor Ferrell closed the Public Hearing at 11:35 am.

Public Hearing 6:00 pm

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No one from the public signed up to speak.

Mayor Ferrelle closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm.

Public Hearing 6:30 pm

Since there was some confusion regarding the times of the scheduled Public Hearings Mayor Ferrelle held a fourth Public Hearing on the tax increase.

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No one from the public signed up to speak.

Mayor Ferrelle closed the Public Hearing at 6:31 pm.

Regular Meeting - Minutes

July 9, 2019

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Also present were Councilpersons Mark Farmer, Brenda Keen, Mary Quinn, Gary Snow, City Attorney David Ellison, and Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Farmer moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keen. All votes were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Jerry Hawkins of Hawkins & McNair, CPA, presented the audit of year ending December 31, 2018 to Mayor and Council. He gave a verbal summary of a condensed report. (Attached). Councilperson Farmer moved to accept the 2018 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Second Item of New Business: The Winterville Tree Commission has proposed revisions to the Winterville Tree Canopy Conservation Ordinance as follows:

1. Change membership descriptions: Article 1 Section 7.1 currently reads: There is hereby established a Winterville Tree Commission, also known as the “tree commission” which shall consist of three (3) voting members.

Article 1 Section 7.1 is revised to read: There is hereby established a Winterville Tree Commission, also known as the “tree commission” which shall consist of at least three (3) but no more than (7) voting members.

2. Correct header reference on all pages by deleting phrase “DRAFT VER. 6.0.”
3. Insert footer reference on all pages to insert date of approved revision(s).
4. Add a title page.

Councilperson Quinn moved to approve the revisions as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Farmer. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Councilperson Quinn moved to leave the millage rate for the city at 2.9. This is the 20th year of remaining steady at 2.9. Councilperson Snow seconded the motion.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Councilperson Snow moved to approve the SPLOST 2020 Projects base on the following figures: Public Safety \$935,000, Quality of Life \$288,200, Facilities and Infrastructure \$1,548,800 for a total of \$2,772,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Farmer. All votes were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided detailed and condensed financial reports for the year to date ending June 30, 2019. Copies of the financial statements are available for public review with the City Clerk.

Winterville Community Center – JoAnn Snow, Winterville Community Center Managing Director gave a verbal report on the Center. (Attached).

Police Department – The Police Department is quiet per Chief Finley.

Fire Department – Chief Michael Gabriel gave a brief verbal report.

Public Works – No report.

Library Report – Librarian Deirdre Murray gave a brief verbal report.

Clerk’s Report – No report.

City Attorney’s Report – David Ellison reported on the progress of reviewing the Business License Ordinance. The ordinance needs updating to include current state regulations.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Ferrelle gave a brief report to the attending public.

Public Comment – None.

Councilperson Snow moved to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

Clerk

Date