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MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: COMMUNITY CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Pamela Lee, Pro-Tem Tommy Spell, Bobby Cox, Dondrea Geter, Steve Jones, Harry Lewis, and Thomas Lott.

- 1. Invocation – Jeff Floyd**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes from 2/17 – Spell made the motion, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**
- 4. Approve Agenda – add city limits update under Old Business & church security discussion under New Business. Spell made the motion to approve agenda with the additions, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 5. LMIG bids – Cox made the motion to go with Hooks Construction because he was the only engineer that put in for the job back in February, before the last meeting, Spell 2nd, unanimously approved. Quote attached.**
- 6. Approve PD S.O.P – Lott made the motion to approve, Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.**
- 7. City Limits update – Geter went down E. Railroad passed the old rec department and asked the citizens on their thoughts of being added to the city. After conducting with the citizens, he concluded that many of the citizens would not want to be added but would possibly be interested in obtaining city sewer in the future if offered.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 8. Church security discussion – Bryant will get with all the churches and see if they would like for an officer to maybe be present in the parking lot during services and sit in their parking lot to patrol after hours.**
- 9. Stacie Avery contract (auditor) – she is out of Swainsboro and she conducted the audit last year. Her price to conduct the audit will not surpass \$4,000. Cox made the motion to let Stacie Avery conduct the 2019 audit, Jones 2nd, unanimously approved. Mayor signed contract.**
- 10. Recommendations by City Manager – Due to the coronavirus, the CM is promoting social/physical distancing during this time. The City Hall lobby has been closed to the public, but business is still being conducted. The city hall is accepting phone calls and bills can be paid via phone or the through the drop slot in the city hall door. Also, Floyd suggested closing the**

walking track and the old Alamo rec department until further notice. **Spell made the motion to close the walking track and the old Alamo rec department until at least 4/20/20 (next council meeting), Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**

11. Emergency authority – Floyd was asking if there was a limit he could spend before he must get approval. Everyone agreed to \$1,000, but if there was a piece of equipment that broke down and needed instant repair, Floyd could get fixed just notify the council what had happen and what he had to do.

12. City Administrator Report – Report attached.

13. Fire Report – Report attached.

14. Police Report – Report attached. For the month of February, the PD answer approx. 396 calls, issued 24 citations and done 6 reports.

- **Tasers** – Chief Bryant is asking for 3 additional tasers for the PD officers. **Cox made the motion to get 3 tasers at \$599/ea., Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Bobby Cox- made a motion to move \$150,000 from the GF checking account and put it in the GF Savings account, **Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Norris Sledge** – ask the safety of the city drinking water. Floyd responded that it is getting tested everyday and everything is good.
- **Joshua Simmons** – still concerned with the water drainage especially down E. Railroad. Would like for the council to consider getting an engineer in the city and look at all the drainpipes and see what all would need to be down to fix. Floyd asked if the city needs to look for an engineer. **Spell made a motion to reach out to some engineers, Cox 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Cox made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employee matter & litigations, **Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – employee matters & litigations

Cox made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:38 pm, **Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.** Following executive session, the council decided to let the Chief do paperwork or clerical duties, until cleared from doctor to go back to police duties. Floyd advised Chief Bryant to work a on schedule to add an office on dayshift to cover. Also, is wanting the Chief to schedule an interview for PD applicants with the police committee. **Spell made a motion to raise all full-time officers pay to \$17.00 hr. effective immediately, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM with Lewis making the motion, Geter 2nd, unanimously approved.

Submitted By:

Marie Carrillo, City Clerk

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