

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Juli Clay
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan, Alisa Grayson

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Council Member Brooks delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Brooks

Reminded everyone the District 2 Public Health Department continues to host a free drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the Allen Creek Soccer Complex, M – F, 8:30 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, 8 AM to 12 noon. Call ahead for appointments.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Commented on attending the COVID-19 testing at the Allen Creek Soccer Complex noting approximately 500 food boxes were distributed.
2. Commented on assisting those affected by the tornado devastation in Chattanooga, TN.
3. Announced traffic lights were approved for Mundy Mill Road and Millside Parkway. He thanked City Manager Bryan Lackey for providing him with contact information at the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Mayor Dunagan

1. Commented on the new Fire Station construction on Cleveland Highway noting the building looks beautiful.
2. Reported a notification was received from Commissioner Russell McMurray announcing a project number has been assigned along with a timeline for improvements on Green Street. Construction to begin in 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments: Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission - Reappoint Emily "Sissy" Lawson

Appointments: Development Authority - Appoint Brian Daniel to replace Perry Barnett

Motion to reappoint Emily "Sissy" Lawson to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission and appoint Brian Daniel to replace Perry Barnett on the Development Authority as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

Minutes: March 13, 2020 Retreat

Minutes: March 17, 2020 Mayor/Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Green Street Improvements

City Manager Bryan Lackey thanked Georgia Department of Transportation staff for their help with the Green Street Improvement Project. He indicated the City would cover 95% of the engineering cost which helped move this project forward.

Mundy Mill Road Traffic Light

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated it was good news about the traffic light improvements at the intersection of Mundy Mill Road and Millside Parkway.

Department Updates

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated department updates regarding staffing and continuity of operations plans implemented in light of COVID-19 were provided during the last Work Session. He shared a recap of the information to include the following noted comments:

- Essential service staff continue to go out and engage the public.
- Support staff continue to provide administrative support.
- Water Resources and Public Works staff are considered as heroes in the community.
- Incentivized solid waste pickup using rolling carts for those bringing solid waste to the curb.
- Communications and social media continue efforts to educate the public on state/federal guidelines and orders issued surrounding the health crisis.
- Tourism continues to help promote and market businesses during this down time as well as educate them on operational guidelines. Plans were in the works for a celebration following the crisis when appropriate.

Re-opening of City Offices

City Manager Bryan Lackey announced the City is planning a Phase 1 (soft) re-opening of City offices on May 18 to include the Administrative Building, Historic City Hall, Community and Economic Development Offices, and the Public Safety Complex. Office hours for the public will be 10 AM – 4 PM. A Phase 2 re-opening is tentatively scheduled for June 1. Additional information will be forthcoming. Social distancing measures will be in place. Water payments will continue to be accepted at the drive-thru and on-line.

Budget Update

City Manager Bryan Lackey provided an update on the budget process and where the City was in the process considering the COVID-19 situation. Staff was comfortable with presenting the budget on May 28 with a public hearing on June 2 and formal adoption on June 16. A full roll-back of the general fund millage rate was expected.

Mayor Dunagan extended appreciation to City Management and staff for all their hard work. He also thanked Commissioner Russell McMurray for his efforts with the Green Street improvements.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Business Resolution 2020-21 Extending the Provisions Related to COVID-19 As Set Forth in BR-2020-20

City Attorney Abb Hayes introduced a resolution extending the measures as set forth on May 5, 2020 to no later than 5 PM on May 19, 2020.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

ADJOURNMENT: 5:51 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk