

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Reporter Mark Eggers invited everyone to a blood drive offered by Access North Georgia today from 10 AM to 6 PM at the radio station to help a young boy battling cancer.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Request to Apply for and Accept an FY2022 Section 5307 Grant

Community Service Center Director Phillippa Lewis Moss requested authorization to apply for and accept the referenced grant that funds the transit system. This application covers 15 vans for the new WeGo service and 3 Gainesville Connection vehicles. The application also includes capital funds to address flood damages to the Hall Area Transit building.

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Mrs. Moss provided information about the WeGo app noting the service is scheduled to launch in December 2020.

Resolution: Water Supply Efficiency Program

Water Resources Director Linda MacGregor commented on efforts to minimize water losses. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has new regulatory requirements to document water loss and water efficiency efforts. The resolution authorizes a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to meet the new requirements.

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Resolution: New Water Meter Installation

Water Resources Director Linda MacGregor stated there are a lot of new meters to be installed preventing staff from addressing other duties. These installations are standard and are easy to contract. The proposed resolution authorizes a contract with Classic City Mechanical, Inc. to provide this service.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey shared the following:

1. Information about the Light Up the Town Christmas Event.
2. An update on the website project.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

There were several compliments about the Love Freedom Mural and the Skate Park. Also, employees were commended for their work during and after Hurricane Zeta.

Council Member Brooks

Congratulated Jessica Tullar on the Davis Street Open House Event.

Council Member Couvillon

1. Shared a comment about the trail system.
2. Commented on the City's actions to provide affordable housing.

Council Member Wangemann

Provided a Georgia Mountains Regional Commission ex-officio report.

Council Member Thompson

Expressed condolences to Kate Mattison and family.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Congratulated Andrea Timpone on her retirement from Elachee.
2. Presented nominations for appointment to the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: Agreement Regarding Term of Municipal Court Judge

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the proposed resolution will approve an agreement allowing Hammond Law to serve another term as the Municipal Court Judge.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Resolution: 2021 Governing Body's Meeting Calendar

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated the proposed calendar follows the standard meeting schedule with adjustments for holidays.

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2021 Organizational Meeting Discussion

City Clerk Denise Jordan reviewed the items to be addressed at the January 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

Placed on the January 19, 2021 Organization Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters. Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session for personnel matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:26 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:15 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Expanding Outdoor Dining in Downtown

Main Street Manager Nicole Ricketts presented ideas for expanding outdoor dining. Council shared thoughts to assist with developing a plan.

E.E. Butler Center Restoration Steering Committee

There was discussion about a request from the referenced committee. There was consensus for the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare a response.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:44 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk