

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

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

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant

Police Chief Jay Parrish commented on a competitive grant that could generate \$25,759 for de-escalation training (equipment and specialized instructors). The proposed resolution authorized acceptance of funds awarded by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

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Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property

Senior Accountant Brenda Carpio stated the purpose of this request is to authorize the sale of surplus property identified in the resolution which has exceeded its useful life and is no longer needed.

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Resolution Write-Off of Delinquent Airport Rental Receivables

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams stated the proposed resolution authorizes the write-off of two accounts totaling \$7,382. She summarized efforts made to collect payment. She also indicated the write-off does not prohibit the ability for future collection.

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Resolution: Write-Off Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams stated the accounts to be addressed are seven years old and the FIFA's have expired. Most are businesses that have closed. Efforts were exhausted to collect the taxes. Additionally, 68% of the write-off is school board taxes.

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Resolution: Write-Off of Delinquent Utility Receivables

Financial Services Manager Beverly Williams stated \$70,309 of the write-off is for account holders under bankruptcy, account holders that are deceased or for accounts less than \$20 noting 80% belong to deceased account holders and many are very old accounts. None of the accounts are COVID related.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Brooks

1. Commended the Police Department for writing a grant addressing de-escalation training.
2. Attended the Butler Center and the Highway 129 Steering Committee meetings.
3. Presented the ex-officio report for the Parks & Recreation meeting.

Council Member Clay

1. Presented the ex-officio report for the Friends of the Parks meeting.
2. Attended the Butler Center meeting.
3. The one-year mile marker for COVID is upon us and the numbers are looking better.

Council Member Thompson

Presented the ex-officio report for the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Shared information about upcoming community cleanup opportunities.
2. Presented ex-officio reports for the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the Planning and Appeals Board meetings.

Council Member Couvillon

Shared a citizen's suggestion for a mile loop in mid-town as another amenity for this area.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Nominated R.K. Whitehead for re-appointment to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission. Placed on March 16, 2021 Council Meeting Consent Agenda.
2. Shared information about future appointments.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention

City Clerk Denise Jordan stated the convention is schedule for August 6-9. Registration Forms will be available in May. A decision about in-person versus a virtual convention will be made in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:30 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Clay

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

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 9:42 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Thompson

Motion seconded by Council Member Brooks

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

One Georgia Grant

City Manager Bryan Lackey stated the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce is working to secure funds to support development in the Gainesville 85 Business Park. An engagement letter is needed from the City and is available for the Mayor to sign.

Per Diem Pay

Mayor Dunagan stated Hall County Commission Chairman Higgins asked if there was interest in increasing per diem pay and, if so, could the two entities implement changes at the same time. The discussion involved increasing from 12 to 16 per diem pays per month for the Commissioners/Council Members and from 12 to 18 per diem pays per month for the Mayor/Chairman. There was also discussion about allowing payment for up to 2 meetings per day.

City Attorney Hayes confirmed changes would occur through a public process including advertisement and would not require action by the General Assembly.

The City Attorney was asked to draft language for consideration in April.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:49 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk