# CITY OF MCINTYRE

### Minutes

August 15, 2022

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on August 15, 2022, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick, Katherine Scott, John Carswell, and Debra Kennedy.

Others in attendance: Deputy City Clerk Linda Sanders, City Attorney David McRee. Chief Wayne Amerson was absent.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Vicki Horne. Prayer was led by John Carswell.

#### **New Business:**

#### Approval of Minutes:

Council Member Rico Myrick made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022 Council Minutes, seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.

Council Member Katherine Scott made a motion to approve the August 1, 2022 Council Minutes, seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Mayor Horne acknowledged a visitor that was in the Gallery. Mayor Horne asked her to give her name for the record. Penelope Moye said she was just visiting.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Council Comments:**

Katherine Scott- No Comments

John Carswell- No Comments

Rico Myrick- No Comments

David McRee - The next Council Meeting will be on Labor Day Council needs to make a motion to cancel the meeting. McRee said after 28 ½ years as the City's Attorney he will be retiring in December of 2022. McRee said he is letting Mayor and Council know tonight so the city will have enough advance notice. McRee said he came on board with the city in 1994. He stated he enjoyed working with all the mayors and council members that he worked with going back over that period. McRee said the mayor and council have been dedicated to the City of McIntyre. Mayor Horne told McRee she appreciates everything he has done for the City of McIntyre. Mayor said the city needs to get somebody in so McRee can train them with everything the city is going through. McRee said he have a suggestion if mayor and council want to hear it. McRee said his daughter is a partner with a Law Firm in Macon. The name of the firm is Jones Court. McRee said they are a firm that does all sorts of business. McRee said they represents the Bibb County Board of Education, Bibb County Water and Sewage Authority and the Baldwin County Board of Education, a lot of different insurance companies. McRee said they handle litigation and everything. McRee said his daughter express some interest when he decided to retire. She asked will the city consider them. Mayor Horne asked what her name is. McRee said Sydney Solomon. McRee said they are about to celebrate 150 years in business. McRee said they are the largest Law Firm in Macon and stating they are a good Law Firm. McRee said if it alright he would see if she could come to the September meeting if not, she could come to the meeting in October so the mayor and council could meet her and have some discussions with her, and she can make a presentation about the firm. McRee said the City of Ivey and the City of Irwinton said they would like to meet her.

## **New Business:**

Mayor Horne tabled the Park fees until the next council meeting.

Debra Kennedy - No Comments

Linda Sanders- No Comments

## **Old Business:**

Mayor Horne tabled the Business License Fee Increase until the next council meeting.

Mayor Horne said she though Mega was going to be here. She asked they pick up the books. Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders said the city received an e-mail from Mega today concerning meeting with the Water Department. Davonia had scheduled the meeting for Wednesday of this week. Mega said Brian Rindt could only come on Thursday to pick up the books and wanted to meet with the Water Department at that time. Linda said she contacted Mark and Willie and they said they were not sure if they could make at that time. John said Thursday at 11:00 a.m. was fine with him. Linda replied to Mega with an email on today.

Mayor Horne said that Mark told her that the generator kicked the system off one weekend and he had come. Mayor Horne said the city needs to see about getting a generator. John said he glad she said something about the generator because he has a question to ask McRee.

Mayor Horne said she wants to have a wholehearted discussion with council. She said we need to be mindful of what you say about the city employees, and you can compare them with other people. Mayor Horne said she know that the city has had this discussion before. They are our backbone, and we all fall short. Mayor Horne said the conversation was brought back to the employee so please be

very careful. Mayor Horne said you don't want to be in mediation. Mayor Horne said this need to be done in Executive Session in a closed room.

Mayor Horne said that Wayne's wife is sick. Mayor Horne said COVID are on the rise again and we need to make sure we wear our mask when in meetings.

Mayor Horne said she needs to find out the about the sewage project and everything has been singed so that the city can get a date locked in to turn some dirt.

Mayor Horne said she need a motion to cancel the September 5, 2022 Council Meeting due to Labor Day Holiday.

Council Member Katherine Scott made a motion to cancel the September 5, 2022, Council Meeting due the observance of Labor Day, seconded by Debra Kennedy, motion carried.

Mayor Horne said the city need see about Debbie Osborne council seat. Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders told her that the packets are done, and that Qualifying started today until Friday at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Horne asked to have anyone came to qualify. Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders told her one person came today but she said she would be back on Tuesday. Mayor Horne asked have it been run in the paper. Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders said she thinks Davonia had it to run in the paper. Mayor Horne said we need to run it again. Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders said Kristen Pitts is the clerk she already ran it in the paper. McRee said the Board of Election Clerk is supposed to run it in the paper. Mayor Horne said for the clerk to put it on the radio and put a sign on the door because a while back a lot of citizens was saying they didn't know about the election. See if you can put on the city website.

McRee said Davonia sent a letter for him to look at and he ask her to have it on the agenda for council to vote for you to sign it. Mayor Horne read the letter from Emma Bacon. Mayor Horne said she need a motion to sign the letter; stating she think the city have signed this letter before.

Council Member John Carswell made a motion for the Mayor Vicki Horne to sign the letter for Emergency Management Director (Emma Bacon); seconded by Council Member Debra Kennedy; motion carried.

Mayor Horne said the bathrooms at the park need a lot of work done on it. Mayor Horne said she asked John to look at getting that done. Mayor Horne said there have been a lot of activities at the park with churches, an event is coming up and a big class reunion is coming up too. Mayor Horne said the fees need to be adjusted to offset some of the cost. Mayor Horne said the prices need to be change. Mayor Horne asked Council to look at the fees for the park and the Business License and get back with Davonia and Linda and with some ideas. Mayor Horne said the city is the cheapest one.

John asked McRee about the surplus equipment the city brought from North Carolina from the Military Base. John asked McRee is it true that the city can be charge for not use the equipment the city brought. McRee asked did any paperwork come with the equipment. John said he didn't know. Mayor Horne said yes. McRee said he don't know how they would know if the city were using it or not. John said he overheard this in another conversation. McRee said he would know unless there is a contract between the city and them. McRee said he would think not because he doesn't think every time, they sold something surplus they would have time to or the manpower to go back and check on something like that. McRee said he would be surprised if that was true. John and McRee said they have never heard it before. Mayor Horne said it has been mentioned before at the table awhile back. Mayor Horne said the

city can look to see if there is something in writing with that purchase. Mayor Horne said she doesn't think the city paid a \$1000.00 for it; saying that's been a long time ago and they have got here yet.

Mayor Horne said Mayor and Councill is set up for Direct Deposit and she need a motion to make Direct Deposit mandatory for all city employees. Mayor Horne said she had a discussion with one employee, and he said he was going to do it. John said the school have a program if the employees don't have a bank account, they can put the money on a card. Mayor Horne said she has already talked to Davonia and she is not sure what it would entail.

Council Member Debra Kennedy made the motion to make it mandatory that all city employees be set up for direct deposit; seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott; motion carried.

With there being no further business, Motion made by John Carswell, seconded by Rico Myrick to adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk