

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Council Meeting

October 3, 2022

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre called council meeting was held on October 3, 2022 with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick, Katherine Scott, and John Carswell.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Greg Boike-MCRC, and Officer Bernard Hughes. Not present in the meeting City Attorney David McRee, Chief of Police Wayne Amerson, and Council Member Debra Kennedy.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Mayor Vicki Horne. Prayer was led by Council Member John Carswell.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Horne asked for approval of the minutes for the August 15, 2022 meeting. **Motion made by Council Member John Carswell to approve the August 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to approve the September 26, 2022 Called Meeting, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

New Business:

Greg Boike from Middle Georgia Regional Commissioner stated he had two things to discuss with council. First Greg Boike talked with council regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Wilkinson County. He stated that this is something the county worked with over during the first half of the year. It went to DCA they, reviewed and approved it and said it looked good. He said the next step is for council to approve the resolution to adopt the comprehensive plan, which in return will keep you in good standing with the state for the next five years. Greg Boike goes on to say, once they get all the cities' copies, they will send everyone a hard copy. Mayor Horne asked if council needed to read the information, Greg Boike said not necessarily, only if you really wanted to. Council Member John Carswell asked if this information was the same as discussed with Taylor? City Clerk Davonia stated that it was the meeting we attended this summer at the courthouse and Greg Boike said that's correct. Mayor Horne stated that she is entertaining a motion to adopt the joint comprehensive plan for Wilkinson County. **Motion made by Council Member John Carswell to adopt the joint comprehensive plan for Wilkinson County, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.**

Greg Boike said the second item is regarding the administrative pay for Middle Georgia Regional Commissioner regarding the sewer project. He stated, he could not remember if council voted on it or not, but it was in a previous meeting. He goes on to say, he has the paperwork (see attachment) but it requires Mayor Horne's signature. The amount for the service will be around \$81,000.00 and will cover all the work done while the project is under construction. Mayor Horne asked if it a rush for the paperwork and can it be carried over to the next meeting? Greg Boike said it can be carried over to the next meeting. He said he will leave the information with council so they can look it over and when it gets signed, the information can be sent back to him. He said the comprehensive plan is the more urgent one for today.

Mayor Horne told Greg Boike she has a couple of questions for him. She asked him to go over the information regarding the email from the senate and the expired easements. He said he hasn't heard from City Attorney David regarding the expired easements. Mayor Horne stated she could show him, and asked City Clerk Davonia to get the easements. Mayor Horne said she talked with Jack from USDA, and he said council needed to talk with their attorney. Mayor Horne stated she's not an attorney, but the paperwork said the easement expired around December 18, 2018. Greg Boike looked over the information and noticed the expired easement. He said it's both a temporary and permanent easement. He said just the temporary easement will be the issue. He said the permanent easement is still good. He said they ran into something similar with a project in another city. Greg Boike asked how many temporary ones the city has; Mayor Horne stated a couple. Greg Boike said he will talk with City Attorney David but worst-case scenario, the city will have to get the expired easements signed again. He said you can start construction in areas not involving the temporary easements. He said this is actual an engineer question, but would the crew have to go on the property of the temporary easements, or can they stay in the bounds of their permanent easements? Mayor Horne stated her question is this going to stop the progression of the project at the hand. Greg Boike said yes, it seems like that but depending on how many expired easements, we may be able to work around and minimize it. Greg Boike said he will contact Meg from RINT and look through the easements.

Council Member Katherine Scott

Council Member Katherine Scott stated, at 115 Whipple Hickman Road the road is messed up. She asked City Clerk Davonia if the city have money to fix the road. City Clerk Davonia asked if it needs to be resurfaced or paved? Council member Katherine Scott said the water pipe has burst in the road three or four times and now the road just has gravel. Mayor Horne asked Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick if he can take care of it, he said he was supposed to earlier, but he will follow her home to look at it today.

Sewer Work

City Clerk Davonia said she wanted to put an ad in the paper regarding the sewer worker for the sewer plant. She goes on to say she needed additional information regarding training, qualifications and pay. Mayor Horne said we need to get the qualifications, but she sees why we couldn't invest in someone local. She said by getting someone local, they will be here in the city. Mayor Horne asked City Clerk Davonia to reach out to the school system and see if they have anyone. She goes on to say Meg from RINT told her the money is budgeted out for two people. City Clerk Davonia said the city have one application already, but she knows she need to post the job in the paper. Council Member asked how long the person will have to work with the city if the city will invest time and money? Mayor Horne said she suggested two or three years, she goes on to say she know a lot of people with two years. If the employee leave before the set time, they will have to pay the city back for paid training. She asked council did they have any other ideas? Council Member John Carswell stated, I can get the information

from the Operator that work at Jackson, GA. Council member John said he know it's far off but is the city going to manage the hay or will the city hire someone? Mayor Horne said she know the city will have to buy a tractor and to have it stored.

Old Business:

City Clerk Davonia said she knows from the last meeting that Mayor Horne stated she wanted to see a break down per number of employees. She also goes on to say, she knows at the last meeting it was discussed taking the business license to \$200.00 and the Beer and Wine to \$500.00. City Clerk Davonia said we need to decide if we want a flat rate or priced according to the number of employees. Mayor Horne said she think it will be best to do it per person. Mayor Horne asked if everyone is okay and can we table the business license and come back to it. Then Mayor Horne asked if council had any suggestions? Mayor Pro-Tem Rico suggested customers pay \$150.00 a year. Mayor Horne stated the city will still be losing because some customers have more employees. It will be better to pay per employee. **Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to increase the business license as follows: 1-5 \$100.00, 6-10 \$150.00, 11-20 \$200.00, 21-30 \$300.00, 31-40 \$350.00, and over 40 \$400.00 the prices will take effect January 2023, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.**

City Clerk Davonia asked if council was going to increase the beer and wine license. Mayor Horne asked the price of the beer and wine license and the pour by the drink. City Clerk Davonia stated the beer and wine license is \$300.00 and the pour by the drink is \$1500.00. Mayor Horne asked how many businesses have alcohol license. Officer Hughes said the city has three beer and wine and two pour by the drink. **Motion made by John Carswell to increase the beer and wine license to \$500.00, effective January 2023, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion carried.**

Officer Hughes asked since the plant split and is now part Kamin, what will they do about their business license? Mayor Horne stated that each company will have to have their own individual license.

City Clerk Davonia asked if \$35.00 is okay for parking lot rentals? Council agreed with the price, and they want to keep it at that price. She also presented before council the changes in price regarding the park (see attachment). Council Member John Carswell said it's not set in stone, the prices can be change. He goes on to say, this is not something council have to vote on now, we can discuss this later. Mayor Horne stated we should give the customer \$25.00 back if the park is clean. She goes on to say the customer should be responsible for their own cleaning. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico said he didn't really agree with the maximum hours and think we shouldn't include max hours. City Clerk Davonia asked if we should keep the price per day like it was before the change. Council agreed.

Mayor Horne asked about the Police Spreadsheet. City Clerk Davonia stated that Chief Wayne wanted to hire multiple officers to work to cover some of shortage in police staff. She goes on to say he said one person may work eight hours a week and another one may work sixteen. He wants multiple people so he will be able to get the coverage he needs. Council Member asked how much money is put in the budget for this and Mayor Horne answered and stated it will come out of the police budget. Mayor Horne stated we especially need the coverage at nighttime. **Motion made by Council Member John Carswell to hire PRN for the Police Department at \$15.00 for a maximum of 32 hours a week, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico. Motion carried.**

Council Comments:

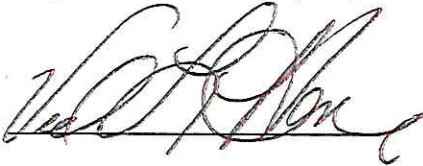
Council Member Katherine Scott-Above

Council Member John Carswell- No comments

Mayor Pro-Tem- He told council he came down last week and handle a situation within his department and will finish it up this week. He goes to say the lawn mower is going to cost a lot of money because he didn't know it was in that bad of shape. Mayor Horne asked Mayor Pro-Tem Rico how much he think it will cost and he said he doesn't know what the final price will be. Mayor Pro-Tem said it's broken in two places, and we will have to get a welder to fix it. Mayor Horne asked how it got broken and Mayor Pro-Tem Rico said it looks like it has been broken for a while. Council Member Katherine Scott asked about the lawn mowers and Mayor Pro-Tem Rico said we have two lawn mowers in the shop. Council Member Katherine stated we may have to buy new mowers; Mayor Pro-Tem said the mowers will be good once they're fixed. He goes on to say, he had a talk with the street department guys regarding the equipment and now they have an everyday check list.

Mayor Vicki Horne-Mayor Horne stated the construction has started on the Honey Boo Boo house and she asked Greg Boike could the city apply for a grant?

With there being no further business, Motion made by Council member John Carswell, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick, to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.



Mayor, Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle