



REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2021

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Piper and Councilmembers Lyle, Venable, Crawley, McCormic and Thrasher

Also Present: Sandra Bennett, City Clerk and Jody Campbell, City Attorney via telephone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Piper. Mayor Piper thanked all veterans and their families for their service.

VOTING ITEMS

- 1. SPLOST 2023 Agreement Amendment:** To authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the SPLOST 2023 agreement that was revised by the County and approved by the City Attorney. City Attorney, Jody Campbell, to explain the details of revision.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the SPLOST 2023 agreement that was revised by the County and approved by the City Attorney. Councilmember McCormic seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Laurene Hall Estate Variances:** To approve the variances to the Laurene Hall Estate.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the variances for the Laurene Hall Estate with the same conditions that were required of Ellington Farms. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion. Councilmember Lyle abstained due to personal reasons. Councilmember Thrasher voted nay, Councilmembers Venable, McCormic, and Crawley voted yea, and the motion passed 3 to 1.

- 3. Courtware Solutions Software Agreement:** Courtware is the software program that Municipal Court utilizes to process fines and other areas of court. Courtware will be upgrading their software in the calendar year 2022, and all users will be required to conform to the conversion. There will be a price increase from \$950 per month to \$1,700 per month beginning June 2022, excluding user conversion fees. Courtware has asked the City of Statham to be part of an early conversion process and will waive the conversion fees, and provide the City a discounted monthly rate of \$1,200 per month beginning January 2022 (six months earlier than mandatory conversion). The City's early participation will provide \$6,000 in annual savings, however, a budget increase of \$1,500 will be required to be part of this early conversion before it becomes a mandatory upgrade to users in June 2022.

Councilmember McCormic made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an updated agreement with Courtware. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. September 9, 2021 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Venable made a motion to accept the September 9, 2021 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 7:11 p.m., Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Joe Piper

Sandra Bennett, City Clerk

_____ (seal)
Date

These minutes will be approved at the October 7, 2021 City Council Work Session.