



PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2021

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Council Members Lyle, McCormic, Venable and Crawley. Absent: Council Member Thrasher.

Also present: Sandra Bennett City Clerk; Jody Campbell, City Attorney; April Plank, City Accountant; Jerry Weitz, City Planner and Capt. John Davis, Police Department.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked all veterans, service members and their families.

PUBLIC HEARING

Capital Improvements Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Weitz gave a detailed description of what the purpose of an Impact Fee was and what the fees are intended for. He explained that it is a one-time fee, and that it would be assessed when the building permit is issued. This fee could go to several city-impacted areas including parks and recreation, police, fire, EMS and libraries. An average fee is between \$1,500 to \$3,000, but would be determined by the various studies involved. To move forward with this, an additional hearing and committee would need to be planned.

At 7:20 p.m. Councilmember Venable made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Crawley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen Mary Williams brought to the council's attention invoices from Bureau Veritas showing that Councilmember Lyle had used their services for issues related to her sister's property. After some discussion between Councilmember Lyle and Ms. Williams, Councilmember Lyle excused herself from the remainder of the council meeting. City Attorney Campbell verified that according to section 2.06 of the Charter, there was still a quorum and the meeting could continue.

VOTING ITEMS

1. FY21 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Councilmember Venable made the motion to accept the amended budget and to move court salary to the police department. Councilmember McCormic seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **ARC Grant – Walton Group Development Project:**

Councilmember Venable made the motion to terminate the contract with Walton Group and move the funds to the water exploration project. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Qualifying Fees:**

Councilmember Crawley made the motion to set the qualifying fees at \$180 for the three council seats that will become vacant January 2022. Councilmember McCormic seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Hydrogeological Services for Location of Potential Ground Water Agreement:**

Councilmember McCormic made the motion for Mayor Piper to sign an agreement with Ground-Water Services, Inc. for hydrogeological surveys for well site exploration. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **R-20-01 Moore Estate:**

Attorney Stanton Porter, representing the Moore Estate, brought to the Council a revised plat showing the added entrance to Park Street, and that the lot numbers had been reduced to 167. Councilmember McCormic stated the density was still too high for the location, and the traffic onto Atlanta Highway would be too much. Councilmember McCormic made a motion to deny the request R-20-01. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Minute Approval**

Councilmember Venable made a motion to accept the Minutes from the January 7, 2021 Work Session, Councilmember Crawley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 8:00 p.m., Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.