

CITY OF REYNOLDS
AUGUST 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, at the Train Depot with the announcement of a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Brandon Hunter, Tommy Beeland, Hanna Sloan, and City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Hiram Couch and Timishea Price

INVOCATION: Mayor Fred Waller

INVITE CITY ATTORNEY – council decided to call city attorney during executive session

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

- Danny Peed made a motion to move speaker Dawn Kinsey Ogburn to speak before the executive session. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Sam McCrary briefed the council:

- 11 calls last month with 1 structure fire.
- The Fire Department is asking to purchase a draft pool, fire blanket, and jaws of life equipment out of SPLOST account. No decision was made at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **July 2024, Work Session & Council Meeting** – Brandon Hunter made a motion to accept the minutes. Danny Peed seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: - Brandon Hunter reported that the city is spending more than taking in and we must tighten up.

Property Committee: - Mayor reported that Sybil Willingham is asking GDOT to plant wildflowers in the medians of Hwy 96.

Police Committee: - Tommy Beeland thanked the police department.

TAYLOR COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS REPORT

TCFC Coordinator Yoland Majors handed out bookbags for back-to-school event. TCFC completed their budget. TCFC handed out brochures.

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FINANCE REPORT

- City Clerk reported that the Strawberry Festival donated \$500.00 to the city.
- Ordinance 2004-02 was located and sent over to Jason at the tax office for proper annexation data. This 140 + acres is located within the city limits and has not been allocated correctly since signing of ordinance (Land lots 284 & 285).
- The City Clerk reminded all employees to use or lose vacation hours before year end.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Holder reported that 2 cadets have passed their midterms and have 4 weeks left of training. On August 23, 2024, Captain Sean Humphrey will be promoted to Assistant Chief. He reminded the council that the PD banquet is coming up. A dash cam had to be replaced in a vehicle. The department needs 3 body cameras to be paid for out of technology funds. Chief Holder is working on quotes to have electricity run to the new PD sign.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- City has received a grant from GEFA \$135,000.00 to aid in completing the Lead Service Line Inventory. Stillwaters Engineering will bid out the project soon.
- City received \$25,722.35 LMIG funds from 2025 GDOT LMIG

OLD BUSINESS

- BUDGET – Danny Peed made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- USDA DEBT SERVICE RESERVE ACCT – VOTE - Danny Peed made a motion to approve the opening of the USDA Debt Service Reserve bank account for the USDA water loan at Georgia Community Bank by the city clerk. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- SHORT-LIVED ASSET RESERVE ACCT – VOTE - Danny Peed made a motion to approve the opening of the Short-lived Asset Reserve bank account for the USDA water loan at Georgia Community Bank by the city clerk. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
Council voted to have a special called meeting for approval of council minutes so that the new USDA water loan accounts can be open and funds transferred immediately.
- VOTE FOR ENGINEER LEAD INVENTORY PROJECT - Danny Peed made a motion to approve Stillwaters Engineering for the engineer on this project. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- CONDEMNING PROPERTY – The city attorney and council will be working on ordinances to correct some of the nuisance issues.

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OTHER BUSINESS

- FOLLOW UP /STREET REPAIR – DAWN KINSEY-OGBURN – Mrs Ogburn asked the council about funds for paving and beautification in the city. She also asked the city council to form a committee concerning street repairs and questions.
- Council member Tommy Beeland rebutted Council member Timishea Price’s accusations from the last council meeting. Councilman Beeland addressed both sides of the city’s issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

- Danny Peed made a motion to go into executive session @ 7:30 p.m. Brandon Hunter seconded. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- Danny Peed made a motion to come out of executive session @ 7: 50 p.m. Tommy Beeland seconded. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- Danny Peed made a motion to go back into regular session. Brandon Hunter seconded. All voted in favor and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandon Hunter made a motion at 8:02 p.m. to adjourn. Hannah Sloan seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.



Mayor



City Clerk