

CITY OF REYNOLDS
January 22, 2024
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:30pm

READING OF DECORUM – City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin gave the reading.

ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Members Present: Mayor Fred Waller, Hiram Couch, Tommy Beeland, Mayor ProTem Hannah Sloan, Danny Peed, Brandon Hunter, and City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin

Not Present: Timishea Price

INVOCATION – Councilman Tommy Beeland gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA – Danny Peed made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Sam McCrary gave the report of two fire calls for the month. The team will be working on future capital projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

- December 18, 2023, Minutes – Hannah Sloan made a motion to accept the minutes from December 18th meeting. Danny Peed seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Hiram Couch, Tommy Beeland, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- December 21, 2023, Special Called Minutes – Danny Peed made a motion to accept the minutes. Hannah Sloan seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Hiram Couch, Tommy Beeland, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- January 8, 2024, Meeting - Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes. Danny Peed seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Hiram Couch, Tommy Beeland, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- FINANCE.....Danny Peed, Brandon Hunter – Cemetery lots for sale, raise water rates, sell surplus properties, fine dilapidated houses.
- PROPERTY.....Timishea Price, Hannah Sloan – Timishea has asked Scott to look into grants for recreational/ parks.
- POLICE.....Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch – Flock cameras are the way of the future.

TAYLOR COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS REPORT

TCFC Coordinator Yolanda Majors presented her Family Connections Report. TCFC selected students to go shopping with Chief Lonnie Holder on Dec. 19, 2023, for Christmas funded by the TC Family Connections.

FINANCE REPORT

City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin briefed the council on W-2's and 1099 going out in the mail for all city employees / contractors for 2023. All filing had to be completed via electronically. The clerk asked for council approval to sell conference table and purchase round table. Danny Peed made a motion for Sissy to sell the conference table to use funds to purchase round table. Hiram Couch seconded. All voted in favor unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief received the notification that mandated training hours are changing for qualifications. An officer hit a deer with a police vehicle with some damage. The county had to do the report. The police department acted on thirteen warrants for the month of January.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Scott Jones referenced Flint, Michigan when they were not treating the water correctly containing high volumes of lead. The State of Georgia is partnering with GEFA on a lead project to replacing piping going from the house to the water meter. The GEFA grant is for \$35,000 to start the project.

MAYOR'S REPORT – The mayor requested removing this item from the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- Technology Ordinance – Clerk explained to council that the ordinance has been passed however, we needed an agreement on the splitting of fees between court and police department. Court Clerk recommended 70 / 30 percent of the technology fee funds. Hiram Couch made a motion that the technology fee expenditures to be split 70% (PD) / 30% (COURT). All voted in favor unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- WATKINS ENG – SHON HAMPTON – Engineering company over the new water tower project. The project plans have been completed and submitted to EPD. Once all permits are in place, the USDA will present the City of Reynolds with a package to start construction in June.
- FLOCK CAMERA PRESENTATION – Chief stated the cameras do NOT issue speeding tickets. License plate reader – relays information to the police department for suspended/expired tags or wanted drivers that have warrants.
- GEFA GRANT – Director Scott Jones briefed the council regarding the grant.
- EMPLOYEE PAY RATE – Mayor suggested UGA pay scale. The council suggested working on something together.
- FLOORING – CITY HALL – Hannah Sloan made a motion to approve the new floor/removing the carpet in city hall using SPLOST funds. Danny Peed seconded. All voted in favor unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **AWARD** – City presented Ms. Virginia Radford with an award for super citizen in regard to helping get all the surveys done for the upcoming stormwater project.

ADJOURNMENT

- Danny Peed made a motion to adjourn. Hiram Couch seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed.



**Mayor
Fred Waller**



**City Clerk
Sissy McLaughlin**