

The first meeting of 2024 of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, Timishea Price, Hannah Sloan, Brandon Hunter, and City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Tommy Beeland

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA:**

Danny Peed made a motion for the proposed agenda. Timishea Price seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Hiram Couch, Brandon Hunter, and Tommy Beeland voted in favor. The motion passed.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:**

Judge Diane Renfroe proceeded with the swearing in ceremony of Mayor Fred Waller, Councilman Tommy Beeland, and Councilman Brandon Hunter.

**APPOINTMENTS**

- **Mayor Pro-Tem** - Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Hannah Sloan as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2024. Timishea Price seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Brandon Hunter, and Hiram Couch voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **City Clerk** – Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Sissy McLaughlin as the City Clerk for the year 2024. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Timishea Price, Tommy Beeland, and Hiram Couch voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Fire Chief** - Hannah Sloan made a motion to appoint Sam McCrary as the Fire Chief for the year 2024. Danny Peed seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Timishea Price, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Judge** – Timishea Price made a motion to appoint Judge Wayne Jernigan Sr. as the Judge for the year 2024. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Timishea Price, Danny Peed, and Tommy Beeland voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **City Auditors** - Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Mauldin and Jenkins (city auditors) for the year 2024. Tommy Beeland seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Timishea Price, Brandon Hunter, Hiram Couch voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **City Attorney** – Hannah Sloan made a motion to appoint City Attorney Mid Ga Law, LLC Brian Causey for the year 2024. Tommy Beeland seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Timishea Price, Brandon Hunter, Hiram Couch, and Danny Peed voted in favor. The motion passed.

- Committee Appointments - Mayor Waller made committee appointments as follows:
  - Finance – Danny Peed and Brandon Hunter
  - Property – Timishea Price and Hannah Sloan
  - Police – Tommy Beeland and Hiram Couch
- **Election Superintendent** – Hannah Sloan made a motion to appoint Sissy Mclaughlin as Election Superintendent - Tammy Jones as the backup for the year 2024. Danny Peed seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Timishea Price, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Work Session** - Danny Peed made a motion to implement work session before each council meeting at 6:00pm. Timishea Price seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, Brandon Hunter, and Hannah Sloan all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- **Contracts** – Hannah Sloan made a motion to approve all listed contracts as a whole for the year 2024. Timishea Price seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hiram Couch, Danny Peed, Tommy Beeland, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed. {Public Service Telephone, Springbrook (QS1/PubliQ), Xerox, GFL Environment, American Tank Company, ERA (Environmental Resource Agency), J&T Generators, Still Waters Engineering, Watkins and Associates LLC, SSI, NEOS, Utility Management Services, Flock Safety}
- **Qualifying Fees** – Hannah Sloan made a motion to adopt Qualifying Fees of (\$36 councilman / \$72 mayor) as mandated by the State of Georgia. Timishea Price seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Tommy Beeland, Danny Peed, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.


#### **BANK ACCOUNTS**

- **GEFA GRANT ACCT** - Danny Peed made a motion to open GEFA Grant checking account after minutes have been approved. Hannah Sloan seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, Timishea Price, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Georgia Community Bank requested the mayor, mayor pro-tem, city clerk, and assistant city clerk go to bank for all new signature cards for 2024.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Danny Peed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Timishea Price seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, Hannah Sloan, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

  
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 City Clerk

  
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 Mayor