



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was taken by City Clerk, Shana T. Moss with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Councilman James Hendry

Mayor Pro Tem Luciria L. Lovette
Councilwoman Sarah B. Hayes
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Luke R. Moses
LaTonia C. Wright
Police Chief
Fire Chief

City Attorney
Executive Assistant to Mayor Larry D. Baker
Jerry J. Blash
Anthony Burns

- III. Invocation: The invocation was rendered by Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Presentation(s): None
- VI. Adoption of the Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VII. Adoption of the City Council Minutes: The motion to approve minutes from the October 27th, 2020 meeting was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.
Mayor Pro Tem Lovette: Opposed.
- VIII. Agenda Items
- Old Business None
- New Business None
- IX. Council Updates

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Fire Chief Burns presented the department's statistics from October 27th-November 9, 2020. There were 19 medical calls, 1 structure fire, 3 motor vehicle accident, 4 False Alarm calls and 3 Fire

Miscellaneous calls. Councilwoman Hayes informed Chief Burns about thick smoke in the vicinity of Oakridge Subdivision resulting from a citizen burning debris/trash. Chief Burns informed her this person would need to have a burn permit through Georgia Forestry Commission.

Economic Development

Councilwoman Sarah B. Hayes

Reported she has been working with the budget. The citizens enjoyed the city's Halloween Festivities. Councilwoman Hayes stated she has been working with several voter registration drives for the Georgia Senate Runoff race. December 7th, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in the runoff election. In addition to Georgia's Senate Race, there is a runoff for Public Service Commissioner. Lauren "Bubba" McDonald and Daniel Black are vying for this seat.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported Public Works is picking up litter, keeping the grass cut and repairing potholes. Edging is going well and the sidewalks are looking good.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Fire Hydrants are being flushed throughout the city. Hydrants are flushed to push the chlorine through the pipes. She referenced 129 Hunters Branch and 129 Carpenter Lane as having issues with flushing.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem Luciria L. Lovette

Reported we are still going through COVID. President Elect Biden is asking all citizens to wear a mask, because COVID numbers are increasing. Mayor Pro Tem reported she has worked with the recount at Liberty County Board of Elections and she has observed the elections in Liberty County were fair with no indications of voter fraud. She further stated the citizens showed up and showed out for this election. Attorney Moses stated pertaining to COVID that the Judicial Emergency Order has been extended to December 9th, 2020.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Chief Jerry Blash gave departmental statistics for October 27, 2020 through November 9, 2020. Statistics are as follows: 1 burglary, 1 entering auto, 1 theft, 3 auto accidents, 34 citations, 15 warnings, 1 domestic violence, 2 verbal disputes, 2 juveniles, and 2 total arrests. He stated his department had complaints about dirt bikes. He stated it is illegal to ride on the street and without a helmet. Councilwoman Hayes asked about the number of 4 wheelers she sees on Shaw Road. Chief Blash said this is illegal, the best advice he could give if someone wants to ride dirt bikes and 4 wheelers he suggest they purchase some land in the country.

Mayor's Corner

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Reported COVID numbers are rising, he encouraged citizens to wear their mask and to practice social distancing.

X. Executive Session

Attorney Luke R. Moses

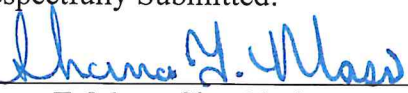
City Attorney Luke Moses requested to enter into Executive Session for litigation. At 6:28 P.M. Councilwoman Hayes made the motion to enter into Executive Session and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

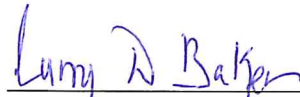
Mayor Baker and all council members signed the Executive Session Affidavit.

XI. Adjournment: At 6:43 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Respectfully Submitted:



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor