



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm 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
Fire Chief
Police Chief

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

- III. Invocation: The invocation was given 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 Mayor Pro Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VII. Adoption of City Council Minutes:

September 8, 2020 Regular Minutes: The motion to approve the regular minutes was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Mayor Pro Tem Lovette.

September 8, 2020 Executive Session Minutes: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

VIII. Agenda Items:

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Mr. Hunter Key Coastal Regional Commission
Presenting the new Liberty County Addressing Manual and Procedures. Mr. Key is the Director of Information Services with CRC. Two years ago Liberty County purchased a new GIS System. This

system is responsible for the transition from landline to cell phones. The GIS system creates a manual for a reference system. This system is basically a manual between LCPC and all the municipalities in Liberty County. He stated he would return in the future for the city to: (1) approve the manual (2) sign an ordinance acknowledging the GIS system and (3) to identify a decision process for technical representation. Mayor Baker asked about Allenhurst and Hinesville addresses for citizens who are residents of Walthourville. Mayor Pro Tem Lovette, asked about the census count and whether residents of Walthourville with Hinesville zip code were being counted in Walthourville. Mr. Key stated the postal zip codes are irrelevant, the census is counted by city boundary lines and where the citizen (the city) lives.

2. City of Walthourville Recycling

Mayor Baker and Councilmembers

Mayor Baker started the discussion about the city's Recycling Program and whether the city wanted to keep or disband the recycle program. The city's recycling program began around 2012 and the citizens are not adhering to the rules of the recycling program. The city provides recycle receptacles for all residents and no food is suppose to be placed in the recycle bin because this causes the entire cart to become contaminated. When the cart is contaminated the recycling plant (Pratt Industries in Savannah) will charge the city. The city has been losing money on the recycling program by traveling to Savannah, Georgia to Pratt Industries (incurring fuel cost) and possible contamination fines. The city has been having mechanical problems with the garbage truck and the recycling truck has been used for garbage. Councilman Anderson stated, "We are definitely losing money." Mayor Pro Tem Lovette stated, "The recycling program was not intended to be a money maker, and the recycle truck is already contaminated." Councilwoman Hayes stated "the former Mayor, Daisy Pray said the recycling program was breaking even, and the recycling would be contaminated if a morsel of food was in a box." Councilman James Hendry said, "The recycling operators cannot tell if a recycling can is contaminated if the food is in the middle of the recycle can." He thinks the city is losing money and the city should halt the recycling program. Councilwoman Hayes asked, "If the city has a contract and if the city stop the recycling program with Pratt, what liability would that pose to the city?" Attorney Luke Moses stated, "He would have to see if the city has a contract with Pratt and if the recycling program was enacted by an ordinance. The question was posed when the new garbage truck arrives could it be used for recycling? Councilwomen Hayes and Kelly said since the recycle truck has been used for trash the city should continue to use it since the main garbage truck has been inoperable. Councilwoman Kelly said, if the recycling program is halted, perhaps when it is restarted the city will find a better way to keep citizens from contaminating. Councilwoman Hayes said, "Perhaps fines could be imposed." This was a discussion only item, the Mayor and Council will make a decision at a later date.

IX. Council Updates:

Fire Department

Councilman Anderson

Chief Burns presented the department's call volume statistics from September 8th-21st, 2020. They answered 17 medical calls, 1 structure fire, 1 cooking fire, 4 canceled enroute calls, 3 motor vehicle accidents, and 3 fire miscellaneous call. He further stated he has completed Safety Coordinator training from the Local Government Risk Management Services.

Economic Development

Councilwoman Hayes

Stated she has participated in 4 census drives and 4 voter registration drives. She participated in the Recycle- it -Fair that was held at City Hall. She thanked the City Hall Team, Public Works Employees and Chief Blash for their assistance The NAACP sponsored the 1st Voter Registration Parade and she

participated on behalf of the city. It was a great success. IT-in-a-Box has started the onboarding process throughout the city.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported the Knuckle Boom truck is having repairs done. Councilwoman Hayes informed Councilman Hendry that realtors who vacate houses in the city are leaving massive piles of limbs and branches that the city should not be picking up. The realtors will clean out the homes and leave it for the city, when the realtor should be responsible.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

There have been issues with smelly water; however, it is a lot better. Woodrow Sapp's team is in the city and they are flushing hydrants. Disconnects for delinquent bills will begin on October 5th, 2020. The city has not disconnected water nor charged late fees since March due to COVID-19.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem Lovette

Reported the parks are not open. The light at Johnnie Frasier needs to be repaired.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Chief Blash reported the department's call volume from September 8th-21st, 2020. The department answered 2 auto accident calls, issued 26 citations and gave 5 warnings. They had 1 juvenile call and a total of 2 arrests.

Mayor's Corner

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Reiterated for the citizens to please pay their water bills, there will be no payment arrangements.

X. Executive Session

Attorney Luke R. Moses

At 6:46 a motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes to enter into executive session and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry for a personnel matter.

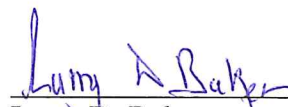
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

XI. Adjournment: At 7:09 a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Respectfully Submitted:



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor