



City of Walthourville Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020
6:00 PM @ the Walthourville Police Department

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Shana T. Moss with the following members present
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| Mayor Larry D. Baker | Mayor Pro-Tem Luciria L. Lovette |
| Councilmember Charlie L. Anderson, Sr. | Councilmember Sarah B. Hayes |
| Councilmember James Hendry | Councilmember Bridgette Kelly |
- The attendance of councilmembers constituted a quorum*
- III. The invocation was given by Councilmember, Pastor Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Approval of Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried
- VI. Approval of Minutes: The motion to approve minutes from the February 25th, 2020 meeting was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried
- VII. Presentation:
- Vandiver Lift Station
- Mr. Paul Krebs
- Mr. Paul Krebs addressed Mayor and Council regarding the outdated Vandiver Lift Station. This lift station was constructed in 1997 and is in dire need of repair. Mr. Krebs gave detailed information on how the repairs would have to be done which includes installing new drainage piping between the wet well and valve pit with a flap valve. Concrete collars will have to be built at the wet well and valve pit. A crane will be used to pull discharge piping after cutting the pipe loose from the foot elbow and valve pit. New drainage piping will be installed between the wet well and valve pit with flap valve. Mr. Krebs stated work would have to be done on the electrical panel of the well and that there could be a lot of “unknowns,” until the workers actually get into the well. With this well, they will be using a high density pipe (stainless steel) due to the lifespan being long. Due to the condition of this well, it could take 4-5 days to complete this project and the estimated cost could be between \$17,500-\$21,000.
- VIII. Business
- A. Unfinished Business
- None

B. New Business

1. Adoption of Dirt Roads.

Mayor Baker

Mayor Baker presented a list of dirt roads that are to be maintained by Liberty County. The roads are: Emily Cook Lane, Fletcher Road, Futch Road, Hardwick Road, Henry Herbert Road, Julius Road, Sanders Road, Selph Lane, Strickland Road, Thompson Road, Smith Road, Slayton Street, Doby Lane and Denise Lane. The motion to approve the adoption of roads was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Lovette.

Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried.

2. Katrina Herrington Mobile Home Permit (A)

Mr. Nirav Gandhi

Mr. Nirav Gandhi of LCPC presented a mobile home permit for Katrina Herrington. This permit meets the ordinance of the city and the property will be accessed from the dirt road on Rivers Road. The mobile home was made in 1984. LCPC recommends approval. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried.

3. Mardee Sanchez Final Plat for Estates at Wilder

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Mr. Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director of LCPC presented the final plat for the Estates at Wilder Subdivision. There will be 47 single family dwellings. Due to the pond within the subdivision, Mayor Pro Tem Lovette questioned the type of fence that would encircle the pond. The type of fence will be split rail with hog wire and would be a three foot rail fence. Councilwoman Hayes inquired the depth of the pond and Mr. Ricketson said the pond was at least 26 feet deep and the homeowners association will be responsible for the upkeep of the fence. The motion to approve the plat was made by Councilwoman Hayes with the second provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Lovette.

Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried.

4. Charles Holmes Occupational License

Mr. Nirav Gandhi

Mr. Nirav Gandhi presented to Mayor and Council an occupational license for Mr. Charles Holmes. Mr. Holmes is requesting to have a handyman mobile business. There will be no customers at his home. LCPC recommended approval. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lovette with the second being provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried.

5. Marijuana Ordinance

Chief Jerry Blash

Chief Blash presented information only to Mayor and Council regarding marijuana ordinance. This ordinance is the norm around Georgia as more cities are evolving to this ordinance. The ordinance makes possessing less than an ounce of marijuana a misdemeanor instead of a felony. This is not decriminalizing marijuana this is being done to alleviate the backlog in the courts and to possibly avoid someone having a record due to a bad decision. The person would pay the imposed fine. City Attorney, Luke Moses shared his sentiments, saying this is the norm for cities. He drafted the ordinance that was enacted in the City of Hinesville. He stated this is the direction the country is moving, and statistics demonstrates this disproportionately affects people of color. There would be no jail time and the individual would be responsible for the fine. Attorney Moses said Mayor and Council could think about this and decide if this is something they would like to do.

IX. Fire Department Councilman Anderson
Captain Stephen Menges gave the fire department report.

Economic Development Councilwoman Hayes
Stated she plans to take some Economic Development Courses. She attended a T-SPLOST meeting and has been actively involved in Voter Registration Drives and the 2020 Census Count.

Public Works Councilman Hendry
Reported that there were several potholes on Shaw Road that will be repaired. Public Works Administrator, Robert Pierce has been informed to repair the potholes.

Water Department Councilwoman Kelly
Reported that there were 30 new water connections for February 2020.

Parks and Recreation Mayor Pro Tem Lovette
Reported the fence at Johnnie Frasier Park need to be repaired. The Census need to be completed and all citizens are urged to complete it via online or through the mail. Each citizen equals \$4,300 in funding.

X. Mayor's Corner Mayor Larry D. Baker
Announced the promotion of two officers with the Police Department. Officer Chris Reid being promoted to Captain and Anderson Delaford is being promoted to Lieutenant. Mayor gave accolades to both officers and joined the officers and their families for photos and badge pinnings.

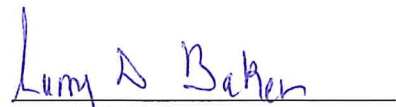
County Commission Chairrman Donald Lovette was in attendance and Mayor Baker acknowledged him for comments. Chairman Lovette congratulated the Mayor and Council again on their positions. He stated, "We're all in this together." The county is growing and he is looking for great things to come from Walthourville. He encouraged the elected officials to stay focused on good government and what good government does.

XI. Executive Session None

XII. Adjournment: The motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lovette with the second being provided by Councilwoman Hayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Shana T. Moss
City Clerk


Larry D. Baker
Mayor