



**City of Walthourville Mayor and Council Meeting
February 28, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department**

**Amended Agenda (02-27-2023)
*The Honorable Mayor Larry D. Baker, Presiding***

The Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes The Honorable Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
The Honorable James Hendry The Honorable Bridgette Kelly
The Honorable Luciria L. Lovette

Luke R. Moses, City Attorney
Fire Chief, John Pittman
Police Chief, Christopher Reed

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| I. | Meeting Called to Order: | Mayor Larry D. Baker |
| II. | Roll Call: | City Clerk |
| III. | Invocation | Appointee |
| IV. | Pledge of Allegiance: | In Unison |
| V. | Adoption of City Council Agenda: | Councilmembers |
| VI. | Adoption of City Council Minutes: | Councilmembers |

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- VII. Presentations:

Walthourville Police Department

Chief Christopher Reed

- **Promotion of Officer John Adams to the Rank of Corporal. Oath of Office.**

- VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Business License Request. For an Online Auto Broker/Hinesville Auto Brokers, Inc.
Recommendation: For Mayor and Council to approve/disapprove the business license request for John L. Seward. The property is zoned R-2A (Single-Family, Two-Family and Mobile Home Residential District).

2. City of Walthourville
Capital Leasing for Municipal Government.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

3. City of Walthourville

Ms. Shana T. Moss

Women's History Month Resolution. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

Recommendation: For Mayor and Council to approve the Resolution and proclaim March 1st-31st, as Women's History Month in the City of Walthourville.

IX. City Reports

Councilmembers / Department Heads

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Office of the Mayor

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X. Executive Session

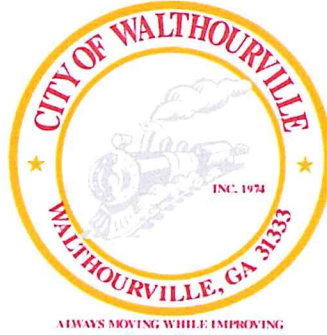
None

XI. Adjournment

Councilmembers

When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues:

(1) Personnel (2) Real Estate or (3) Litigation



MINUTES

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2021

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

- III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilman Anderson.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from January 24th, 2023. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.
Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.
Councilmembers voting favorably were: Hayes, Anderson, Hendry and Kelly.
Councilwoman Lovette opposed.
- VII. Adoption of City Council Executive Session Minutes from January 24th, 2023. The motion was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0 Motion Carried.
- VIII. Presentation: Pam Helton, Director of Member Services at Georgia Municipal Association, Atlanta Georgia. Certificate of Distinction Award was given to Mayor Baker and Councilman Hendry for completing 204 hours of training for Municipal Elected Officials. Award was given on behalf of GMA and Carl Vinson Institute. Immediately following, Mayor Baker asked for a photo opportunity with Pam Helton. Mayor Baker and Councilman Hendry took a photo with Pam Helton.

Councilwoman Lovette asked to be recognized as an inductee to the Hall of Fame. Pam Helton stated that Councilwoman Lovette has obtained the highest certificate

that can be obtained by an elected official. Helton stated that was obtained in June of 2022.D

Helton stated that she enjoyed the City Hall Staff and hope they will be able to take advantage of some of the trainings that will be given in Hinesville and Pooler.

IX. Agenda Items:

1. Keep Liberty Beautiful

Dr. Karen Bell

Proclamation for Arbor Day. For Mayor and Council to approve the proclamation of February 17th, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Walthourville. February 17th, 2023 was proclaimed as Arbor Day in the City of Walthourville. Dr. Karen Bell was not present at time of proclamation. Proclamation was read by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. The motion to approve the proclamation designating February 17, 2023 as Arbor Day in Walthourville was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried

Karen Bell arrived at 6:14 PM. Bell apologized for her tardiness due to traffic. Bell stated that Arbor Day is the only national and international day for tree lovers and planters and encouraged planting of trees. States they will have trees available on Friday, February 17 at the natural food center on Highway 196 and on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the two recycling fairs being held in Midway and at Walthourville City Hall. Mayor Baker also presented the proclamation to Dr. Karen Bell. Mayor Baker then asked for a photo shoot with Dr. Bell.

2. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Business License Request for a Mobile Shaved Ice Trailer for Phillip Bohannon. The business will be located at Dawson's Feed and Seed Store. The property is zoned B-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. Councilwoman Lovette asked if he would be located in the parking lot to which he replied yes. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Councilman Hendry.

Ms. Jackson, Business License clerk, informed Mr. Bohannon he would be able to pick up his license after 1pm on Wednesday.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Business License Request for D & D New & Used Enterprises for Rodney Kelly. The business will be located at Walthourville Meat Market The property is zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District). Mr. Kelly will sell shoes, clothes and handbags. Mr. Kelly stated that he gives back to the community including 100-200 pairs of shoes. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked if he had another business to which he responded no. Lovette asked if he has done business like this prior to this one to which he responded no ma'am. Anderson asked if the business would be in the parking lot of the meat market to which he responded yes. Anderson also asked if he has a problem with the parking to which he responded no, that he would be in the corner. Mayor Baker asked what would be his hours to which he responded Fridays and Saturdays and possibly a

couple of Thursdays from noon - 5. Mayor Baker stated that in regards to special days at the meat market it can get crazy. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked if once the parking lot is completed will he be moving to which he responded, No”, he will stay in the corner. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

4. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Zoning permit request for Julius Pray Road.

For Mayor and Council to approve or disapprove a zoning permit for Julius Pray Road for a new double wide from Hinesville Home Center for Kevin Walthour and Hinesville Home Center. The property is zoned AR-1 which allows double wides. Property owner Kevin Walthour was not present. Councilwoman Lovette asked for a visual. Ricketson gave an explanation. Mayor Baker stated the visual is in the agenda packet. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

5. LCPC & TRLong Engineering

Mr. Jeff Ricketson and Mr. Trent Long

Rezoning Request. Rezoning Petition 2022-009-W.

Request by Dryden Enterprises, Inc., (the applicant) to rezone 67.66 acres of land, more or less, from I-1(Industrial District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for a single-family residential subdivision located both in the City of Walthourville and Long County. 204 Lots will be in the City of Walthourville and approximately 237 lots in Long County. Request was originally heard at April 26, 2022 council meeting. The property is located off Hardman Road and Highway 84. Mayor Baker asked council if there was a need to go back through and all stated no. Mayor Baker then had County Engineer Trent Long to come forward and elaborate. In regards to water pressure/quality issues Turnipseed has designed an aerator which is under construction by Southern Civil with looping of lines. Long believes there may be a closed line that need to be fixed. Long does not have a clear timing on when that will be completed. In regards to the intersection for Highway 84, the plan is to have a road to go to the intersections Lovette asked in regards to the water tower in the area that would need to be raised and maintenance needed to be done, where are they in the process? Long stated the tower and its height would give a static pressure of 45 psi and with the improvements there should be good residual flow. Long stated once the additional line is added with the bypass valve there should be no problems. Mayor Baker asked if Mr. Dryden would like to speak to which he replied yes. Dryden states he was waiting for this to come back to council and that he would not like their customers to be unhappy. Dryden states this is why they are asking for rezoning but that it would be awhile before they came back with a preliminary plat. Dryden states it has been about 5 years since he has lived here and he has been in touch with Trent (Long). Dryden states he knows the issues will be resolved. Dryden states he is here if they have any questions. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

6. City of Walthourville Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Road Improvement. Kelly states there has been citizen concern about Griffin Road. Kelly states there are a lot of potholes on Griffin Road. Mrs. Carla Bell and Mr. Michael Bell stated they live on Griffin Road and have been there about 42 years. Bell states they are honest citizens. Bell states there are a lot of potholes which are bad for cars. Bell brought rocks for display and that they were kicked up when a truck drove by and that she could have been hurt by one of them. Bell stated that Kelly walked Griffin Road with her. Bell states they do love living in Walthourville. Bell states the road was fixed with black tar the day of the council member and that she is the last of the road on Griffin Road. Michael Bell states also on Arnall Road and Carter Road they also need to be fixed and that there are dump trucks that are going by and the roads are not holding up to all the weight. Mayor Baker states he has had this conversation with Bell previously. Baker states that on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 330pm the City Engineer will be coming and that they will be traveling the roads and getting some dollar payments together. Bell invites all council members to her home to take the 15 minute walk with her. Baker stated he will be traveling the roads with the City Engineer to include Griffin Road. Lovette asked where is the list of the roads for Walthourville and what is the priority for Griffin Road? Mayor Baker stated the list of roads is in Commissioner Gillard (office) and that a copy has also been given to Trent Long. Baker states there is another road, Slaten, behind the Meat Market that may need more attention. Michael Bell asked if there is a list for when and where the water will be worked on for Griffin Road. Baker then asked Patrick Golphin, Water Supervisor, if there was a list to which Golphin replied "not at this time we don't". Bell asked Golphin if he know when that will happen so the egg smelling issues will stop. Golphin states they are still working on it so they can just keep checking. Mayor Baker states there are some major issues on Dunlevie that need to be taken care of.

No Action Taken

7. City of Walthourville Mayor Larry D. Baker and City Attorney Luke Moses
Contract Renewal or Termination for Cali Communications, LLC. For Mayor and Council to approve/disapprove the contract for Cali Communication, operated by Ms. Natalie Lopez as the Public Information Officer for the Police Department. Ms. Lopez is a vendor and has a contact for \$1500 monthly. Moses states that in the last council meeting the contract with Cali Communications was discussed for services as PIO for the City. Moses states they have had emails and conversations in Executive Session which cannot be discussed and they need a motion to approve or reject. Mayor Baker stated that before they go into the motion that Lopez was present and to come up. Mayor Baker asked if council had any questions for Lopez. Lovette asked that we hear from Lopez before they make a decision. Moses stated this is in regards to \$1500/month plus reasonable expenses. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes

asked Moses about going to executive session but stated that she is a contractor to which Moses stated they don't have to go into executive session. Hayes asked Lopez, "What do you actually do?" Lopez stated that she provides information to the meeting, develop relationships with other agencies and the community so that everyone is informed. Lopez stated she tries to create a community that everyone feels safe and that they can engage and participate. Lopez stated she gives factual information in a timely manner on all platforms available to her whether it's social media, the local news, neighbors and more. She states she manages and monitors all of the social media accounts for the department. Lopez stated she creates content and monitor interactions which may occur outside of the regular business day. Lopez stated she puts events together at no cost to the city with the help of her colleagues such as employee appreciation, back to school, breast cancer, coffee, cops and conversation, summer splash and autism awareness event. States they will be launching neighborhood watch, citizens academy, women's defense class which will bring people together and create bonds. To encourage inclusion and not exclusion. Lopez states they help bridge gap between families, law enforcement and the community. It helps children to know that they are important. Feedback from the community is positive. Hayes stated that Lopez works beyond the hours of 9 – 5 and that as a contract vendor the hours are not set and that whatever you work, you work. Hayes also stated that she has been looking at what is allowed from other vendors in comparison to Lopez. Hayes states Lopez stated she is heavily involved in the community but that the police department was already doing a wonderful job before she came not that it takes anything away from what she was doing. Hayes states that in the budget meeting the salary for Lopez was \$1500 a month but that Lopez requested \$4000 a month. Hayes asked what is it that you're doing now that you are going to do more for \$4000 a month? Lopez stated she would be there full time and that she also helps in the front office and works closely with the clerk and hand in hand with the chief in different capacities. Hayes stated that she hearing what she says but not seeing the work. Hayes states they looked at the contract and had information from the Department of Labor. Hayes states she is not trying to tear Lopez down but that she is trying to be cognizant of what the city spends. Hayes states her issue is the same as back then which is that she could not honestly justify paying this much money for a PIO when things were needed for the Fire Department. Hayes states they asked a question last time about what Lopez does for the city and didn't get a good answer. Hayes states things have come up about the contract. Hayes states she is looking out for the city's money and please don't take this as a personal attack. Lovette states that in the contract that the police department shall pay for the services and that Cali Communications shall provide social media management, content creation and digital strategy as it relates to the police department and the City of Walthourville. Lovette states she can use what was presented this afternoon as an example of services provided to the City of Walthourville. Lovette states Kelly received an award in June, Mayor Baker and Hendry were presented an award in January and Lovette was inducted into the Hall of Fame and thanked Attorney Moses for writing a letter on her behalf but all that information was not presented to the public through the media. Lovette stated that anything that happened in the City of Walthourville should be included in this

contract. Lopez stated that in regards to the city she does not receive the information to forward or present and that she does not get access to the phone of the city or page. Lopez states the only access she has is to the police department's page and that if the information is not given to her she can not share it. Lovette stated that in her contract it states that she is doing services for the City of Walthourville. Lovette states she agrees that if she is not given the information but the contract states Lopez is providing these services. Lovette states the way she looks at it, there are other departments like public works, police department, parks and recreation and several other departments, were these other departments not included or was it not encompassed with the contract? Lopez stated that she needs to be given access and information in order for her to be able to do what she can do with the information. Lopez states that she needs cooperation. Lovette stated that Lopez created the contract and signed off and that if not given the information that shouldn't she have inquired about the information. Lopez states she has met resistance when she reached out to the community or council members or other departments. Lopez stated sometimes she do receive the information and sometimes she don't. Lovette asked if Lopez met resistance who did Lopez contact the council or the Mayor? Lopez states she gave information to Mayor Baker. Hayes states it was not communicated to her. Moses said to the extent of the contract to please blame him and not Lopez. Moses stated as to the contract being renewed with a increase that he does not know if Lopez would even stay and that the only question is to approve or reject the contract. Moses stated a 2 week notice for termination must be given if they decide to deny. Moses stated that if she wanted to present another contract that would be for council to approve or deny that as well. Moses stated the contract was drafted by a non lawyer and signed off by Moses. Anderson stated that the contract states the police department and that City Hall is not included. Moses understanding at the time was that it was going to be primarily the police department. Hagan name was on it and he did not have the authority to execute a contract and Moses states he should have caught that. Lovette states her concern is Lopez wrote the contract and that it was approved by Moses for the City Council. Lovette states her concern is that if it was for the police department and the city then Lopez has not honored the contract. Lovette states there are things that have not reached media. Moses stated that every time a cat gets pulled out of a tree, it's not reported on social media. Lovette stated she is not talking about cats and trees. Lovette stated that if she wanted to keep the contract she would have taken additional steps such as today's presentation. Mayor Baker stated today's presentation was a phone call that came in and that they (Helton) was in town and was going to give a presentation. Baker also stated that they wasn't aware prior to give any information. Lovette stated the Walthourville does not get the recognition it deserves. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated that under GDOL Rules - Chapter 300-10-1 - **Public Employers, Their Contractors and Subcontractors Required to Verify New Employee Work Eligibility** Through a Federal Work Authorization Program. Hayes asked Lopez if she had adhered to this rule to which Lopez stated no. Hayes asked if Lopez just drew up a contract to which Lopez responded yes. Hayes stated she asked for invoices before and that Lopez receives \$1500 a month and that she asked Lopez what it is she do and did not feel they got a good answer

and that Lopez read from the contract. Hayes states her other question was that the \$4000 a month and that the council is supposed to vote on contracts and what is it that Lopez will do for \$4000 a month that she doesn't do for \$1500 a month. Lopez stated she would have more responsibilities and that \$1500 is for part time. Hayes stated that the contract does not say part time. Lopez stated that was the agreement when she spoke with Chief Hagan. Hayes stated that was a verbal and that if it has to come before council that agreement doesn't stand. Moses advised against drawing legal conclusions. Moses stated that they are there to either approve or terminate a contract. Kelly stated that Lopez helps the Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Cauley and asked Lopez if she is authorized for GCIC system. Lopez stated she has taken whatever information they want her to do and has done it. Reed stated she has taken security awareness. Lovette stated that they need to be cognizant of what is being done and that Moses would not be held accountable and that if she knew that the contract was under scrutiny then she should have done more to show herself approved and that Lovette doesn't see that happening. Moses stated that the council authorized and appropriated funds for \$1500 a month in the budget that was passed. Moses also stated that he can be held accountable at any time for any thing that they believe he has done wrong and can fire him. Stated that it doesn't even have to come to that, that if they come to him and tell him they want him gone, he'll leave. Moses states it is not Lopez's fault that Chief Hagan signed the contract and the only question is to approve or terminate. The motion to terminate the contract effective in 2 weeks was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 3-2: Motion Carried
Opposed was Councilman Anderson, Hendry

Councilman Anderson stated he is opposing until they get a legal contract that says the right owner and they totally accept it and the amount that they are going to pay her. Moses states if Anderson wants to have further discussion then that is appropriate. Anderson wants to understand what is being paid as it was \$1500 and going up to \$4000 and they need to know what is being paid. Lovette stated there are 2 invoices. One of the invoices is for \$1500 and an additional invoice for \$2000. Moses states he has spoken to Lopez and states that will not be paid. Moses states Lopez may have thought the \$4000 a month contract was approved and that is why the additional invoice was submitted. Moses states all the city could pay was the initial invoice. Moses states by the contract any reasonable expenses would be paid. To the extent that the first invoice did not include the reasonable expenses he advised the council to look at that. Moses stated the second invoice was not part of the \$1500 contract and should not be paid. Mayor Baker stated to Lopez that if the contract was not right, they would need to make it right to which Lopez stated yes sir. Baker also stated that Lopez stated she would stay on board for \$1500 for any department with information that she would gather but that she was being blocked in certain areas. Baker asked if she would stay on board for \$1500 a month as PIO for the city to which she replied yes. Moses states it can be a 1099 position. Moses states if it was a W-2 position then it could be advertised and the hirer could go through the hiring process and it would be out of the council's hands. Baker states

he wants to personally thank Lopez for her services and if they can get the contract right and back into the hands of the city Attorney and back before the council then he would be glad to have her aboard in the City of Walthourville.

X. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Deputy Chief Jamal Kinney gave the report. Kinney states Pittman is out sick. As of February 14, 2023 the fire department has ran 108 calls for the year. Since the last meeting 47 calls have been run with 34 being medical, 2 fire alarms, 7 miscellaneous, 1 brush fire and 2 wrecks. The new engine is going very well and the ladder truck should be here within 2 to 3 weeks. Morale is good in the department. They are running firefighter 1 class by the end of February.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

KLB has 100 trees to give away for Arbor Day which is the 17th and 18th at Whole foods on Highway 196. Shred-It/Recycle Fair is February 18th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and both flyers are on the City Hall web page. Hayes states there are vendors who wish to do things in Walthourville and as soon as it is solidified she will pass the information on. Hayes stated she has information that will help those 65 and older with utility bills and that she will send this information to the Police department and City Hall. There will a KLB clean up in March and October.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Hendry stated he spoke with Mr. Dave Martin and they had to haul dirt on Dorsey Rd because the road had washed out. Sanitation is on schedule.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette L. Kelly

Southern Civil is still looping the lines. There have been some water outages due to someone hitting a line. There is an issue on Hillary Lane in the trailer park. Kelly wants to know if the city has addressed the issue. Lovette states the issue was also brought to her attention. Mayor Baker stated that 2 trailers were moved out and 2 trailers were moved in. Mayor Baker stated the city lines are open and this is on private property. Mayor Baker stated he has spoken with Mr. Roberts previously. Moses stated he is reluctant for the city to go on private property. Patrick Golphin, Water Supervisor stated the city dug to the main. Work was performed in the trailer park. Golphin stated the city found the main and it was flowing. Jones Court and Hillary had water including the back of Hillary. The only one without water is Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts stated wherever the plumber dug is where the problem is. Mr. Golphin states if we go on private property and dig and something goes wrong, the city would be liable. Mr. Golphin states he talked to Mr. Ray Futch (Hinesville Plumbing), the gentleman that did the plumbing. Mayor Baker states before Futch came Mr. Roberts had service. Attorney Moses states if it was the city they would have it fixed.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Chief Reed states there have been 30 reports generated. There have been 20 traffic stops with 21 citations given, 5 warnings. Year to date are 27 with citations being 82. More citations were wrote in January than February. There have been 8 arrests and 1 juvenile arrest. He stated the goal is to keep everyone safe. The department will be doing more training. Several officers will be going to training. Officer Carter has not returned to work. Department has had vehicles, since October 1st and waiting for them to be striped and equipment and they will be done by February 24th. The totaled vehicle was picked up February 13th. Anderson asked about the household that had moved and stated that they have begun cleaning up. Reed also stated that Lopez is helpful in regards of getting information to the public.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Lovette states they the AKA were attempting to plant trees but the rain prevented it. Lovette has been in touch with Franklin Mitchell from Roads and Grounds. The AKA want to come back. Lovette states she would like to give a presentation with information she learned at Councilman's Anderson church on Sunday. Lovette stated that Carrie Anderson Kent was the first female African American Mayor in the State of Georgia and United States. Donald Lovette is the first African American laboratory director. Ralph Quarterman was the first black businessman and president of the NAACP. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes was the first to get a vaccination clinic and food giveaway. Former Councilwoman Patricia Green was the longest serving Councilwoman. Lovette states she is the first African American to be inducted into the GMA Hall of Fame from Liberty County. Anderson is the first African American engineer for the Fort Stewart railroad system.

Office of the Mayor

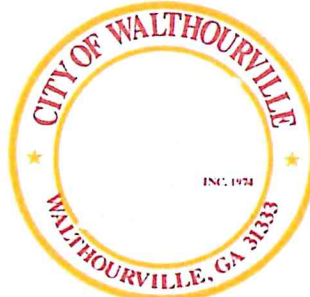
Mayor Larry D. Baker

Mayor Baker recognized County Commissioner Chairman Donald Lovette. Councilwoman Lovette asked if Chairman Donald Lovette was chairman for a group for bedroom communities. County Commissioner Chairman Donald Lovette gave a brief report. New FD headquarters were being built using splost dollars. Chairman Lovette states it is almost time for a new splost. A new EMS building is being built in Midway. Sam Harris gym is being renovated. County is doing a salary review for employees. There is a new director for the recreation department, Mr. Raymond Gross. A new Hyundai mega plant is coming. Liberty county is looking to bring more warehouses. Career Academy states only 40% graduate from college. States he saw the alert on facebook that water was off and Walthourville should look into a way to alert senior citizens. Anderson states there was a fiber optic line being put down and his water was cut off.

- XI. Adjournment: Mayor Baker states they need better communication with each other. Baker states all need to be mindful of the chain of command and that council was rude by interrupting when Attorney Luke Moses was speaking. The motion to adjourn was

given by Councilman Hendry. No second was given. Meeting was ended at 7:50pm by Mayor Baker.

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PRESENTATION



CITY OF WALTHOURVILLE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Promotion of Officer John Adams to the Rank of Corporal

☐ AGREEMENT
☐ ORDINANCE

☐ POLICY / DISCUSSION
☐ RESOLUTION

☐ CONTRACT
☒ OTHER

SUBMITTED: 02-24-2023

Council Meeting: 02-28-2023

DEPARTMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET IMPACT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEARING? () Yes (X) No

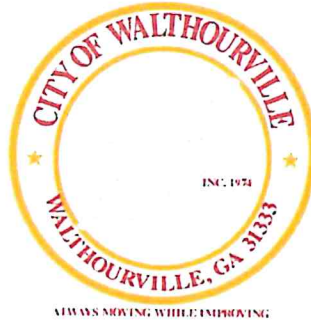
PURPOSE: Promotion of Police Officer John Adams to the Rank of Corporal.

HISTORY: Officer John Adams began his tenure with the Walthourville Police Department on April 7, 2021. He is a dedicated and integral member of the department.

FACTS and ISSUES: Promotion

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Oath of Office for the Rank of Corporal.

Christopher Reed
Police Chief



AGENDA ITEM 1

Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission – Report

Governing Authority: The City of Walthourville



Mayor & Council Date: February 28, 2023

Business License: For an Online Auto Broker / Hinesville Auto Brokers, Inc.

Address: 351 Sebreena, Walthourville

Owners: John L. Seward

Zoned: R-2A (Single-Family, Two-Family, and Mobile Home Residential District)

Comments: Using a room from the home for an online office, auctions and sales.

Recommendation: APPROVAL

LCPC Staff:

Hori Parks

2-23-23



City of Walthourville Business License Division

Mailing Address: P.O Box K
Walthourville, GA 31333

Office Location 222 Busbee Road
Walthourville, GA 31333
Phone: (912) 368-7501

Web site address- www.cityofwalthourville.com

Application For corporation or limited Liability Company LLC
Occupation Tax Certificate

*The application must be filled out completely to obtain a City of Walthourville Occupation Tax Certificate. Payment must be filed with the application to obtain a City of Walthourville Occupation tax Certificate. This application will not be processed if it is not accompanied by the appropriate tax fee. **You will not be billed.** Please print with ink or type. In order for the appropriate tax or fee to be determined the application accompanied by all appropriate documents must be submitted in person.

Pursuant to The Georgia Immigration Reform Act that was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor all persons applying for renewing a City of Walthourville Tax Certificate must provide a secure and verifiable document as required by O.C.G.A 50-36-1(e) (1) and sign and notarize the affidavit required by O.C.G.A 50-36-1 (e) (2) and the affidavit required by O.C.G.A 36-60-6 (d).

This Business is: () New Application
() Ownership Change / Date ownership changed & Certificate # _____
(✓) I am filling a name/or address change for Certificate# UCAR 050748

Name business as Hinesville Auto Broker Inc Business Phone# () 912-255-5791
Name of Corporation/LLC* Hinesville Auto Broker INC 912-980-4690
Business Address 135 MLK Jr. Drive St 200D
Mailing Address _____
Email Address TLseward@coastalnow.net
Full Detailed Description of
Business Auto Dealer

Date Business began in City of Walthourville 2-16-23
#of employees in City of Walthourville 1 E-verify# (Required if 11 or more employees) _____
State Sales Tax ID# 308792969 Federal ID # 88-1887743
Owner Name John L. Seward SS# _____ DOB 10-20-1968
Home Address 351 sabreana cr. Apt# _____ City Hinesville State GA Zip 31313

*** All electrical, mechanical, plumbing, well drilling contractors, mobile home dealers, mobile home installers, and any other contractor that is required to have a State of Georgia License will be required to attach a copy of the license to this application before insurance.

***All commercially used building may be subject to an inspection for fire and safety code compliance prior to any certificate of occupancy or business license being issued.

Are you, the applicant the corporation, LLC or any shareholder currently delinquent in payment of any taxes or fees to any state or local government? No If yes, please indicate the type of tax or fee, and the amount due with the reason the tax is delinquent.

If this property is zoned residential, no clients Employees, sales, deliveries, storage of inventory, Or equipment are allowed on the premises. Only One commercial vehicle not to exceed 12,500 lbs Gross weight used as transportation by the occupant May be parked at the residence.

I swear or affirm that I have obtained or will obtain within thirty days of the date of this application a City of Walthourville Certificate of Occupancy as required by the city ordinances.

I will comply with the Zoning Restrictions stated above: JS
(initials)

Signature: John Seward

I John Seward, affirm that the facts stated by me are true, I understand any misrepresentation or fraudulent statement is grounds for automatic dismissal of this application and/revocation of the license. I understand that all signs displayed on my premise must be permitted by the City of Walthourville, I further understand that my business must operated in compliances with all applicable state, federal & local laws, ordinances & regulations, & that the granting of this occupation tax certificate or payment of this occupation tax does not waive the right of any federal, state or local entity to regulate & enforce laws, ordinances & regulations. I understand that all decisions of Business License Division may be appealed to the City of Walthourville.

This 16 day of Feb., 2023.

Signature of applicant John Seward legibly print name John Seward

This application must be approved by the Liberty County Planning Commission

Tax Map & Parcel# 050A-090

Zoning Classification A-2A

Approved by: _____

Date Approved: _____

Date the request will be presented to Mayor and Council: 2-28-23

*****APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE THE AFFIDAVITS AND PROVIDE A SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENT*****

O.C.G. A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a loan, grant, tax credit and/or other public benefit, as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) JS I am a United States Citizen.
- 2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- 3) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.

My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G. A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:

_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed this the 16 day of Feb., 2023 in Hinesville (city), GA (state).

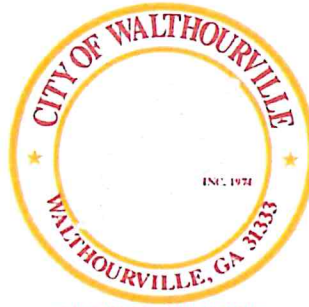
John Seward
*Signature of Applicant

John Seward
Printed Name of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
____ DAY OF _____, 201__

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

**This Affidavit must be signed by the same person who executes the Application Certification Form Letter*



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AGENDA ITEM 2



CITY OF WALTHOURVILLE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Capital Lease for Municipal Government

☐ AGREEMENT
☐ ORDINANCE

☐ POLICY / DISCUSSION
☐ RESOLUTION

☐ CONTRACT
☒ OTHER

SUBMITTED: 02-24-2023

Council Meeting: 02-28-2023

DEPARTMENT: City Council

BUDGET IMPACT: NA

PUBLIC HEARING? () Yes (X) No

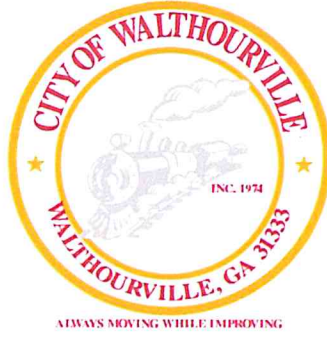
PURPOSE: Discussion of Capital Leasing for Municipal Government

HISTORY: Municipal Government uses capital leasing for equipment.

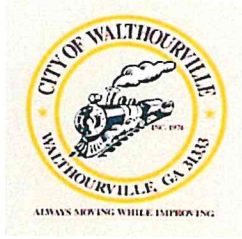
FACTS and ISSUES: City of Walthourville.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: NA

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes



AGENDA ITEM 3



CITY OF WALTHOURVILLE

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RESOLUTION

☐ AGREEMENT
☐ ORDINANCE

☐ POLICY / DISCUSSION
☒ RESOLUTION

☐ CONTRACT
☐ OTHER

SUBMITTED: 02-27-2023

Council Meeting: 02-28-2023

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BUDGET IMPACT: NA

PUBLIC HEARING? ☐ Yes ☒ No

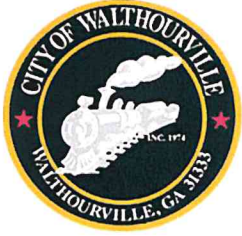
PURPOSE: Every year, March is designated as Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

HISTORY: Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month.

FACTS and ISSUES: Women's History Month is designated for the month of March.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Resolution.

Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Women's History Month Resolution

Whereas: Throughout history, extraordinary women have made significant contributions to the growth and strength of our city, state, and nation in countless ways; and

Whereas: Through leadership, innovation, and ingenuity, generations of women have made significant contributions in science, medicine, technology, business, politics, entrepreneurship, and arts and culture; and

Whereas: Women have been leaders in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity; and in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, and peace movements, creating a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas: Whether serving in elected positions across America, leading groundbreaking civil rights movements, venturing into unknown frontiers, or programming revolutionary technologies, generations of women that knew their gender was no obstacle to what they could accomplish have long stirred new ideas and opened new doors, having a profound and positive impact on our community.

Whereas: Despite their contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature, education, and culture; and

Whereas: This month, we celebrate countless pioneering women and their victories, and we continue our work to build a society where our daughters have the same possibilities as our sons.

Whereas: The City of Walthourville acknowledges the contributions women have made to the city, including the All-Female Mayor and Council that chartered the city. Today, we celebrate our current women elected officials; The Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes, the Honorable Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly and the Honorable Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette.

Now therefore it be resolved; that I, Mayor Larry D. Baker, along with Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes and Councilmembers: Charlie L. Anderson, Sr., James Hendry, Bridgette Kelly and Luciria L. Lovette do hereby proclaim March 1st-31st, 2023rd as Women's History Month on this 28th day of February 2023.

Larry D. Baker, Mayor

Shana T. Moss, City Clerk