

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: CECIL THOMPSON, KAILEY DEES, LISA CHESSER, RAYMOND TURNER, AND EDDIE TYSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, NICK OVERSTREET – ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD

MAYOR PROTEM TURNER BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

AGENDA

1. **2016 MILLAGE RATE** – City Finance Director Bill Bedingfield presented the 2016 proposed millage rate. He stated that the 5 year history had been advertised in the paper as required by State law. The City of Vidalia in Toombs County is 4.328 mils, and the City rate in Montgomery County is 3.538 mils. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
2. **VIDALIA TOURISM ALCOHOL PERMIT** – Alexa Britton presented a request for a one day alcohol permit for the Jazz Festival event being held on October 22, 2016 at the Stage at City Hall. The application is complete. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.
3. **ED SMITH COMPLEX** - Mr. Overstreet presented a request from the Recreation Board to complete the remodel of the Ed Smith Complex by installing metal roofs on all dugouts and pavilions, and also to install 6 security cameras at select locations. They also requested to paint existing pavilions, dugouts and maintenance buildings to match the current new buildings. The total cost would not exceed \$49,584.05. This would complete the re-model of the Ed Smith complex. The funds would come from the Recreation line item in the current SPLOST call. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
4. **HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD RECOMMENDATION** – Housing Authority Director Josh Beck presented a request to have Mr. Brandon Boston appointed to fill the vacated seat of Anthony Miller. Mr. Boston is currently the Assistant Principle at Sally D. Meadows Elementary School. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Overstreet gave an update on the work that has been done at the Splash Pad located in Ben Smith Park. The total cost of the surface repair and addition of the City seal was \$6150.00. He also recommended that the Splash Pad be closed to the public on October 1st. Councilwoman Chesser recommended that this schedule be adopted permanently. The Council agreed.

Mr. Overstreet advised the Council that our copier RFP had been completed and that a local company had won the bid. Wilkes Office of Vidalia is the low bidder, and will be replacing the current Xerox machines with Canon.

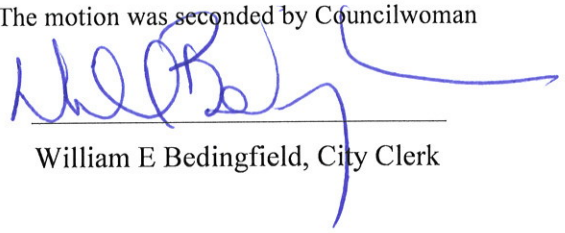
Mr. Overstreet also informed the Council that the projects for Airport Road and Miracle Lane have been advertised for bid in this week's paper.

Mr. Torrance presented a request to fund a \$2500 donation to help the School enhance their Drug Awareness program. The funds would come from the Dare line item. He also recommended that these funds be included in the Dare line item in the 2017 budget, and that the School system would have to submit a request for funds in all subsequent years. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk