

Minutes

Regular Session: Monday, August 7, 2023

Meeting Location: *Historical Agricultural Building*

Attending Officials:

Brenda Acton, David Kilpatrick, Greg Maddox, John Larkin and Janet Jones

Mayor Janet Jones called the meeting to order at **7:00pm**

Invocation: *Brenda Acton*

The Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Decorum Read

First Order of Business:

Minutes from July 3, 2023 Regular Session were read. David motioned to accept the minutes as read. Brenda seconded. Votes unanimous.

Agenda Approval / Amendments:

Agenda was reviewed.

Committee Updates:

CAD report: David shared the stats for July 2023.

- 1 - ROADWAYS - David spoke with Jeremy at Garrett Paving for an update on the roadway paving/stripping project. Westwood, Pine Valley and E Thompson are set for August. There should be a 10 day notice prior to each project to allow citizen notification.
- 2 - SIDEWALK/STORMWATER - John confirmed the sidewalk construction is done - just some clean up and final touches left. They will begin striping the crosswalks per the plan. Carter & Sloope has completed the field work for the stormwater project. A list of the most crucial projects was received with a total cost of 3 million dollars. Some of these projects can be done in-house with the equipment purchased. David shared that the S Burson / Oakwood work was previously approved and contracted with Hammond Grading for \$7K.
- 3 - BEAUTIFICATION/EVENTS - Brenda gave an update on FunFest on Main Street. The date is September 30. Volunteers needed. There will be a street dance and fireworks after the festival. The committee is meeting August 8. There will be another community yard sale on August 12 from 8am until 1pm. The Butterfly Gardens are beautiful. Maintenance will trim the lantana back so not to over shadow the other plants. Brenda asked council to begin thinking about a location for the monument(s) dedicating the new sidewalk to Mr. Ben McLeroy.
- 4 - VENUE IMPROVEMENTS - Greg presented a slide show of the venue landscaping issues. There are several dead shrubs and trees that need to be removed. Also trees that need to be pruned away from the buildings. There are visible issues with drainage and an irrigation system that is not functioning and should be audited for possible repair/removal. He will pursue quotes to rectify the issues and make the area more attractive and reduce the time spent for maintenance.

Agenda Items:

- 1 - Generators for emergency power - Greg reached out to another source for a quote on the generators. After a few conversations, no response. At this point the "turn key" option for 12K/15K would be the best for the needs of the city. This item is tabled until September 11, once Greg has verified the quote.

- 2 - Millage Rate for Clarke County - after three public hearings, the rate of 2.385 was submitted for Clarke County. The Bogart residents in Clarke County will see a line on their next tax bill. Again, it was mentioned that this begins this year. Council had voted previously not to go back three years. Brenda motioned to accept this rate; Greg seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 3 - Mill Rate for Oconee County - the rollback rate of 2.155 was submitted for Oconee County. David motioned to accept the rate; Brenda seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 4 - Qualifying and General Election Notice - The notice was presented and shared: Mayor and 2 council seats (John and Brenda) are up for election this year. Qualifying will begin August 21. Early voting will begin October 15 for the November 7 vote. The notice is available on the website: cityofbogart.com and on the board at City Hall.
- 5 - Elected Official Compensation Increase - after advertisement and public hearing, the resolution to increase the City of Bogart Elected Official Compensation was presented. Greg motioned to accept the compensation increase; David seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 6 - Venue Key Deposit for Bogart Citizens - after discussion regarding lowering the amount held for potential damage and other possible payment options to soften this policy for residents of Bogart, it was obvious that in order to apply this fairly and also protect the buildings, the \$600 refundable deposit is necessary. The term "key" will be replaced with "damage" deposit. Brenda motioned that the policy remain as is; Greg seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 7 - ARPA purchase: All-Terrain for Fire Station #7 - This item is tabled pending a meeting with Oconee County.
- 8 - Business License Application - Trinity Embroidery Company: Melanie Ortiz submitted an application for a business license to operate an embroidering business from her home. Brenda motioned to approve the license; David seconded. Votes unanimous.

The next Regular Session Council Meeting will be September 11, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at **7:41pm**