

Minutes

Regular Session: *Monday, February 7, 2022*

Meeting Location: *Historical Agricultural Building*

Attending Officials: *John Larkin, Brenda Acton, David Kilpatrick, Greg Maddox and Janet Jones*

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

Invocation: *Janet Jones*

The Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Decorum: *Janet Jones*

Previous Minutes Read: David Kilpatrick made a motion to approve, Brenda Acton seconded - approved

Updates:

- 1) Final addition to streetscape - installation of butterfly benches. Janet to give Brenda the number for Adam to make sure the sod is set enough to add them
- 2) Sidewalk project - John said Carter & Sloope are still working on easements from Landrum to Burson
- 3) Website - Greg said this is still in the works. No update at this time.

Agenda Items:

- 1) SPLOST funds from Clarke County - 68K per year for 334K total over five year period. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement: John made a motion to accept, Brenda seconded - approved
- 2) Use of current Clarke SPLOST for de-acceleration lane at Fowler Mill Rd from Atlanta Hwy. Estimated 233K for the project. David mentioned that there may be an issue with the speed limit and the possibility of a study along that stretch of highway and the possibility that Transportation may aid in funding. ETA for completion will be available once a bid is accepted. John made the motion to proceed, Greg seconded - approved
- 3) Mr Wilbanks with the Fire Department quoted appx 1700 per defibrillator for the First Responders which includes 2 vehicles that currently do not have them. The county is adding a third vehicle. This would bring the total to 4 needed. Also discussed other devices needed - LUCAS/Jaws (self-contained unit). Council will get more information on those items and discussing other possible funding. Motion to purchase the 4 defibrillators made by David, Greg seconded - approved
- 4) Essential Worker Pay and Retention Bonus for 3 employees will follow Watkinsville lead of one week's salary plus \$1000 retention. Brenda advised that a contingency agreement be drafted for the retention bonus. Wording will be discussed with Mike Pruitt prior to issuing funds. Other personnel handbook wording will be visited regarding hiring / re-hiring employees as not many applicants for maintenance position posted in September 2021. Brenda made the motion to accept and proceed with the Essential Worker Pay and Retention Bonus plan, Greg seconded - approved
- 5) Agricultural Building has rodents in the attic space that chew the wires. Stiles has come twice in a month to repair/replace wiring for the heat. The bids are high and it was suggested that the city reach out to our insurance to see if this may be something covered. Greg mentioned he does not have keys to the buildings. Council requested City Hall inquire with the carrier and issue a set of keys to Greg. John motioned we table the repair until mor information is received, Brenda seconded - approved.

Meeting adjourned at **7:38 pm**.