

Minutes

Regular Session: Monday, August 12, 2024

Meeting Location: *Historical Agricultural Building*

Attending Officials:

Janet Jones, John Larkin, David Kilpatrick, Jon Payne, Greg Maddox

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

Invocation: *David Kilpatrick*

The Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Decorum Read

First Order of Business:

Minutes from July 8, 2024 Regular Session were read. In the minutes, John noted "Mayor John Larkin called the meeting to order...". David motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Greg seconded. Votes unanimous

Agenda Approval / Amendments:

No amendments.

Committee Updates:

CAD REPORT: David read the CAD report for July 2024.

- 1 - **BEAUTIFICATION / EVENTS** - David contacted Ken Beall regarding the 116 S Burson lot project. Ken said the minimum level 3 soil test is required but with the prior property uses, a level 4 would be requested to make sure all is located and noted and should be completed in four weeks.
- 2 - **CITY DESIGN & VENUE IMPROVEMENTS** - Greg said the Community Center looks great. The interior painting is complete and prepping the outside for paint. The southern walls has water damage that will need to be repaired. Outlets are brittle and breaking and will be replaced. Windows were not sealed with silicone and are allowing water in. This will be corrected. Some landscaping expertise may be needed to help with irrigation. Greg also mentioned a need for a generator at the Annex for SANE. There may be grant funds to aid with the purchase. Janet asked Jeff to reach out.
- 3 - **ROADWAYS** - No update.
- 4 - **SIDEWALK/STORMWATER** - No update.

Agenda Items:

- 1 - **Proposed Millage Rate 2024 for Oconee/Clarke Counties** - Five Year History and 2024 Budget were available for meeting. Beverly explained the reports which reflect the proposed millage rate for Oconee County (2.006) and Clarke County (2.201). Mayor Jones opened the floor for public comment. None given. Public Hearing closed. Greg motioned to approve the proposed millage rates for Oconee County and Athens Clarke-County 2024. Jon Payne seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 2 - **Proposed Zoning Map and UDC for City of Bogart** - The proposed City Zoning Map and UDC were presented for consideration. Bogart Unified Development Code shall repeal Bogart Code of Ordinance Chapters 34 (Stormwater Management), 35 (Erosion and Sedimentation Control) and 39 (Land Development), and the previously adopted Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and the Manufactured Housing Ordinance. Janet opened the floor for public comments. 1) *Ben McElroy* of 205 Westwood Ave spoke in opposition of the UDC. He summarized an email sent to council after the Public Hearing at OC Planning Commission on July 15. His concerns were the minimum lot size change, HOA requirement for subdivisions and permit requirements. Mr. McElroy returned to podium with concern for stormwater regulations, particularly detention ponds and controlled vegetation. 2) *Jakob Sullins* of 170 Hidden Cove Dr shared concern that proposed UDC was not in line with city but a replica of Oconee County which would put half acre lots in non-conforming status. He said he was not against; just sharing thoughts. 3) *Gavin Jordan* of 189 Twin Oaks spoke in opposition. Concerns: 609 page document is too large; opens legal liability with rules in excess of what state requires. 4) *T.L. Turman* of 145 Landrum Dr spoke in opposition. Concerned with lot size restrictions on current lots. 5) *Sandra Born* of 121 Spetchley Way spoke in favor of HOA to maintain properties and keep the value up.

Once time limit closed for public comment, Mayor Jones brought the matter to council for discussion with Guy Herring and Michael Pruett for clarification of issues raised during public hearing. Greg made a motion that Bogart adopt the proposed Zoning Map and Unified Development Code. Jon seconded. Votes unanimous.

- 3 - **ACC SPLOST Amendment** - Per the Athens Clarke County attorney, SPOST money is coming in faster than anticipated, so this will raise Bogart's annual payment from \$34,363.63 to \$48,109.10. The cap will remain the same, at \$378,000. David motioned to accept this amendment; Jon seconded. Votes unanimous.

Mayor Jones announced the Fall Dumpster Days are scheduled for October 18 and 19. Be sure to check the residential list online to confirm your address is included and to get additional details. If you have any questions, please reach out to City Hall. She also reminded that the Second Annual FunFest will be Saturday, September 28th.

The next council meeting will be September 9 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm