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MAYOR: VIOLET DAWE
POST1: ERIC CARLSON
POST 2: JASON PRESLEY
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT
POST 4: HILDA KURTZ
POST 5: MEAGAN CUNDIFF

March 21, 2022

Regular Council Meeting 7:30pm

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:31PM

Members Present: Mayor Violet Dawe, Council members Eric Carlson, Jason Presley, Eric Wright, Hilda Kurtz, and Meagan Cundiff

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Town Attorney Joe Reitman, Adam Bracewell, Wanda Moody, Sergeant Josh Dudley, Oconee County Sheriff's Deputy.

Greetings and Declaration of Quorum: Visitors were welcomed. With all members of the Council present, a quorum was declared.

Agenda Setting: No changes were made to the agenda. A motion to accept the Agenda as presented was made by Council Member Kurtz, and seconded by Council Member Carlson. Unanimously approved

Presentation of Draft Minutes from Previous Meetings

February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting:

February 28, 2022, Called Meeting:

There was extreme conversation regarding the speed with which minutes are provided. There were also some questions and disagreements about significant portions of both documents, February 21st and 28th DRAFT minutes, relating to the issues on Shadyfield Lane. After much discussion a motion was made by Council Member Kurtz to table the minutes until the next meeting, provide audio copies to the Council members for review, and address and make additional corrections. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cundiff. Unanimously approved. Recordings of both meetings will be provided to the members of the Council with the expectation that they will listen to the recordings and come to the next meeting with their suggestions and recommendations in writing for corrections and changes. More conversation involved where audio files were located and how to access them.

Presentation of Financial Statement:

Mayor Dawe noted that the Georgia Power franchise fees check was received and will appear on the next Financial Statement.

There were numerous questions on the financial statement, mostly related to specific dollar amounts represented in some categories.

A motion was made by Council Member Kurtz to have Mayor Violet Dawe, Town Clerk Sue Bishop, and Mayor Pro Tempore Eric Carlson make signers on the Robins Financial Credit Union Money Market, account and have deceased Mayor Toby Bradberry and

former Clerk Laura Wilson removed as signers on the account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cundiff and passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item: Adam Bracewell came forward to make the Council aware of a couple of hazards in the Town Park. He presented a photograph of some old “speed bump” materials in a large, scattered pile in the wooded area of the Park. He also stated that there were trees down and other large trees that pose a danger to hikers in the Park. Mr. Bracewell was thanked for bringing this to the attention of the Council. There was significant discussion about whether SPLOST funds could or could not be used for this project. There was some uncertainty as to how the funds should be allocated and addressed. Nothing was decided. There was significant discussion about the conditions of the Park and the safety concerns. Council Member Presley suggested that the issues with the downed trees, storm debris and the speed bump pile are potentials for harm for those walking in the wooded areas of the Park. Council Member Pressley made a motion to immediately have someone remove the speed bump debris and have the downed and dead trees removed. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kurtz. Unanimously Approved. A second motion was made by Council Member Cundiff to close the exercise areas, the trails and wooded areas of the Park with signs and caution tape being put up by Friday, March 25th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kurtz. Unanimously approved. (Editor’s note: Caution tape was obtained, trees and “hazardous” areas were marked off and signs were posted that trails and other areas of the Park were closed until further notice.)

Unfinished Business

1. Short Term Rental Ordinance – Good examples for this would be Morgan County and Green County. Council members Carlson and Wright will work on this and have an update at the next meeting.
2. Livestock Ordinance - City of Madison has good. Mayor Dawe will contact the City of Madison. Council Member Kurtz will work with Mayor Dawe.
3. Signage proposal
4. Lighting for the parking lot and side walkway area to go to the back of the building – Quote from Stephen Goad- more info needed. Solar lighting may be an option.
5. Consider pay for Council members and Mayor -awaiting Attorney response -Mr. Reitman addressed his original resolution.
6. Sidewalks- research the opposite side of the street for a sidewalk since water lines are the only thing underground. Motion by Council Member Carlson to continue to look at the opposite side of the road for a sidewalk. Seconded by Council Member Wright. Unanimously approved.
7. New playground equipment- The order was placed for the Tree Top from Playground Creations. (Editor’s note: the check for 50% of the overall cost of the Tree Top was sent Certified Mail on Monday, April 4, 2022.)

New Business

1. Lot 4C Shadyfield Lane – Building Permit – J W York Homes: Documents reviewed by Council.

2. Lot 5C Shadyfield Lane – Building Permit – J W York Homes: Documents reviewed by Council.
3. Lot 7C Shadyfield Lane – Building Permit – J W York Homes: Documents reviewed by Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Presley to approve all three applications as a package.
Seconded by Council Member Kurtz. Unanimously approved.

Mayor's Update

1. Small Cities Conference in Dublin GA, April 28 – 29, 2022.

Council Member Kurtz made a motion for 5 people to include the Mayor and the Clerk to attend this conference. Council Member Carlson seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. Shadyfield Lane update – Conversation between Mr. Reitman and Mr. Bracewell. He complained that the letter went to the Bracewells and was unhappy with how things were done and what was said. He felt that rules were not followed or done correctly.

Mr. Reitman stated that the letter had gone out from the mayor. If Council members wish to change or amend the letter, they can collaboratively do that if they desire.

Council Member Wright noted that part of the letter was clear that what was being done was not Land Disturbance. Mr. Reitman agreed and stated that “clarity” was what was required.

There was additional discussion as to what constitutes Land Disturbance.

Council Member Presley made a motion to “revisit the letter” and discuss and rewrite it and correct any inaccuracies. Seconded by Council Member Cundiff. Unanimously approved.

Discussion on whether EPD was to send us a letter. No letter was received.

3. GA Power Franchise Fee check came in this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bishop
Town Clerk