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MAYOR: STEPHEN GOAD
POST1: ERIC CARLSON
POST 2: FRED JOHNSON
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT
POST 4: HILDA KURTZ
POST 5: MEAGAN CUNDIFF

January 15, 2024

7:30 PM

Regular Council Meeting APPROVED Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dawe at 7:32PM.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was declared.

Members Present: Mayor Dawe, Council members Carlson, Wright, and Cundiff in person, Council members Kurtz and Presley via Zoom

Members Absent: None

Guests present: Jennifer Riddle, Oconee County Tax Commissioner, John Daniell, Oconee County Commission Chairman, David Ellison, Ellen Goad, David Lawrence, Jack McClain, Pat Sibley, John and Joey Westman

Jennifer Riddle, Oconee County Tax Commissioner, will officiate at the swearing in of the new Mayor and Council members.

Swearing in of returning Council member Eric Carlson.

Swearing in of new Council member Fred Johnson.

Swearing in of new Mayor Stephen Goad.

The passing of the gavel from outgoing Mayor Violet Dawe to incoming Mayor Stephen Goad.

Brief address by Ms. Riddle

Mayor Goad will officiate.

Agenda Setting:

A motion was made by Council member Cundiff to move the Intergovernmental Agreement to the first of Unfinished business.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 5 – 0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to add a Finance committee update at the end of New Business.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 5 – 0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Council member Cundiff to not read the Code of Conduct but just go to a vote when it comes up on the agenda.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 5 – 0. Motion passed.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of December 18, 2023:

Motion to approve the minutes by Council member Wright.

Seconded by Council member Johnson.

Discussion ensued.

Council member Cundiff requested a friendly amendment to have Editor's notes and Mayor's notes removed from the December minutes.

Accepted by both Council members Wright and Johnson.

Vote: 5 – 0. Motion passed.

Presentation of Financial Statement for December 2023:

A motion to accept the Financial statement was made by Council member Johnson.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 5 – 0. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item:

County Commissioner John Daniell made some comments regarding the Deannexation.

Daniel Ellison made some comments regarding the Deannexation.

Unfinished Business

1. Discuss and vote on IGA.

A motion was made by Council member Cundiff.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Much discussion.

Vote: 5 – 0.

2. Vote on the engineering plans for the Town Park received from Precision Engineer on November 10, 2023, watershed abatement on Town property.

A motion was made by Council member Cundiff to accept the engineering plans from Precision Engineering.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 4 – 1 opposed, Council member Wright.

3. Engineering request regarding phase 1 of Hillsboro Road and Rays Church Road sidewalks. A document was received from Precision Engineering on Friday.

Motion by Council member Johnson to approve the plans from Precision Engineering regarding the preliminary engineering plans to determine the feasibility of sidewalks.

Second by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 4 – 1 opposed, Council member Kurtz.

New Business

1. Reading of the Code of Conduct.

a. Vote to accept Code of Conduct.

Motion to accept the Code of Conduct without reading it made by Council member Cundiff

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 5 -0. Motion passed. Code of conduct was not read.

b. Vote to set dates for Council Meetings for 2024

A motion was made by Council member Cundiff to add Jan 13, 2025, to the list of dates.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote 5-0. Motion passed.

2. Vote to Elect the Mayor Pro Tempore and Presiding Officer

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to nominate Council member Johnson for Mayor Pro Tempore.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote 4 – 0; 1 abstention, Council member Johnson

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to appoint Council member Wright for the position of Presiding Officer.

Seconded Council member Cundiff.

Vote 4 – 0; 1 abstention, Council member Wright.

3. Vote on Appointments:

a. Building Inspector

b. Town Attorney

c. Town Accountant

d. Town Clerk/Treasurer

e. Town Historian

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to appoint:

1) Morgan Wheeler to the position of Town Building Inspector.

2) Joe Reitman to the position of Town Attorney.

3) Frances Arnold to the position of Town Accountant.

4) Sue Bishop to the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer.

5) Tommy Eades to the position of Town Historian

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 5 -0.

Documents signed by Council members.

4. Discuss IGA from the County regarding paving in Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake.

Done earlier in the meeting, see item #1 under Unfinished Business.

5. Vote to eliminate weekly Mayor and Clerk reports. Revert to the Town Charter monthly reporting requirements.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to eliminate weekly Clerk and Mayor reports and replace them with monthly reports as prescribed in the Charter, for the calendar month, to the Council by the 1st business day of the succeeding month.

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote 5 – 0. Motion passed.

6. Finance Committee meeting is to be held on February 5, 2024.

Mayor's Update

**With no more business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Cundiff.
Seconded by Council member Wright.**

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Goad at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Bishop
Town Clerk**