

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, October 15, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Jonathan Phillips, Silk Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Kurt Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police and Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor. *Absent:* Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director, and Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to accept and approve the city council minutes dated 10/1/18 and workshop synopsis dated 10/8/18.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director gave the Planning Department's Report for the month of September.
City Manager gave the Public Works Department's Report for the month of September.
Chief of Police gave the Police Department's Report for the month of September.
Assistant Fire Chief gave the Fire Department's Report for the month of September.

City Manager's Updates: City Manager said I have no updates.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Telfair Road Abandonment: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the abandonment and disposal of a 2.01 acre portion of the Telfair Avenue public right-of-way in accordance with Section 32-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated subject to whatever terms and conditions the City Manager deems necessary.

City Attorney said the City was petitioned by Mr. Grainger to abandon a portion of the Telfair Road right-of-way. The property is no longer needed for public access and no future use as a public road can be reasonably anticipated. Once the City declares the property surplus it will be put up for disposal at fair market value.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Cole, 1600 Telfair Road, expressed his concerns related to the abandonment, because it will affect his access to his property.

Councilmember Kicklighter said I believe we have to allow him access to his property. Councilmember Tice said Mr. Cole will have access as long as he purchases his half of the right-of-way.

Adjournment: There being no further items for discussion, Mayor Bethune asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted and approved by: City Council 11/5/18