

Mayor  
Eartha T. Cummings

City Attorney  
Michael Howard

City Clerk  
Stacie Jordan



Council Members  
Brainard Crawford-Mayor Pro-Tem  
Elaine Walk  
Booker T. Coleman  
Marlene Veal  
Keith Lindsey  
David Hartley

## COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2019

6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on August 5, 2019 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Elaine Walk, Brainard Crawford, Marlene Veal, David Hartley and Keith Lindsey.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cummings. Mayor Cummings led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Councilman Lindsey led the invocation.

#### Visitors

Ms. Belcher with CHCS is here to ask the city to sign a proclamation for Healthcare Center Week August 4-10, 2019. Mayor Cummings signed the proclamation.

#### Approval of Minutes

**Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Elaine Walk, to accept the minutes from July 15, 2019.**

**Motion carried.**

#### Departmental Reports

- Chief Cochran states that for the month of July the Police Department responded to 194 calls and collected \$13,736.34 in fines. Councilman Hartley asks for a breakdown of what the city actually receives from the fines collected each month. Chief Cochran states that it is approximately 60%.
- Mike Wiggins, submitted the July monthly report. The total amount for permit fees collected was \$165.00 and 5 N.O.V. was sent out. Mr. Wiggins states that the P&Z committee met on July 22, 2019 but we did not have a full quorum to make any decisions. The committee met again on July 31, 2019 with a full quorum and a recommendation was made for a special exception for the variance previously discussed for Mr. Frazier. **Motion made by , seconded by Brainard Crawford, to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee for the special exception variance. Motion carried.**
- Administration-Stacie Jordan, City Clerk, gave the accounts payable report for July with total of \$100,964.44. The cash balance for the Water acct is 140,428.27 and the General acct is 88,295.92.

Attorney- Michael Howard- Mr. Howard states that he worked on a disclosure statement for the city. He states that he will speak with the Personnel Committee to further discussion.

New Business

Mayor ProTem Crawford states that there has been some discussion about how the P&Z members are selected. He states that the board was formed but some people originally selected did not show up so Clifford Coleman, Leroy Andrews and Farris Adams are the names that he would like to recommend to the council. Councilwoman Walk asks is it in the charter the specific amount of people and if they had to live in Tennille. Mayor Cummings states that she searched the charter but could not find where this was addressed specifically. Councilman Hartley states that he recalls that it was five members on the committee in the past. Mr. Howard states that we need to develop an ordinance to address all these issues. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Elaine Walk, to table the Planning and Zoning committee member selection until the ordinance is done by Mr. Howard. Motion carried.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asks if the council had anything to report from their committees? Councilwoman Walk states that the finance committee will meet on Thursday at 5:15 to discuss internal controls, finance reports to present to council, and segregation of duties. Councilwoman Veal states that everything is going well with the police department. She states that she had a meeting with Chief Cochran and he will be attending training two times in Savannah in the upcoming month. Mayor ProTem Crawford states that he had the census count and passed a copy for everyone that shows an incorrect number by the county that they are using for the SPLOST calculation. Councilman Hartley states that a water leak on Main street was repaired. He states that he will scheduling to have the other leak in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Cummings states that it will another SPLOST meeting on August 14 at the Sandersville Fire Dept. Councilwoman Walk asks if we heard anything from the bank regarding the fraud incident. Mr. Howard states that he has not but will move forward as the council directs. There being no further business, **motion made by David Hartley, seconded by Elaine Walk, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk