

**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 Garrard  
Keith Lindsey

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

January 7, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on January 7, 2019 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Marlene Garrard, Elaine Walk, Brainard Crawford, Booker T. Coleman, 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 Crawford led the invocation.

Visitors- Brian Wright, Wright & Wright

Mr. Wright introduced himself and stated that he was here to give a brief explanation of the Financial Reports. Mr. Wright states that overall things are improving with the City finances. One of the main reasons is that we have paid off some of the GEFA debts. Mr. Wright gave an outline of the details of the reports and asked if there were any questions. Councilwoman Walk asks about the revenue vs. the expenditures and Mr. Wright explained that you would want to bring more revenue than budgeted. Mr. Wright explained to Councilman Lindsey that the personnel should be the controlled. Councilman Crawford commended the City on moving forward and the progress of the positive report.

Kyle Edenfield, J & T Environmental

Mr. Edenfield explained that he has been working with the city for 2 years at the WWTP. He said that his opinion is that we need a full-time operator and some upgrades to the plant. He said that he will personally train them. He said that right now every city is having flow issues. He recommends that we go to a SCADA system that the plant can be monitored from anywhere. He states that he will do an assessment in the next few days and let the city know all the mechanical problems.

Josh Godbee, Godbee Farm Service

Mr. Godbee explained about the preventative maintenance that is needed at the WWTP that will in the long run cost the city less money. He states that he will work with Kyle to get that assessment for the improvements in order of importance.

### Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cummings asked that council approve the minutes for November 29, 2018, December 3, 2018, December 17, 2018. **Motion made by Marlene Garrard, seconded by Keith Lindsey, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.**

### Departmental Reports

- Chief Cochran states that the Police Department responded to 161 calls and collected \$0 in fines due to no court in December. Chief Cochran states that it was 2 motor vehicle accidents and one resulted in pedestrian being hit. Councilman Crawford states that he and Mayor Cummings will have a meeting with the Police Department to get acquainted with the officers.
- Michael Miller, Public Works Supervisor states that a leak was repaired. There was nothing else going on and the department was running well. Councilman Crawford asks was sewer available to be run on Hooks Lane? Mr. Miller explained that it was not right of way and the city has no jurisdiction. The street is private. The property is not the city.
- Mike Wiggins, submitted the monthly report. He is out of town.

### Attorney- Michael Howard

- Mr. Howard states that he reviewed the Leaf and Limb contract and Mr. Anderson wanted to add the information per EPD standards so that he will protect himself. Mr. Anderson states that the debris that is on his land have not been chipped and is concerned that it will start decaying. Mr. Anderson states that he gave a copy of a new contract that he drafted. Mayor Cummings stated that everything is the same in the original contract except the additions that Mr. Anderson wants to add should the city or him decide to cancel the contract then a \$100 per day will be assessed until his land is cleaned and all debris removed. Mr. Howard will look over this contract that Mr. Anderson submitted and have a draft copy for his review before the next meeting. Mr. Howard states that he mailed a letter to GA Power about the wireless meter contract and invited a representative to come to a council meeting to explain the specifics of the contract.

### New Business

The special election is scheduled for March 15. The city of Deepstep may have to do an election and we would split the cost with them. If only one person runs they will not have it. Mayor Cummings states that since we are posing the Sunday alcohol sale question in addition to the open council seat we may have to pay the full bill for the election should Deepstep not need it. Mayor Cummings opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Lindsey stated that the charter states that there should be 2 representatives from each district and the owner of Pepe's approaches about when would the Sunday sale of alcohol be put on the ballot to be voted on. Councilman Lindsey stated that he feels we owe it to the citizens to hold the Special Election in March. Councilman Crawford states that the council previously approved for the question to be on the ballot. He wants to move forward with the election. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Marlene Garrard, to hold the Special Election in March to fill the empty council seat and the Sunday sale of alcohol by the drink on the ballot. Motion carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that the city have been approached by Leroy Andrews to purchase our property on Gilwood Street. Mr. Howard states that we would need to do an appraisal of the property. Mr. Howard stated that it may need to be a bidding process for the purchase. He will check with the tax commissioner office on the price and it will be discussed at a meeting at a later date.

Mayor Cummings states that we will be looking into the contract with Advanced Disposal because of numerous complaints. We are waiting on a shipment of trash cans that have not been delivered and several new residents do not have trash containers. Mayor Cummings will call them and voice our concerns and will have an update at a later date. Mayor Cummings asks that we re-visit the proposal of the Revise Website.

Mayor Cummings states that they sent a new proposal adding in a clause to terminate if necessary and reduced the contract to 3 years instead of 5. Councilman Lindsey asks that we get more proposals before we commit to this one. Mayor Cummings states that she will get 2 more proposals and will re-visit at a later date. Mayor Cummings states that Michael Miller spoke with her about the public works vehicle purchase. This was looked at in the past during the former administration. The public works vehicle is in need of serious repairs. It was voted on in the minutes to get bids on a used vehicle. Councilman Crawford believes that we need to get bids on a new vehicle with a warranty. Mayor and Council agreed to get bids on a new vehicle. Mayor Cummings asks that we get some information on the GMA vehicle purchasing program.

Mayor and Council Comments

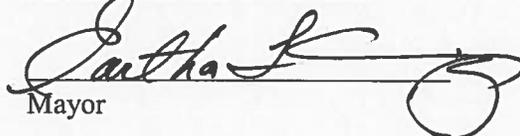
Mayor Cummings asks if the council had any questions. Councilman Crawford asks that each member give a name of a person in the community to serve on various boards within each district. Councilman Keith Lindsey asks about Betty Rogers yard issue. Mayor Cummings states that it was resolved and she is happy. He also asks that our fire department makes a monthly report. Mayor Cummings states that she has already spoke with Lee Strickland and he is willing to come. Councilwoman Garrard states that she noticed a large number of trash and mattresses on the street near Holmes Cannery Road. She asks that someone go by the resident home and tell them that the city do not pick up those items. Michael Miller states that it is a notice that is put on the resident door. Mayor Cummings gave a flyer for a Youth Leadership breakfast and she asks if available, could they attend. Councilman Crawford noticed some lights out on Smith Street and Carver Street and Ms. Garrard asks Michael Miller to check on Adams Street for lights that are out.

There being no further business, **motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Keith Lindsey, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

  
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Mayor