

Mayor  
Eartha T. Cummings

City Attorney  
Michael Howard

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

## COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 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- Donald Patterson, Norfolk Southern Railroad

Mayor Cummings states that Mr. Patterson was not able to be here today. He came on Friday and presented a \$2,000 mini grant to the Police Department to be used for any purpose that they need.

Attorney- Michael Howard

- Mr. Howard states that he has some discussion about the Leaf and Limb contract that would be appropriate to speak about in Executive Session. Mayor Cummings asks Mr. Howard if we would speak about the Georgia Power Wireless contract in Executive Session and he said yes.

**Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to enter in Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and contract negotiations. Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to come out of Executive Session. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings asks that Mr. Howard addresses the Leaf and Limb contract. Mr. Howard asks is it necessary to get a motion to approve what was discussed in Executive Session concerning the contract. Mayor Cummings answered yes. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Keith Lindsey, to approve what was discussed in Executive Session concerning the Leaf and Limb contract. Motion carried.** Mr. Howard states that we have agreed and voted on to accept the contract as it was originally written. Mr. Howard states that it is with no revisions by the city or Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson states that he will not

accept it. Mr. Anderson is concerned how the situation is being handled. The original contract signed under the previous administration can not be found. Mr. Anderson wants the revision previously discussed to protect himself. He is concerned about the missing files. He explained that EPD would have some problems if they come in and asks for them. The weight and information that shows what was done with the debris. He believes that the files were destroyed. Mr. Anderson wants the revision to the contract that covers him and clears him of any liability. Mr. Anderson states that he has an appointment with his attorneys to discuss the contract. Mayor Cummings states that we have reached out to MW Collins for chipping the debris and we will contact him with the exact date.

#### New Business

Mayor Cummings states that she provided council with a resolution for the Washington County Joint Pre-Disaster Plan that we need to adopt. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Marlene Garrard, to adopt the Washington County Joint Pre-Disaster Plan. Motion carried.**

Mayor Cummings asks if she can get a motion to advertise for the open personnel positions in the public works department and the waste water treatment plant. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Marlene Garrard, to advertise for the open positions in the Public Works and Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.**

#### Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asks if the council had any questions. Councilman Crawford asks that we continue to address the dilapidated buildings in the city. Also, we need to address the issues of potholes on different streets in the city. Councilman Crawford have received complaints about people messing up their cars hitting the potholes. Councilwoman Walk states that the Relay for Life has approached the DDA about hosting the event again this year. The DDA has agreed to sponsor the event on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Mr. Howard states that this would not require a vote. Mayor Cummings and council agreed. Councilwoman Walk states that she is still meeting with FEMA concerning the grant and the Finance Committee will have its first meeting on Monday at 5:15 p.m. Councilman Lindsey states he have information from GMA regarding Georgia Cities week April 21-27, 2019. If we agree to participate GMA will send us a packet to promote the events. **Motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to participate in Georgia Cities Week. Motion carried.** Councilman Lindsey states that he met with the Zeta Cemetery Trust and they were happy that someone from city council attended. He states he will be working with the Mayor and the city clerk on some ideas they proposed. Councilwoman Garrard states that she touched base with GDOT about their flagger training. She states that Ms. Payne is going to look up some training information and get back with us. Mr. Crawford asks that council give him the names and address to contact the persons they nominate for the committees that was previously discussed.

There being no further business, **motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Keith Lindsey, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

