

Mayor
Eartha T. Cummings

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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

January 6, 2020

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on January 6, 2020 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Brainard Crawford, Booker T. Coleman, David Hartley, Elaine Walk 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 Mayor Pro Tem Crawford led the invocation.

Visitors

Michael McWhirter, Advanced Disposal-states that he wants to continue to provide service to the city. He states that he has been out to address some of the issues with the service. He states that the rate in the new proposal is reduced from \$8.75 to \$8.50. Councilman Lindsey stated that we have had issues and what things are you now putting in place to prevent the future problems? Mr. McWhirter states that he drove around on trash day and he thinks that a daily spreadsheet with issues sent to them will help. Also, he will require that the driver stop by city hall before he leaves to address any complaints.

Todd Yates and James Lanier, Ryland Environmental-Mr. Lanier states that he has learned that customer service is the cornerstone of business. He states that he will bring all new carts and equipment. They states that the response time to customer complaints usually the same day since the truck will be local. Mr. Yates gave the history of the company and how he started it. He states that he will provide the same customer service that he has in the past with the City of Sandersville and other surrounding cities.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2019 regular meeting.

Departmental Reports

- Chief Milner states that for the month of December the Police Department responded to 116 calls. He states that the total fines collected for the month was \$4,732.00. Chief Milner states that the police department need to get 2 additional cameras. He provided the quote for the camera upgrades.
- Mike Wiggins, had surgery and is not able to be here. He provided his December report.
- Administration-Stacie Jordan, City Clerk, gave the accounts payable report for December with a total

of \$63,037.33. The cash balance for the Water acct is \$282,086.13 and the General acct is \$134,874.11.

Attorney- Michael Howard- Mr. Howard states that he will reserve any comments for executive session.

Old Business

Mayor Cummings states that we put a bid out for our Garbage Services contract and we received two bids. Advanced Disposal bid was for \$8.50 per cart. Commercial rate is \$47.00 per week for 1-4 yard. Ryland Environmental was for \$10.25 per cart. Commercial rate is \$51.96 per week for 1-4 yard. At a fixed rate for 5 years.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Elaine Walk to enter into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asked the council members for any comments. Councilman Lindsey states that the building on the end of the street downtown has been sold and work is being done on it. The Washington County car club has asked to use downtown area for a cruise in car show on January 25, 2020. Councilman Lindsey states that he has parade permit for the event. Mr. Howard states that the city need to look into an ordinance or policies in place to address this. **Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by Elaine Walk, to allow the Washington County Car Club to host the cruise in care show in the downtown area on January 25, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Motion carried.** Mayor Pro Tem Crawford states that he would like for council to review the draft Personnel Policy that was given out. He would like for Mr. Howard to review the policy for any changes. He states that the Personnel committee meeting for January 9 at 5:30 has been cancelled. Councilman Hartley states that he has been receiving complaints about stray dogs and wants to know what is the policy regarding those? Ms. Jordan states that if they call city hall we call the county animal control. He states that people have been asking about buying city property. Mayor Pro Tem Crawford states that the restroom issue at that park area needs to be addressed. Councilman Lindsey states that there is a restroom at the police station for public use. Mayor Cummings states that she wrote a grant to address the lightning at the park and it was approved for \$500.00 from Georgia Power. **Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk