

Mayor
Eartha T. Cummings

City Attorney
Michael Howard

City Clerk
Stacie Jordan



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

COUNCIL MEETING

Via teleconference

July 6, 2020

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on July 6, 2020 via teleconference with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Brainard Crawford, David Hartley, 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 the invocation.

Visitors-No Visitors

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, David Hartley to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2020 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Departmental Reports- Mayor Cummings states that the Administration report for June is included in the packets.

Attorney- Michael Howard- **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, David Hartley to accept the nominees for the Planning and Zoning Committee that are presented. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Howard read the oath and swore in the Planning and Zoning members that were present Clifford Coleman, Sr., and Farris Adams. Mr. Howard states that the two members not present Deborah Rhodes and Leroy Andrews will be sworn in at the next meeting. Mayor Cummings states that a standing meeting for the P&Z Committee will be held every 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. the first meeting will be July 13, 2020.

New Business

Mayor Cummings states that the proposed 2020/2021 Budget is included with the packets. This is the first reading of the proposed budget.

Mayor Cummings asks that the IGA with the County for the Police Services be extended. **Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by Keith Lindsey, to extend the IGA with the County for Police services. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states the city will hold a Special Election for the vacant seats of District 2, Post 1, and District 3, Post 1 on November 3, 2020. The ad will run in the paper the weeks of July 13 & 20 and qualifying will be July 29, 30 and ending on July 31 at 12 noon. Mayor Cummings states the Backhoe in public works has gone down. She states that we have gotten a quote from John Deere and made contact with Caterpillar and Case for estimates. Councilman Hartley states that we are researching to get the best price. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to empower the Mayor and Public Works chairman to research and get the best prices for a new backhoe and bring information back to Council for consideration. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that the Georgia Hi-Lo Bike trail non-profit by Mary Charles Howard is writing a grant. Ms. Howard is asking for letter of support and add to the city's Comprehensive Plan. **Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to write the Letter of Support for the Georgia Hi-Lo Bike Trail. Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, David Hartley to go into Executive session to discuss litigation via teleconference. Motion Carried.

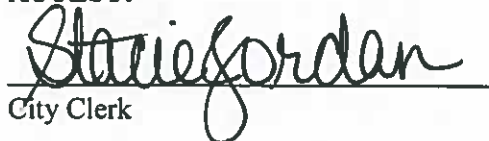
Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, David Hartley to come out of Executive session. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the settlement as offered by Queensborough Bank. Motion Carried.

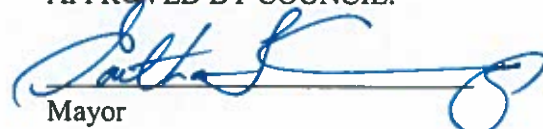
Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asked if council have any reports from the committees. Mayor Pro Tem Crawford states he has been contacted by a citizen about car break ins and the darkness of the Zeta and Burdett street area. Chief Miner states that he got some calls over the last month of a few complaints of car break ins that are being investigated. Mayor ProTem Crawford asked Councilman Hartley to let Public works know of the ditches in his area that need to be cleaned out to prevent drainage issues during the rainy season. Mayor Cummings states that we have received good response from the Blight property letters. She states that anyone that missed the deadline and did not communicate with her will receive a notice of violation. She states that she will be sending out the next round of letters to commercial businesses. Mayor Cummings states that it is very important that everyone is counted in the Census and the city has 42% of citizens that has completed it. She states that she wants council to get out in their districts to assist in making sure everyone has completed the Census application. Mayor Cummings states that we are ordering door hangers to give out to the citizens and that a laptop is set up in City Hall for citizens to complete the Census online. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by David Hartley, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.**

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:


Mayor