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Eartha T. Cummings

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

COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on March 18, 2019 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Elaine Walk, Brainard Crawford, Booker T. Coleman, Marlene Veal 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

Eddy Turner, Washington County Ag Center

Mr. Turner gave a brief history on the Ag Center and how it started in Washington County. Mr. Turner discussed the upcoming Rodeo that will be held on April 5-6, 2019. He stated that the event has great support from local sponsors. He invited council to come out and thanked the mayor and council for the invitation to speak.

Ann Moffat, Lavender Country House

Ms. Moffat gave a brief history of her life and how she ended up in Washington County. Ms. Moffat stated that she renovated a house on Tennille Harrison Road for a bed & breakfast. She provides personal service for the visitors and English-style breakfast. It is on 54 acres and have a pond. She states that she has been busy since her opening 4 weeks ago. Ms. Moffat left her cards and thanked the mayor and council for the invitation to speak.

Rose Chrisley, Chrisley's Collectibles and Coins

Ms. Chrisley gave a brief history of her life and how she is a native of Washington County. She states that after retiring from teaching in Savannah her husband and herself bought a home and opened their shop downtown Tennille. Ms. Chrisley states that their business has 2 sides that includes selling collectibles and coins. She states that her husband part of the business has been very successful. She states that she has been welcomed by the downtown merchants. Ms. Chrisley thanked the mayor and council for the invitation to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cummings asked that council review the minutes for March 4, 2019. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Elaine Walk, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.**

Attorney- Michael Howard

Mr. Howard states that the GA Power Wireless Meter Contract issue have been resolved in very favorable terms.

New Business

Mayor Cummings states that it has been brought to her attention that several council members had concerns about the MW Collins invoice for the chipping of debris totaling \$20,000 in February that she authorized. Mayor Cummings states that she did her due diligence by finding the minutes for a call meeting in March 2018 where it was approved for MW Collins to do the chipping. Also, there is a Yard Waste Management Plan that was submitted in 2018 that states the city will use MW Collins for the chipping of all city debris. The plan is for a total of 4 years. Mayor Cummings states the original quote was for \$24,000 but since he was going to be in Sandersville it would be a \$4,000 discount. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford stated that he did not see a problem with the decision the mayor made. He states that the chipping had to be done and had not been done in over a year and we would get in trouble if EPD would have come down and saw it. Councilman Lindsey stated that according to the Purchasing Plan any purchases over \$1,500 should come before the council for a vote. Councilman Lindsey did not agree with the mayor authorizing the chipping. Councilwoman Walk asked for a copy of the Yard Waste Management Plan. She states that FEMA asked for a copy of bids for the chipping of the debris. Councilwoman Veal states that the issue is that the purchasing policy was not followed. Mayor Cummings asked for clarification about how to handle the chipping issue from now on and are we going to use MW Collins in the future. Councilwoman Veal stated yes and that from now on if a check for that amount is written council need to know about it and approve. **Motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the \$20,000 invoice for payment to MW Collins. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that we have a LMIG application and LMIG SAP application that is due by April 1, 2019. The total for each grant is approximately \$20,000 each. Councilman Lindsey asked did she have any projects in mind? Mayor Cummings states that public works have identified one street that need some work done on it. She asks council to let her know of any streets they have seen that need repairing.

Old Business

Mayor Cummings states that we provided Mr. Howard with a copy of the contract for Revize Website. Mr. Howard states that the contract is a legally sound contract and he doesn't see any problems if the council wants to move forward with it. Mayor Cummings gave a brief description of what the company will give us per the contract. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to accept the contract by Revize Website. Motion Carried.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asks if the council had any questions and comments. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford states he will speak with Mr. Wiggins concerning some streets with potholes and the dilapidated houses issues. Councilwoman Walk states that the FEMA categories have been satisfied and we should hear from them soon regarding payment. Councilman Lindsey states that he went to the Newly Elected Officials training in Tifton.

He states that Business After Hours will be at Premier Tire, on March 28, 2019 at 5-7 p.m. He states that on June 5, 2019, BRAG will be a rest stop in Tennille. He states that we are looking to provide nutrition and an active fun day for the city. Councilwoman Veal states that there was a citizen complaint on face book about not having a trashcan. She states that Morgan at City Hall told her that we were waiting on Advanced Disposal to bring some more trashcans to replace hers and some more citizens. Councilwoman Veal instructed Morgan to tell Public Works to take her trash can at her old residence to the citizen until a new one can be delivered. She asked council if anything can be done to compensate the citizens that were without trash service? Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford stated that if we do start compensating citizens that we would open a can of worms. He states that everyone receiving service at some point would want some type of compensation. The city clerk Stacie Jordan stated that the citizen was not a new citizen but stated that she said that she went outside and her trashcan was missing. She states that it is an ongoing problem with Advanced Disposal and the trash can issue had been previously discussed at an earlier council meeting. Councilwoman Veal stressed the importance of showing good customer service with the citizens. Mayor Cummings states that she spoke with Josh Godbee about the motor at the Booster Pump and we received the credit for the pump. It is a \$1,300 difference to get a new motor and that would give us a back up motor to be in compliance with EPD. She states The BBQ Blast is gearing up it will be held September 27-28, 2109. Mayor Cummings states that the Special Election will be held tomorrow. She states that the part time Customer Service Representative that we approved to hire will not be coming she took another job. She states that she did speak with an OFTC representative that will help with placing someone with us for part time. She states that she will check into that.

There being no further business, **motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by Marlene Veal, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk