

Mayor
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 4, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on March 4, 2019 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford led the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cummings asked that council approve the minutes for February 4, 2019 and February 18, 2019. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to accept the minutes with correction to change Councilman Crawford name to Mayor ProTem Crawford. Motion carried.**

Departmental Reports

- Chief Cochran states that for the month of January the Police Department responded to calls and collected \$4,848.00 in fines. Chief Cochran states that we are all aware of the tragic incident that took the life of Public Works worker Ed Brown. He states that his department is praying for his family, the co-workers and the city.
- Mike Wiggins, submitted the February monthly report. The total amount for the work was \$33,400 and the permit fees collected was \$367.00. Mr. Wiggins stated that there were several inquiries about city owned lots. Mayor Cummings states that we have turned the information on the properties for Mr. Howard to review and we will be discussing that later. Councilman Lindsey wanted to know if he could do some research on the cell tower issue. Also, he wanted to know the progress on the city's notice of violation for the Cook Building. Mayor Cummings stated that we have met with Archway to see what they will suggest.
- Accounts Payable Report-City Clerk Stacie Jordan gave the accounts payable report for February with total of \$51,617.43 as of February 28, 2019 the cash totals for the general fund is \$273, 875.33, and the water fund is \$79,883.17. Councilwoman Walk got clarification on invoice for Waco Electric. Councilman Lindsey states that he would like to see next month's invoices that are

outstanding. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford states that he makes a motion to receive the report as information only because it have not been audited.

Attorney- Michael Howard

- Mr. Howard states that he will reserve any comments that he has for executive session concerning the land. He states that he checked with the County Administrator that there is nothing on record about any referendum regarding the Hagan Circle annexation. Mayor Pro-Tem provided a letter from the Attorney General office stating that they have no opposition on the annexation.

New Business

Mayor Cummings asked Councilman Lindsey to give information on the landscaping plan. He states that Mary Charles Howard presented a plan in phases. Councilman Lindsey gave a brief overview of the plan.

Motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to advertise for bids for Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the landscaping plan. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Mayor Cummings states that everyone is provided with copies of two additional website proposals from Civic Plus and Jeff Conaway of Conaway Solutions. She states that Civic Plus was the highest received and Conaway Solutions was second highest. Revize Website was the lowest proposal submitted. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Elaine Walk to obtain a contract by Revize Website for council review. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that at a previous meeting she gave out information about HB-302 about adopting a resolution that would not allow developers to come into our city without consideration for the city structure. The bill would allow the state standard to supercede the local standards. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to adopt Resolution No. 2019-03-04 opposing House Bill 302. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that we need to go into executive session for personnel, real estate, and contract litigation.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to enter in Executive Session to discuss contract litigation. Motion Carried.

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

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Elaine Walk to solicit sealed bids for City of Tennille property at East Montgomery Street, Gilwood Street and Waco Mill Road and the option to reject any bids. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Booker T. Coleman to hire Eric Poole, in the Public Works department at the pay discussed. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to hire Leigh Kendrick for, Part time Customer Service Representative at the pay discussed. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the GA Power Wireless Meter contract termination counter offer as discussed. In the event they do not, we will accept the terms of the letter dated Feb 22, 2019. Motion Carried.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asks if the council had any questions. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford states that he was recognized last Tuesday by the Washington County Recreation Department Board for his years of service. He also states that he spoke at the Rotary Club luncheon. Councilwoman Walk states that she has been contacted by Penn Credit about some money that have been collected. She asks if we can ask the citizens to move their trashcans from beside the road after trash pickup on Tuesdays. Mayor Cummings states that we can possibly speak to them about this during Georgia Cities Week. Councilwoman Walk asked for an update about the citizen that wanted to donate some money to the Train Depot restoration. Mayor Cummings stated that we spoke with the auditor and we will need to open a separate account for the money and it will be done this week. Ms. Walk states that we may have to get a permit for the debris on Holmes Cannery Rd for FEMA she is waiting on a definitive answer. Councilman Lindsey reminded council that the Special Election early voting for the liquor by the drink is going on. He asks do we have an update for the locking of the Zeta Cemetery at night. Chief Cochran and Mr. Lindsey will get together about it. Mayor Cummings states she met with Tim Ingram about the EPD non-compliance letter and that Mr. Treadwell will be coming to review our files. Mr. Ingram have gotten an estimate from Sellers Construction of approximately \$8,000 per valve. We are waiting on DOT to respond to the permit. She states that we will need to get a generator at the Booster Pump. Mr. Ingram asks that if it will be ok to start doing a cost analysis for a filtration system vs. a new well. Mayor Cummings states that we had an issue over the weekend with the booster pump. Josh Godbee is contacting the company that we got the pump from because it is under warranty. Mayor Cummings state that we attended a meeting at DOT about the LMIG application process that must be done by April 1, 2019. Mayor Cummings states that the GMA Annual Convention registration opens on March 12, 2019. Mayor Cummings states that she went to the courthouse and found out that the streets at Washington Estates are private streets. The City of Tennille are only responsible for water and sewer on the property. Mayor Cummings states that the funeral services for Ed Brown will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Georgia Grove Baptist Church. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Brainard Crawford for the offices to close at 1:00 p.m. until the close of business day for staff to attend the funeral. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that the potholes on 2nd Ave. and Holmes Cannery Rd and MLK Jr. Blvd have been repaired or either are in the process. Mayor Cummings states that she would like to thank the police department and staff for the hard work and dedication that she witnessed on last Tuesday night.

There being no further business, **motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk