

Meeting minutes OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Date:

April 14, 2025

Time:

5:00 PM

Facilitator:

Vickie Nail, Mayor

Council in attendance

Donald Prestage

Carolyn Blackshear

Theron Harris

Daniel Bennett

Verdie Williams

Nivea Jackson- City Clerk

Gina Sheridan-Finance Manager

Duann Davis- City Attorney

Approval of minutes

These minutes are a draft and are not approved until May 11, 2025

The Council was greeted by a welcome from Mayor Vickie Nail. The Mayor introduced Eddie Tool, who has volunteered as City Chaplain for any staff member who may need him. Mayor Nail has asked that Mr. Tool administer the prayer for this month's meeting giving referencing Palm Monday. Mayor Nail starts the meeting by

announcing the open seat of Lindsay Bennett (ward 2, Post 2), has been filled by Daniel Bennett. Dan Bennett met the qualification requirement that ran in the newspaper. During April's meeting, Bennett let it be known that he was relinquishing his seat on the zoning board to run for the Council seat. Councilman Prestage confirmed with the Attorney if the Council made the appointment of a new Councilmember into the vacant seat of Lindsay Bennett. Duann Davis confirmed that "yes" the Council would appoint a new member to fill the vacancy of less than a year. Councilwoman Blackshear made the motion during the April meeting to delegate Bennett to the seat. The motion was seconded by Donald Prestage, with Verdie Williams abstaining from the vote. Judge Tara Finnerty swore Mr. Bennett in before this April meeting.

The Mayor continues by asking the Council if they had any corrections to the minutes. If there were none, she requested a motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Blackshear makes the motion.

Motion by: C. Blackshear

2nd by: D. Prestage

Motion: carried unanimously

Department Reports

PD-Asst Chief Snell introduced the Council to a newly hired officer, Sgt Kirk Williams. Handouts of stats were given.

Water Sewer-Rodney Deloach gave stats. (Handout)

Fire- Verdie Williams gave the stats for the department (Handout)

Recreation-None given

Surrency Playground-Work will resume Tuesday to complete the bathroom project.

DDA- Cancel previously mentioned food truck festival

Code Enforcement-Burned building by subway has been removed. Truck stop coming to Hwy 23 and John O. Parker Dr., Marriott Hotel talks are pending behind the Food Lion. The Cottages are adding two bigger family style cottages. San Reid's burned building will come down soon.

Vape Shop- The City attorney has revised the zoning ordinance citing that vape stores could not be open near schools, churches, libraries, or playgrounds. This is an effort

to keep dangerous vaping away from children. Dan Bennett offers a motion to accept the new ordinance.

Motion by: Dan Bennett

2nd by: C. Blackshear

Motion: Carries unanimous

Duann reads the first reading of the ordinance amending 5-40-261-263

Open Meetings-Davis, City attorney clarified, meetings must be advertised on the doors of City Hall and on the website within 24hrs of a pending meeting. The City is not required to place an advertisement in the paper before hosting a meeting. The news organ must be notified, not the article ran in the paper. It was further clarified, that if auxiliary groups hold a meeting aside from their regularly scheduled times, an ad would be placed.

Storm Mitigation Grant-GEMA has received the City's pre-application prepared by Councilman Prestage. This grant will have a match of \$383k. Councilman Prestage wants to devise a strategy to fund this grant. He is proposing on funding the project by increasing water prices temporarily. Bennett suggested approaching the County about cost sharing. If awarded, the City will receive \$1.94 Million in grant.

Bids for Police Department repair- The City was able to ascertain 2 bids to remodel the Police dept. One bid is for \$15k and the other was for \$60k. There is such a stark difference in the bids. The Mayor is asking the Council accept the lower bid. Councilman Bennett is asking if the process has been taken through the RFP process. City clerk assures she would look into the matter. Councilman Prestage is requesting bidders give a specific scope of work.

Cities Week-The Mayor is advertising that the City will host a fun free day for kids and adults to come view our city event for a fun filled day with free bouncy houses inflatables, foods, and drinks. The event will take place on Monday April 21, 2025 from 4p-7p while kids are out on spring break. Gifts and giveaways to be given.

Nancy Crosby is proposing the City allow citizens to start a City Cemetery committee. The Committee will be responsible for identifying who is in what grave and somehow create a grave directory. Lori Thompson who works at City Hall will be attending a class on May 9th so hopefully Heart of Georgia will assist with mapping of the cemetery.

Lenton Brown spoke with Council and ask that the Mayor do the welcome at the local Easter Egg hunt at the Middle School on April 19th for children at 10a.

Bea Griffin invites the PD to participate in the Crider Poultry Skeet shoot, she will provide details.

Earnest Armstrong announces Naomi's Lighthouse is open Thursday-Sunday breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Dan Bennett offers a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:19pm

Carolyn Blackshear makes a motion to return to regular session at 7:02pm

The Mayor announcement that the City Attorney will revise the Spray field lease to include a 10 reduction with due dates included.

Donald Prestage makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm

approved
5/12/25

Vicki F. Nail