

THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday-December 13,th 2022

Reidsville City Hall

5:00pm

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Reidsville City Hall was held on Monday December 13, 2021 at 5pm. Members of Council present:

Mayor Curtis Colwell

Carolyn Blackshear

Lindsay Bennett

Doug Williams

Verdie Williams

Bruce Conner

Duann Davis, Attorney

Nivea Jackson, City Clerk

The audience was welcomed by Curtis Colwell, Mayor. The audience was led in a word of prayer by Bruce Conner, Councilman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance in unison. Mr. Colwell announced that he would entertain a motion to adopt and sign the last months meeting minutes.

Motion by: Verdie Williams

2nd by: Bruce Conner

Vote: Carried unanimously

Department Supervisors reports were next. Jimmy Brown, Fire Chief gave the report for the Reidsville Fire Dept. The engine has been bought and the truck would be repaired soon. Stacey Wilds, Police Chief, gave the update for the Police Dept. The Police Dept is awaiting new signs for the College St. area since adopting the new radar ordinance. Signs have been ordered. Chief

Wilds introduced the two new officers that the force has gained Anderson Deliford and Reggie Bruno. The Council welcomed the two new officers to the City. The Council meets with each new employee no matter their position with the City. Nivea Jackson, City Clerk gave updates for the Recreation Dept for D. Renfroe who was absent. Rodney Deloach, Public Works Director, gave the report for Water/Sewer and Street and Lanes. Handout included for Public Works and Police Dept. Carolyn Blackshear gave the report for Administration. Mrs. Blackshear introduced Naija Reddish, a work base learning student, who is working in the front office. Mrs. Blackshear reminded everyone about the upcoming Municipal meeting on January 26th. Blackshear mentioned that a GMA area representative, Artiffany Stanley would be at City Hall December 15th to give the City some guidance with the ARPA fund usage.

Next on the agenda is the Commission reports. Mike Caldwell, DDA Chairman, gave an account for the Reidsville Downtown Development. Huddle House is under Construction, Smith's restaurant is under contract. Earnest Armstrong and Karen Deloach, were in attendance for Surrency-Atkins Playground. The Playground has been very active with fundraising and has had a successful "Screen on the Green" event. They anticipate having a Boston butt sale with tickets at \$30 per ticket. There would possibly be two raffles in January but details were unfolding and tickets were at print at the time. The Park has been asking for a monthly City donation to add to their budget. Councilman Conner offered a motion to give Surrency Playground \$600 per month and retrograde their contributions to their start date.

Motion: Bruce Conner

2nd by: Verdie Williams

Motion: Not carried

Councilwoman Blackshear asked that the Playground be patient and let a budget be derived after all budgets had been looked at.

Motion: Carolyn Blackshear

2nd: Bruce Conner

Motion : carried unanimously

Under Old Business derelect properties were next. The Burns property is being managed under the probation of court with no significant difference being made to the property. City Attorney, would reach out to see what other measures could be used to enforce clean up of the property. Next, was the All Green Contract. The City has held out for three months to come up with a fair financial solution for the trash. The Company is increasing their rates to the City. The City would need to raise their rates to continue the service. All surrounding City's and Counties have increased their rates in line with the request. Council is agreeing to raise the rate provided a binder is in place to deter this vendor from anymore increases until the completion of the new contract. Also, any time a citizen has more than 10+ bags for pickup, Public Works Director, Rodney Deloach would assess the amount of the load. More than 2 grapple swoops would endure a cost.

Motion by: Lindsay Bennett

2nd by: Carolyn Blackshear

Motion: Carries unanimously

Under new business is the School Board Tax Exemption. The City Attorney cannot advise the City on this matter because of the conflict of interest of her position on the School Board. The Mayor is proposing that we table this issue until a buyer is brought forward.

Motion By: Bruce Conner

2nd by: Carolyn Blackshear

Motion: Carries unanimously

Next, Mr. Armstrong announces that New Horizon's is sponsoring the first Annual MLK Day parade on Monday January 17th at 11am. The City is working with him to provide safety on the streets. Councilwoman Blackshear will be Grand Marshall.

With no further business to discuss Lindsay Bennett offered to move the Council into Executive Session at 6:36pm

The Council returns from Executive Session at 6:47pm by motion

Motion by: Lindsay Bennett

2nd by: Doug Williams

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:50p