CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 7, 2023 – 6:00PM

**Call to order:** Mayor Hill 6:00pm

Council and Dept Heads in Attendance: CM Cross, CM Mahone, CM Coogle, CM Beckum, City Attorney Coogle, Chief Finch, City Clerk Melissa Jones, and CM Harrison by phone

Council absent:

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:** CM Cross

**Approval of Agenda:**  CM Coogle, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

**Approval of Minutes** from November 2, 2023 Regular Council Session and November 30, 2023 Work Session – Motion made to approve the minutes made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Mahone, AIF

**Recognitions of Guest(s)**: Yabalah Israel, Brenda Harvey

**New Business:**

1)Anna Drive – Sealed Bid Acceptance – Tim Ingram- Motion to accept bid from Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. at $465,380.00 contingent upon working out claim with insurance company for the contractor that broke the dam made by CM Beckum, 2nd CM Coogle, AIF

(CM Harrison inquired about possible solar panels to help with the increase in electric use for the new blowers. Tim advised that the solar panels they had looked into previously really didn’t add up to any cost savings and that maybe we should check with GA Power or someone. CM Mahone – said shouldn’t be much of an increase as we won’t be running as many pumps. The gray area is there because we won’t be running at full capacity all the time either. Tim advised that was correct and it would be something that HWR would have to play around with some to get accurate)

2) Yabalah Israel – Wants to look into rezoning 418 Clifton Bradley Drive so that he can put a mobile home on his lot. This lot is zoned for stick-built homes only. – Ms. Israel was advised by council that she would need to speak with the Zoning Committee. Ms. Jones took her information and will forward it to the Zoning Committee.

3) Brenda Harvey – CDBG Update – CM Harrison advised that the couple that she was talking to in regards to administering the grant said they were very interested; however, would not be able to take on Oglethorpe until the first of the year. RVRC called and had a teleconference with City Clerk Melissa Jones earlier today and stated that they would administer the grant; however, they were not staffed to do the housing inspections and would have to procure someone to do that part first. They said that if we were to find someone that could do both, they were ok with that also.

4) Motion to approve the **2024 Financial Budget** as presented to council at the October 26, 2023 Work Session with only one adjustment for past due property tax sale cost that doesn’t affect anything as it washes itself out with fees charged to the property owner made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Mahone, AIF

5)Elections - Consider accepting the results of the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election; as certified by the Macon County Board of Elections and Registrations/Election Superintendent on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Motion made to accept the results of the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election as certified on November 13, 2023 per the above made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Mahone, AIF

6) Motion to approve $150 monthly for food for services provided by the MSP Inmate Fire Dept to the City of Oglethorpe made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

7) Motion to approve the purchase of a camera system, fence covering, signs, etc. (in BRACE packet) using the Brace Grant that the city has received $5000.00 from made by CM Coogle, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

**Old Business:**

1)Year End Party for Employees? – CM Cross is taking the ladies of city hall out to lunch and wondered if we should give a ham or something to all employees. CM Coogle will pick up hams and deliver to city hall. Motion for the city to give 10 hams to employees for year end made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

**Other Business:**

1) Attorney Coogle just reminded everyone of the Market tomorrow night from 6-8 in downtown.

2) Everyone applauded Mayor Hill, CM Cross, and CM Coogle for their service to the city of Oglethorpe. Picture to be sent to the newspaper.

**Adjourn:** 6:45PM - CM Mahone, AIF