CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

 COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to order: by Mayor Bruce Hill 6:00PM

Council in Attendance: CM Harrison, Pro-tem Cross, CM Daniels, Jr.

Dept Heads in Attendance: City Clerk Melissa Jones, Fire Chief Childs, Utilities Harrison, Police Dept. Sandifer, and City Attorney Jon Coogle

Pledge of Allegiance: by all

Invocation: Pro-tem/ CM Cross

Approval of Agenda: w/ addition of #3 under old business – motion made by CM Cross, 2nd By CM Harrison, AIF

Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2022 Council Meeting and Work Session and February 24, 2022 Council Work Session. Motion made by CM Harrison, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

Recognitions of Guest(s): Freda Hankerson, Michelle Massey, Reginald and Marquita Walton

New Business:

1) Ms. Freda Hankerson – Honorary Sign on Railroad Street – Widow of Mr. Albert Hankerson. Wanted to humbly accept and say Thank you to all of council for the sign that will honor her husband’s memory on Railroad Street, however will come back to council at a later time to still push for the street to permanently be renamed.

2) Michelle Massey – Dogs and loud music on Keen Avenue all hours of the night. – Ms. Massey advised that she has had an ongoing issue with her neighbor’s dogs for over year with barking at all hours of the night keeping her up. Stated she had called 911 last Tuesday (02/28/22) and was advised by 911 dispatch that the officer on duty stated for her to contact the Chief of Police the following morning. She called again the same night and was told the same thing. She wanted to make contact with an officer, but one never showed up. CM Cross asked Officer Sandifer to make a report for the loud music for last Tuesday night. Ms. Massey advised that it wasn’t for loud music that night, just dogs barking. She had not called on the night of the loud music.

3) Reginald & Marquita Walton – Peach State Community Involvement Agency & PSCIA Fairs- Mr. and Mrs. Walton wanted to introduce themselves and answer any questions in regards to the Fair coming to Oglethorpe in April. The dates were advised of April 20-24, 2022. Times of operation, Security coming with them, our police officers, clean up, insurance policy, fees, and percentage to the city were all discussed. The Insurance policy also leave the city and county at “no fault”. City Attorney Coogle will review the policy.

4) Fire Department SOP’s – CM Cross advised of updates to the Fire Dept. SOP’s. One was in regards to red lights in private vehicles when going to a fire. This falls under 7.1-7.2 in the SOP’s and she wanted to make sure an appeals policy was added. Motion to adopt the SOP’s with the additions was made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

5) Assistant Police Chief position – CM Cross advised that Chief Taylor wanted to replace the “Captain” position with “Assistant Chief of Police”. Mayor Hill asked if this position was budgeted? CM Cross -stated mostly. Attorney Coogle advised no vote was needed until they found a candidate for this position or if money was being discussed.

6) Ordinance Update – Dog & Cat Licensing – Motion to accept the changes to the current dog ordinance (changes attached) made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF

7) Chief of Police approval of spending allowance of $1500.00 for equipment/supplies without council approval, but with approval of Committee Chair – motion made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Harrison, AIF

8) Appointment of Jimmy Daniels, Jr. as Oglethorpe Rep for the Macon Co Recreation Board – motion made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Harrison, AIF

9) Approval of Tree’s & More, Inc. to mulch limb pile from street pick up at cemetery at $4500.00 motion made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Harrison, AIF

Old Business:

1) Yards – CM Cross advised that the ordinance needed to be updated with fines and warnings.

2) Land Bank Representative for Oglethorpe – Samuel Hall – CM Harrison advised that she had nominated Mr. Hall and apologized to him for asking to come here, but did not realize he lived outside of the city limits and therefore would like to default to Gerald Beckum who had previously volunteered. Mr. Hall advised that he would be happy to help Mr. Beckum and our city in any way. Motion made to appoint Gerald Beckum to represent the city of Oglethorpe for the Macon Co. Land Bank was made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Harrison, AIF

3) Meter/Register Quotes – Jeff Harrison of HWR advised we were losing @ 1.5 million gallons of water per month due to broken meters. We can get the manual meters for $76.00 each and need a qty of 120. That would be $9,120.00 and this would replace half of the broken meters in the system. The radio read meters are $225.00 each and we would need a qty of 130 which would be $29,250.00 for a total of $38,370.00 to order both. Motion made to purchase all 250 meters at $38,370.00 using ARPA Funds was made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Harrison, AIF

Other Business:

1) Jeff Harrison advised that speed bumps would be installed on Asbury next week. (use old LMIG funds).

2) Rental of Gym and Business Center – change the deposit for the Gym and Business Center to $75.00 deposit and $200.00 rental fee. Motion made to change pricing made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

Adjourn: 6:58 PM motion made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF