CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2022 – 6:00PM

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

Council and Dept Heads in Attendance: Mayor Hill, CM Cross, CM Harrison, CM Daniels, City Clerk Melissa Jones, City Attorney Jon Coogle, Interim Police Chief Eric Finch,

Council Absent: CM Coogle and CM Mahone

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:** Mayor Hill

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made to approve Agenda by CM Cross, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF

**Approval of Minutes** from September 1, 2022 Regular Council Session and September 29, 2022 Council Work Session – Motion to approve made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF

**Recognitions of Guest(s)**: Melvin Moore, Glenda Rigby, Alice Dennis

**New Business:**

1) Melvin Moore – Gov’t Grants – I’ve been living in Oglethorpe for about 3 months and I love it here. I’ve been involved with city government in the past and now work for the federal government. I have a few concerns and one is whether or not the city has a Code Enforcer? CM Cross – No, but we are working on that. Mr. Moore – I’ve just noticed a lot of dilapidated houses in the area. With code enforcement working the process, the city could take ownership of the properties and resale. My second concern is does the city have a Grant Writer like for CDBG? Melissa – yes, we have Carol Southard who handles the CDBG for neighborhood housing, but we do not have an in-house grant writer. Mr. Moore – I’ve worked with the real estate side of CDBG. The EPA gives money for redevelopment. To apply we would only have to give them information on what the property could be used for and if there is something toxic with that property. Currently giving $250K just to develop a plan and do some testing on the property. CM Harrison advised that she would be more than happy to sit down with Mr. Moore to discuss further. Mr. Moore asked if it were true that we had signed a 14 month contract with Montezuma for our police dept? CM Cross – yes, it’s a temporary agreement. Mr. Moore said that he hoped that we would be able to go back to an independent police dept. CM Cross advised that we were looking to have 3 more cadets go to school in January. Mr. Moore advised that there was a brick wall on one side of his property and he could see that someone was trying to fix it up. He asked for permission to complete the project by cleaning and painting the wall. Council was in favor. Mr. Moore advised that he would also work with CM Harrison to get donations for the Veteran’s Day Celebration and that he was interested in the land bank for properties.

2) Glenda Rigby – Library updates – Advised that the library received a new drop box and that it was set up in the parking lot area. Recommended that Michelle Chase be voted in to represent Oglethorpe on the Macon County Library Board to take the place of Ms. Julia Snipes as her term has come to an end. Motion was made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF

3) Alice Dennis – limbs – no show

4) Motion to approve the 2022 City of Oglethorpe Millage Rate of 15.17 made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF

5) Motion to approve Antenna Rental Fee at Prison Water Tower of $750.00 per month for GDC with GDC assuming all liability made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF

**Old Business:**

1) City of Oglethorpe Tentative Garbage Rate Increase – Melissa to resend to council her recommended rates.

2) Public Safety Roof – Request for Quote/Bid – list in both newspapers and have Melissa as the contact person to make an appointment to review the roof.

**Other Business:**

1) Post Card Design for city utilities – CM Cross thinks it needs to be a little bigger. CM Harrison said you could get 500 cards 4x6 for $160.00. CM Harrison will look into a company that can provide someone to work helping with projects and the company pays them.

2) Veteran’s Day – Need sponsors. Jon Coogle said he would do $100.00 Corporate Sponsors – Coca Cola, Pepsi, International Paper, Flint Energies (Betty Chase). Mr. Melvin Moore offered to help with the sponsors. Motion made to budget $1000.00 for the event and what sponsorship monies are received to be credited back. Anything over $1000.00 will be put in the parks and recreation budget for future events. Motion made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF

3) LMIG – CM Harrison will be having her meeting with HWR (Jeff Harrison) on October 7, 2022 to set up a strategy.

4) Chief Finch advised that Tim Tookes was in an apartment in Montezuma. Chief Finch will also contact GCIC for the procedure for approval to move Cindy Kleckly’s office to city hall temporarily.

**Adjourn:** 7:10PM Motion made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF