

CITY OF OGLETHORPE
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL
115 CHATHAM STREET
COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
APRIL 24, 2025 – 6:00PM

Call to order: 6:00PM by Mayor Daniels

Present: CM Harrison, CM Moore, CM Woodard

Absent: CM Mahone and CM Beckum

Department Head Reports: (All should have been emailed prior to meeting)

- 1) City Clerk, Melissa Jones – report emailed to council prior to meeting.
- 2) Police Dept – Cindy Kleckley (regular council meeting) / Chief Breletic - email
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer/Streets - HWR Jeff Harrison – Changed out a 3” meter at Quail Run Apartments. Pine Grove Trailer park changed out a 2” meter, worked on lift stations. Cleaned up debris from job areas – behind post office, etc. (Cuyler / Sumter). Pumped up backhoe tire. Checked sewer line on Reynolds St. I didn’t get the correct date for the ground breaking. There were some changes with the WWP. Council advised they weren’t aware of any changes. They are going to de-sludge the pond by building a dike. (conversation ensued) Council is concerned about how we are going to stay compliant with our current EPD permit, but thankful we have started with this project and getting things done. Possibly have the engineering company sign a contract advising the city will not be responsible for payment if fined. Mayor advised they would need to have a called meeting. Jeff advised that there was an upside to this project not being started 2 years ago, and that was the extra \$3 Million in grant money. That is a plus for the city. (conversation ensued)
- 5) Fire Department – report emailed monthly – Chief Childs

Council/Committee Reports: (All should have been emailed prior to meeting)

- 1) Mayor Daniels – Continue with promoting Cities Week. Discussion if rain comes Saturday for the Walk/Run/Roll-a-Thon. Will reschedule if needed.
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – CM Harrison/CM Woodard - nothing
- 3) Public Safety – CM Moore - nothing
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – CM Harrison – already spoke about WWP. Still working on money from appropriations committee for May Road. Still working on Cuyler and Sumter issue. Kyron Smith’s report advised that the camera’s were installed (HWR), concrete wall, cans full at WWP, etc.
 - A) Blue Tag Tree Service – CM Harrison advised about trees on Sumter St. (305 and 309) Estimate of \$1500.00 was sent in. Council advised to go ahead and do the jobs. No vote needed as job service is under \$2K. Issue on Pinecrest with the wire hanging low. CM Harrison contacted Windstream and the line has been fixed.
 - B) Mahone Lawn Care – gave report – had questions in regards to the City Hall sprinkler system. Need to water the sod that was put in front of City Hall. Another roll of sod was

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left over at the Police Dept and needs some dirt. CM Moore advised he has a pile of dirt that can be used.

- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Harrison gave an overview of We Love Oglethorpe / Ga Cities Week. Awards were given for the coloring contest. Ms. Brown (from the school system) advised how thankful they were for being included with GA Cities Week and teaching the children about Public Safety Services. CM Woodard advised she would like to get us started on the Tennis Courts/Pickle Ball Courts. Mayor advised to get information and requirements and let's get it done. CM Woodard asked about some of the items at the walking track being fixed/updated. (conversation ensued)
- 6) Downtown Development Authority – CM Moore Economic Development Plan Draft – still pushing through. Working with the Development side of the Chamber. CM Harrison spoke about the GICH information as well. Putting a team together. Mr. Nixon from IP, Natalie Bradley from Flint Energies, etc. I will work to get a rep from Macon State Prison and the Board of Education as well. Mayor Daniels asked if we could continue getting CDBG if we get GICH and the answer was yes and we are also eligible for CHIP grants.
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Moore/CM Harrison – Looking at \$450K in federal assistance for May Road Project and that would be no cost to the city. The Public Safety Grant is still in progress. GA Power wants to come out and do a tour of the community for the Make Ready Program – charging stations. We want people to come through our city. There are 2 versions for this program – we want the one where they do everything and we do the income sharing. CM Moore wants 6 charging stations. Possibly done by the end of the year. Flint Energies grant for a new mural on the side of the old band building at the park. (Unity and Diversity theme).
- 8) Connectivity Committee - CM Beckum - absent
- 9) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone – absent. CM Moore spoke on the Senior Center. Last month was told Council on Aging had done a lot of the work requested on the building, council requested receipts – only receipts were for expenses. Not repairs or maintenance on the building. A letter was sent in also by Mr. Graves. Still concerned about the amount of work that is needed to be done. I am not satisfied with this. I made a list of the recommended changes for the lease. I do not feel they are competent or willing to repair or maintain the building – so rent should be initiated. We would be responsible for FUTURE maintenance to the building, but they would have to finish the previously identified.(conversation ensued)

New Business:

- 1) Umbrella Insurance (city property/vehicles) – CM Moore gave out a summary comparison.(attached). Chief Breletic advised that we would also be going for our State Certification and be able to get discounts. Mayor Daniels advised that there would be a called meeting and to send all of this information to all of council.

Old Business:

Other Business:

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Public Comments: Ms. Lee gave information about something she saw in the sky a while back and just wanted the council to know. (Kaigler Street area).

Adjourn: 7:26PM Mayor Daniels

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