

CITY OF OGLETHORPE
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL
115 CHATHAM STREET
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2025 – 6:00PM

Call to order: 6:02PM Mayor Pro-tem Jill Harrison

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 -
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer/Streets - HWR Jeff Harrison
- 5) Fire Department – report emailed monthly – Chief Childs

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

- 1) Mayor Daniels - absent
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – CM Harrison/CM Woodard – CDBG – Jill missed a call from RVRC and would return call and have update for the next meeting; CM Moore advised he was looking into the umbrella insurance for the city to see if we could get a better price with the same or better coverage. GMA may have a way to have a 10% decrease of what we currently pay. Should have information by March meeting.
- 3) Public Safety – CM Moore gave report from emailed report. Also advised that Police Chief Breletic finished all of the Police Dept procedures and they would go into effect February 28, 2025. Chief Breletic is reviewing old equipment/vehicles. There is a 2019 Ford F-250 behind city hall that originally belonged to the police department, but wasn't being used so was sent to city hall. The Chief would like to reclaim it for use and have the Tahoe available for part time officers. CM Moore advised that the large tax debt that was owed had been taken care of and wanted to know about what we were doing about the full history of the issue. He would like to have an investigation by Chief Breletic and if he feels it needs further investigation, we can discuss. CM Moore would like to have a report produced for the citizens to show transparency. CM Mahone advised we should be sure to have all of our ends tidied up prior to going further if needed and that all legal actions should be taken care of first. Chief Breletic advised that he had worked out an agreement with Houston County to house Oglethorpe arrests for \$45 per day.
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – CM Beckum advised that there was a tree by the Lions Club that obstructs the view when coming out of the driveway onto Chatham Street. CM Moore advised there were still complaints with the overflow of garbage in the cans in front of the laundry mat. He will contact the owner of the business. CM Mahone advised that there were multiple garbage cans in front of the apartments on Asbury that did not have lids and that was causing trash to blow up and down the street. No complaints had been called in to city hall from the residents of those cans. CM Mahone

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asked if GFL would deliver some to city hall and he would go swap them out? City Clerk Jones said she would make the request and advise.

A) Blue Tag Tree Service – advised new pick-up schedule was better and he was having less issues with the piles having garbage mixed in. He did advise that if the leaves were bagged, it would be better and less mess.

B) Mahone Lawn Care – Trimmed hedges at cemetery and city hall. Getting pine straw for city hall flower beds. Needed code for the fence around the pond so that they could get in and cut when needed.

C) Kyron Smith – Requested a new lock on the waste water gate and the gate behind city hall as the current ones are old and rusted. Has a hard time getting them to unlock. He advised that his work truck doesn't have a/c or heat and is need of an oil change. Said the truck shakes a little when driving. City Clerk advised Mr. Smith to come by city hall for a PO to have the oil changed and truck looked at over at Yoder's Tire. Mr. Smith will also move the garbage cans from the back of the cemetery to the front on Chatham St. on Tuesday evenings so that they can be emptied by GFL as they do not go into the cemetery due to the narrow roads.

- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Woodard – advised Wilson Pressure Washing could do the city park equipment and city hall for \$750.00 quarterly. CM Mahone asked about having the benches at the park cleaned also. CM Harrison advised that International Paper would be sponsoring GA Cities Week this year and the Oglethorpe sponsored Quarterly Meeting of the Cities and County. Ga Cities Week is scheduled for April 19-26, 2025. Possibly a Fair on the 26th and 27th this year as well. CM Moore is looking for a sponsor for the Juneteenth Event this year as well.
- 6) Downtown Development Authority – CM Moore – discussion of Team and DDA.
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Moore/CM Harrison – discussion of Economic Development Plan (hand out given). Discussed REBA Grant for the city of Oglethorpe.
- 8) Connectivity Committee - CM Beckum advised that Oglethorpe already had an Enterprise Zone and he gave Melissa a copy. Highlighted a couple of items from his emailed monthly report. Advised that Georgia Trend Magazine posted an article on Macon County for the third year in a row. This is the largest business magazine in GA.
- 9) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone – discussion of the gym being a possible “shelter in place” if needed in an emergency situation. His next project is the toilets, cleaning, and painting at the gym. Looking at possible LED lights. Would like to have an event around November 2025 in the gym. Would like to start working on next month. City clerk advised there were ARPA funds available for this improvement. No new news in regards to the Senior Center.

New Business:

- 1) Heart of Jessie Community Event – CM Harrison handed out flyer. Health Fair Saturday, February 22 from 7AM – 2PM hosted by Ms. Voncile Adams
- 2) Tree Planting at Flint River Farm School hosted by International Paper February 21st.

Old Business:

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Other Business:

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: 7:26PM

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