



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– Council Meeting
Monday June 3, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:35 pm. Councilmember Wynn was absent at the time of roll call. All other members of Council were present.

Councilmember Wynn arrived at 7:40 pm

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Inman to approve the June 3, 2024 council meeting agenda with the addition of letter E, Update on Bruce Street Drainage and letter F, Max Cleland Pole. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Public Comments

No Public Comments given.

V. Public Hearings

VI. Old Business

a. GIRMA Insurance

Chief Dejarnette explained that one quote had been received from GRIMA and we are awaiting the surveys and valuations to be completed by other companies.

b. Historic Preservation Committee

Chief Dejarnette stated he would request that the committee attend a meeting.

c. GMA Conference

Chief Dejarnette stated that all packets with information on classes and hotels will be given out on the 17th of June. All details will also be emailed to council. Mayor Reynolds made a statement about the use of the Council vehicle for transportation to the GMA Conference. She stated that families are not to be transported in the council vehicle as they are not covered by the City's insurance.

d. AT&T Project

Chief Dejarnette explained he has had conversations with AT&T about cleaning up the number of poles as well as the low hanging wires on Main Street as part of the installation of internet fiber for the Resource Center located at old City Hall.

e. Bruce Street Drainage

Chief Dejarnette explained that City Staff is waiting on the State to come and address the issue. He state that the city has been on contact with DeKalb County Roads and Drainage and will attempt to contact DeKalb County Parks and Recreation in the morning.

f. Max Cleland Pole

Chief Dejarnette stated there has only been one quote received for the repair of the pole on Max Cleland Blvd. He stated that he has been having trouble soliciting quotes. There was much discussion about possible vendors. Chief Dejarnette stated he would reach out to R&R Grading and request a quote.

VII. New Business

a. **For Decision** – Southwest DeKalb Alumni Event – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette presented the information on the Southwest DeKalb Alumni event to be held in the park on August 3, 2024 at 2 – 6 pm for a fee of \$750.00 for the rental of one field.

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to approve the Southwest DeKalb Alumni event in the park for a fee of \$750 for one field. Councilmember Wynn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. **For Discussion** – Millage Rate – *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette presented council with the schedule for the upcoming millage rate meetings and public hearings. They are June 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm before the council meeting and June 27, 2024 at 10:00 am and at 6:00 pm.

c. **For Discussion** – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget - *Chief Dejarnette, City Administrator*

Chief Dejarnette presented council with the schedule for the upcoming budget meetings and public hearings. The meetings are scheduled for June 5, 2024 at 4:30 pm, June 12, 2024 at 4:30 pm and June 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

VIII. Reports and Updates

a. Police Update

Chief Dejarnette announced that Lithonia Police Department lost an officer, Officer Ray Latimore, on Memorial Day. He also gave an update on an accident involving one of the officers where her patrol vehicle was struck by a stolen car. No injuries occurred.

b. City Administrator Update

Chief Dejarnette gave a reminder that Millage and Budget are coming up fast. He also praise City Administrative Assistant Jasmine for help out over that last few weeks while the City Clerk, Ashley Waters, has been out.

The organization “Flowing With Blessings” gave a presentation to the city council and explained their efforts to provide the homeless with showers.

c. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Reynolds did not have a report.

d. Councilmember Update

Councilmember Howard stated there will be a Fish Fry and Flea Market hosted by and held at the Senior Center on Bruce Street June 21, 2024 starting at 11 am. She stated that donations will be accepted starting today June 3 – June 10th. She stated that this is a fund raiser that will benefit the Senior Center.

Councilmember Sheppard stated the Lithonia Resource and Achievement Center will have a free lunch program starting June 3, 2024 through July 19, 2024 sponsored by DeKalb County. Lunches will be distributed from 12 – 1 pm Monday through Friday in the courtyard near the old city hall. Free lunches are available to children Pre-K through 12th grade, disable young adults, and disabled adults. All children must be accompanied by an adult and you may be requested to fill out a short intake form.

Councilmember Inman requested an update on the Lithonia Lookbook. Mayor Reynolds stated there were two errors that needed to be corrected and they will be sent to print tomorrow morning. There was much discussion about the future of the Lithonia Lookbook, images, information and formatting.

Councilmember Wynn thanked Lithonia Police and DeKalb police for their help with the ongoing issues with the loud music on the weekends.

IX. Executive Session (If Necessary)

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to enter Executive Session for Real Estate, Litigation, and Personnel. Councilmember Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion – made by Councilmember Sheppard to exit Executive session. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

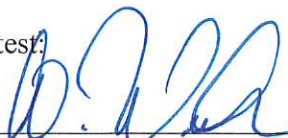
X. Adjournment

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Inman seconded.


The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Attest:


Ashley Waters, City Clerk




Shameka Reynolds, Mayor