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Minutes

January 10, 2005

Present: Councilman Fred Johnson
Councilwoman Violet Dawe
Councilman Eddie Cape
Councilman Wade Thomas
Councilman B.J. Ivie

Oconee County Board of Commission member: Chuck Horton

Monthly Business:

1. Council postponed the presentation of the financial statement for the month of December (Eddie.; Fred; all in favor)
2. Approval of December Draft Minutes – with corrections (Fred, Eddie; all in favor).

Old Business:

City Park

1. Mayor Thomas asked for comments. Councilman Johnson recommended that the amount of money spent on children's playground equipment this fiscal year should be raised to \$5000 (compared to the \$500 discussed last month) and be professionally installed. Mayor Thomas will check on prices.
2. Mayor Thomas next mentioned signs. Councilman Johnson recommended that the necessary funds be made available for a "Welcome City Park" sign and a "Rules" sign (4x4). Councilman Johnson made a motion, Councilwoman Dawe seconded the motion to purchase both signs at an estimated cost of \$750 . Also the City Park Welcome sign shall be two-sided; sign colors to be determined on advice of Athens Sign Company.

Street Lights:

1. After some discussion, Mayor Thomas recommended that the one place where a new light was necessary, the Jefferson Road/Hillsboro intersection near the city limit entrance, should be installed. Also, if any speed platforms are installed, they should be placed near an existing light or a light should be placed near the platform. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilwoman Dawe for a light to be placed at the Jefferson/Hillsboro intersection– all in favor. Councilman Cape also recommended a light on the pole just above the city park boundary on Hillsboro Road (and any platforms area as needed) and made a motion. Councilman Ivie seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilwoman Dawe recommended the newer type of lighting which shines straight down rather than out. Mayor Thomas will make the request

The Modular Home Ordinance:

1. Mayor Thomas presented a final rough draft of the ordinance to the Council and asked Council if they would like to hold a public hearing at next months meeting. After some discussion, questions, notations, etc., Council agreed to advertise and hold the first public hearing of the proposed Modular ordinance at next months meeting.

New Business:

Mayor Pro Tem:

Mayor Thomas opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for the 2005 calendar year. Councilman Ivie nominated Eddie Cape and Councilman Thomas seconded the nomination. Councilman Johnson then nominated Councilwoman Dawe. The nomination did not receive a second. Nominations were closed. Council voted in favor of Councilman Ivie's nomination of Eddie Cape for Mayor Pro Tem. All Council members voted in favor except Councilman Cape who abstained.

Hawks Nest Lane:

Mayor Thomas informed Councilwoman Johnson that a concern on Hawks Nest Lane (a private drive) might be remedied if a letter were forwarded from the subdivisions homeowners association to the Mayor's office to seek clarification of access rights.

Audit:

Councilman Johnson presented an e-mail regarding deficiencies, from the auditing firm of Briscoe and Briscoe, concerning the Town's audit. Mayor Thomas said he had spoken with Mr. Briscoe earlier in the day, and that he would call the state to discern the problem. Also, Mr. Briscoe offered to appear before the council to field questions.

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

Councilwoman Dawe recommended the repainting of the speed platforms and also suggested that bids be sought for the painting of City Hall. Councilwoman Dawe further suggested that the crosswalk on Elder Road might need repainting at this time.

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote (Fred; Eddie; all in favor)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor