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Minutes

June 20, 2005

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

– Oconee Enterprise Rep.

Scott & Jennifer Wilson – 427 Ray's Church Road
Phyllis Rother – 2331 Ray's Church Road
Heike Muller – 1150 Falcon Ridge Dr
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Note: The meeting date is the 3rd Monday of the month

Public Hearing:

1. Mayor Thomas introduced the "Pre-owned Mobile Home and Modular home Exclusion Ordinance" for public discussion. Various items were discussed and members of the Council as well as the public made recommendations. Mayor Thomas then informed all present that a second public hearing would precede next month's regular meeting.
2. Mayor Thomas introduced the revised 2006 proposed fiscal budget for review and comments by the Council and the public. Budget expenditure items discussed included building & grounds upkeep, road improvements/resurfacing, etc... Mayor Thomas closed the public portion of the discussion.
3. Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. Councilman Cape 2nd the motion. All members present were in favor.

Monthly Business:

1. Approved the financial statement for the month of April (Fred; B.J.; all in favor)
2. Approved the financial statement for the month of May (Fred, B.J., all in favor).
3. Approval of the May Draft Minutes (Eddie, Violet,; all in favor)

Old Business:

City Park

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the following topics concerning the park:
 - a. No fence to be placed around the playground area at this time
 - b. The need to maintain at least one “porta-potty”
 - c. The need for benches or other seating arrangements around the walking track
 - d. The placement of mulch or other suitable material in the children’s play area
 - e. The problems that result from horses being in the park

Audit Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that at this time, he had not received any notification concerning the resolution of the city audit..

Law Enforcement Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that Sgt. Brooks continues to patrol our city streets and perform license checks. Additionally, the Mayor stated that he would be speaking with Sgt. Brooks about the enforcement of the No Thru Truck ordinance now that most of the city streets have signs in place.

Streets:

1. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the D.O.T. work on Highway 186, where the water has been a problem, has not been effective. Mayor Thomas asked Councilwoman Dawe to provide him with ideas that can be used in formulating a letter to the D.O.T. addressing the problem..
2. Councilman Johnson again expressed some concerns about the maintenance of Dickens Lane by the City and asked about the possibility of surfacing this road in the future. Mayor Thomas expressed his concern that the City’s budget did not have the necessary funds to pave the Lane at this time – nor in the foreseeable – because of other more populated/traveled roads that that will also require resurfacing.

New Business:

Private Drive Variance:

1. Mayor Thomas presented a request by Phyllis Rother of 2331 Ray's Church Road seeking a variance for an additional driveway entrance off of Hawks Nest Lane (info attached). After some discussion, Councilman Johnson made the motion to grant the variance. Councilman Cape seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Thomas announced that three council seats would be up for election in November.

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

2. Councilman Cape requested that the Council consider the expansion of the park parking lot area and the placement of bleachers at the ball field.
3. Councilwomen Johnson requested that Street improvement remain on the agenda for next months meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor