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Minutes

May 9, 2005

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

Kelly McInterry – Oconee Enterprise Rep.
- Athens Banner Herald Rep.

David Lawrence - resident

Note: The meeting began at 8:15pm.

Monthly Business:

1. Approved postponing presentation of the financial statement for the month of April (Fred; B.J.; all in favor) Mayor Thomas noted the expenditures for the month
2. Approval of April Draft Minutes – with corrections (Fred, B.J., all in favor).

Old Business:

City Park

1. Mayor Thomas reported new improvements including flowers under the park sign. The Mayor also noted that the main city park sign had some “blistering” that Athens sign will correct.
2. Mayor Thomas made mention of some horses in the park area and questioned the appropriateness of this – especially if the horses are on the paved walking area.
3. Mayor Thomas ordered a new driver for the ball field scoreboard.
4. Mayor Thomas announced that the park was being reserved for a birthday party on Saturday, and that the council might want to consider what fees (if any) to charge at some point in the future.

5. Councilwoman Dawe asked about the fencing of two sides of the children's playground area.

Audit Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that the state is currently reviewing the audits and expects a response during the "sixty-day" review period.

Painting City Hall, etc.:

Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that bids for the painting of City Hall remain open until the end of May.

Mayor Thomas asked the Council if they would like to pay the \$700+ amount bid to paint the tops of the speed platforms – or to do the work "in house." The Council agreed with Mayor Thomas to do the work "in house."

Law Enforcement Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that Sgt. Brooks continues to patrol our city streets and perform license checks. Any actions taken by Sgt. Brooks are entered into the county sheriff department computers data base.

Streets:

1. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the D.O.T. did scrape the road area of Highway 186 where the water has been a problem. Councilwoman Dawe noted that they failed to implement sound erosion prevention measures until she requested them, and that in her opinion, they did not do a satisfactory job of "turning" the water away from the roadway and into the ditch.
2. Councilman Cape presented some notes from David Lawrence expressing his concerns with Speedway Lane(copy attached to the minutes). Mayor Thomas will speak with Sgt. Brooks concerning the issue – and will pursue having the road graveled.
3. Councilman Johnson asked about the possibility of graveling the entire Dickens Lane road. Mayor Thomas suggested graveling only a portion of the road in order to "not encourage additional traffic" in the area.

Budget Presentation:

1. Mayor Thomas presented his proposal for the fiscal year 2006 budget and asked the council to provide him with feedback. The budget will need to be adopted at the June meeting

New Business:

Budget Request:

1. Mayor Thomas reminded the Council to prepare their budget requests before next months meeting.

Draft Ordinance:

1. Mayor Thomas presented a draft ordinance to prohibit the placement of used mobile/modular homes within the city for residential use. Some discussion followed and the council decided to hold an advertised public hearing preceding the June meeting.

Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Thomas announced that a variance request for an additional driveway off of Hawks Nest Lane would be on the June agenda.
2. Mayor Thomas asked the council to change the meeting date for next months meeting. The new date will be June 20, 2005. The time will remain the same. The Council was in agreement with the change. The motion was made by B.J.; second by Fred; all in favor.
3. Councilwoman Dawe reminded the Council that the burning ban is in effect for our region.

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor