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Minutes

May 14, 2007

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

Others Present:

David Lawrence
Kate McDaniel

Monthly Business:

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of April, 2007. Motion to approve: Councilman Cape; second: Councilman Thomas. All in favor.
2. Presentation of the April 07 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve with minor corrections: Councilman Cape; Second: Councilman Ivie. All in favor

Old Business:

City Park

- a. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that recent rains required new sand on the field. Councilman Cape suggested a berm around the outer perimeter of the field

- b. Council discussed the possibility of a sign at the pavilion area to notify citizens on procedures for reserving the facility – trash removal etc also discussed.
- c. Mayor Thomas and Council agreed that a lock should be placed on the side entrance gate before games to help inhibit parking along the side of the road.

Law Enforcement Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that Sgt. Brooks continues to patrol our city streets: performing license checks and enforcing No Thru Truck procedures in accordance with the Oconee County Sheriff's Department regulations. .

A suggestion to consider a red light at the intersection of Highway 186 and Hillsboro/Gober was expressed by Councilwoman Dawe.

City Hall Painting:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the painter contracted to paint city hall had 'run' into some problems, but specifically had stated his concern for what he believes to be black mold in the lower area of city hall and that he would not do the work until this is removed. Council discussed the issue and Mayor Thomas has already contacted an environmental firm to investigate the matter. Once the mold issue is determined, Council will revisit the paint contract.

Street Improvements:

Mayor Thomas reported that the work performed on Hillsboro Road would need more resurface work.

Ordinance:

Mayor and Council established June 4th as the date for a second public hearing to discuss the adoption of the Unified Development Code of Oconee County for use by the city under certain circumstances.

HSES/Frazier Hill Road:

Mayor Thomas provided Council with an update of the current status of the Stakeholders Committee and the closing date of the approved section of Frazier Hill Road (June 1, 2007).

Councilman Johnson asked about the possibility of the school providing sidewalks in front of the new school. Mayor Thomas agreed to broach the issue with Dr. Jackson of the school board.

Councilwoman Dawe suggested that the board consider the use of native plants in the landscape plans for the school.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget:

Mayor Thomas presented the Council with a proposed budget for the 08 fiscal year. The Council agreed to hold a public hearing on the issue at the June meeting.

Local Business Owners Resolution:

The review of this ordinance was tabled

Historic Signs:

Mayor Thomas will continue to seek a cost for historic signs indicated that the city is now classified as an historic district.

Child Protection:

This issue was tabled.

Patrol Hours:

Mayor Thomas asked the Council to consider an increase in the number of patrol hours paid for by the city each month with the possibility of using the fire station as a central point.

Meeting Date:

The Mayor and Council agreed to change the official meeting date for the June 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Council to the first Monday in the month – meeting time to remain the same. The motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Cape. All were in favor

Mayor's Update/Council concerns & request for next months meeting:

Mayor Thomas asked members of the Council to provide him with budget considerations before the next meeting.

Councilwoman Dawe announced that the Watkinsville Garden Club has received several recognitions for work around the High Shoals Post Office including a 1st prize district award and a 2nd place state recognition.

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote after a motion by Councilman Cape and a second by Councilman Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor