

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

September 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull Fire Department. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Mike McElroy, Paige Phillips, and Steven Hollingsworth, and attorney Danny Love. In addition, the members of the Zoning Board, Jason Austin; Ian Farlow; Lisa Farlow; Chris Williamson; and Kenny Weaver and Alan Lapczynski from the Fire Department were in attendance.

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes August meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Paige Phillips. The financial reports were unanimously approved after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Steven Hollingsworth.

The members of the Zoning/Appeal Board were administered their oath by city attorney, Danny Love.

Mayor Barber gave an update on the renovations at the City Hall indicating that the contractor had found some termite damage and it would take an additional \$3,300.00 to correct damage. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to pay the additional expenses.

City Attorney Love presented Mayor and Council with a first draft of "An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Hull, Georgia, to allow for the administration and enforcement of State Minimum Codes for construction and local zoning ordinances and adoption of the Codes and enforcement provisions relating to same of Madison County, Georgia, government". This is just a first reading. County Attorney Pruett has been unavailable and attorney Love will continue to reach out to Mr. Pruett and hopefully have more information at the October meeting. It may be necessary to have a public meeting, advertise, etc. No action was taken at this time.

Jason Austin, Chief of the Fire Department asked that the City once again look into the possibility of the City conveying the land where the Fire Department Building is located to the Fire Department. The Clerk has some deeds and other information that she will send to attorney Love to review. No action was taken at this time.

The Clerk indicated that the November meeting date and December meeting date needed to be changed due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to move the November meeting to November 26th and the December meeting to December 17th. The Budget meeting will also take place at the December meeting as is customary. The Clerk will post and provide the required notices to the newspaper.

Mayor Barber advised that he had been contacted by L'Goff concerning the Christmas Decorations for this year. This company has done the decorations the previous three years under a three year contract with the City. They had given a quote of \$3,000.00 to just decorate the tree at the Well; decorate the Well and put lights at the Fire Department. After some discussion a motion was

made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved that the City do their own decorations which could be done at much lower expense. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

A motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to come out of executive session.

Motion was then made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to pay former City Attorney Tefatara Clark the amount of \$1,750.00 in full satisfaction of any outstanding attorney fees she was due. Attorney Love will prepare a letter to Ms. Clark and provide to the Clerk to send the check.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Pou".

Sandra Pou
Hull City Clerk