

**Special Called Meeting
Minutes
May 11, 2023
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thurman called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6pm.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Council Member Wease followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The city clerk called the roll. Mayor Thurman, Mayor Pro Tem Currie, and Council Member Wease were present, a quorum was not present. Council Members Murphy, Miller, and Thurman were not present.

4. Discussion Items

a. City Hall Office Hours

Mayor Thurman discussed changing City Hall office hours for the public from 8 until 4:30pm instead of 5:00pm. The staff would close the doors to the public and remain working until 5:00pm to reduce overtime hours and allow the staff to catch up on items without a distraction.

b. Repointing Bid

The Council briefly discussed the repointing bid submitted by Ace Entities LLC. City Manager Sands mentioned the masonry repointing bid was only for the outside of the building.

c. Employee Appreciation/Wellness Day

City Clerk Pennamon briefed the council with the Health and Wellness Grant provided by Local Government Risk Management Services for Georgia Municipal Association This year the annual wellness event would be to go bowling on May 26th to promote health, effective teambuilding activities, and boost employee moral for the city employees. The council questioned the travel for the employees to and from the location, and hours worked on the event day.

5. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Requests

a. Water, Sewer, and Street Presentation



Waymon Cody, Water, Sewer, and Streets Superintendent, presented the proposed fiscal year 2024 budget items for Water Plant, Sewer, Water Distribution, and Streets budgets to the council. Mr. Cody recommended increasing the salaries for the employees in each department he supervises and the chemicals to facilitate the water due to a rise in prices.

b. Gas Presentation

Robbie Colvin was not present, and City Manager Sands presented the proposed fiscal year 2024 budget items for the gas department to the council. The following items were recommended for the gas department: increase the amount of overtime, keep the same for contract labor due to new building in Jones County, and raises for the two employees.

6. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Review

The council discussed requesting a detailed breakdown of funds the Get Ahead House receives. City Manager Sands reviewed the proposed expenditures and revenues. The items mentioned were Waste Management for garbage services, the Parks budget which will remain the same, Council Salary, Education & Training for the Mayor, and DDA requested \$45,000 for the /executive Director position, Financial Admin Accounting Professional Services. City Manager Sands questioned if the council considered hiring a code enforcement officer for 30 hours instead of using Safe Built.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at motion made by seconded by. All in favor.