**Town of Jonesboro**

**Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

**Public Hearing** was called to order by Mayor Leslie Thompson at 5:30 P.M.

**Roll Call:**  Flowers-Present, Stringer-Present, Siadek-Present, Ginn-Present, and Johnson-Present.

**Invocation** was conducted by Siadek.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Stringer.

**Ordinance #2020-004 Tax Collector Raise, Ordinance #2020-005 Council Raise, Ordinance #2020-006 Sewer Budget, Ordinance #2020-007 Water Budget, and Ordinance #2020-008 Juneteenth Holiday** The public was given the opportunity to ask questions regarding any of the ordinances. There was some discussion.

**Agenda**

**Amendments-** Resolution #2020-031, Ordinance #2020-010, Ordinance #2020-011, Executive Session, Take off Kenneth Folden Contract. Motion by Stringer, seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

Stringer made a motion to change the order of the agenda to move the Public Hearing discussed Ordinances below “Mayor’s Update”, seconded by Siadek. Flowers opposed. Motion Carried.

**Public Comments-** There were no public comments.

**Approval of July Minutes:** Motion by Flowers to approve July’s minutes, seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

**Approval of July Bills:** Motion to approve July’s bills made by Johnson. Seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

**Approval of July Financials:**  Motion by Stringer to approve the July financials, Seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

**Mayor’s Update:** “One team, one dream.”

**Ordinance #2020-006 Sewer Budget:** A motion was made by Stringer to amend Ordinance #2020-006, seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-0010 Sewer Budget Amendment:** A motion was made by Stringer to adopt Ordinance #2020-010, seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-007 Water Budget:** Motion by Siadek to amend Ordinance #2020-007, seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-011 Water Budget Amendment:**  Motion by Siadek to adopt Ordinance #2020-011, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-008 Juneteenth Holiday:** Stringer made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-008, seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-004 Tax Collector Raise:** Motion by Stringer to adopt Ordinance #2020-00, seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stringer to correct the wording on the Clerk and Tax Collector’s salary from “fixed” to “salaried”, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-005 Council Raise:** Stringer made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-005, seconded by Siadek. Flowers opposed. Motion carried.

**Audit Questionnaire:** Motion by Flowers to adopt the Audit Questionnaire, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**Department Head Reports:**  Fire Chief Brandon Brown, Police Chief James Harris, and Public Works Director Calvin Wortham gave a monthly update on each of their departments.

**Approval of Department Head Reports:** Flowers motion to approve the Department Head Reports, seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

**Police Termination-D’Corrian Livingston:** Flowers made a motion to accept the termination, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**Police New Hire-Faylon Napper:** Motion by Siadek to approve the new hire, seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

**Mobil Home-920 S. Polk St.-** Flowers made a motion to approve the mobile home on 920 S. Polk St., seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

**Consent Decree:** There was some discussion regarding the consent decree the Town was served with.

**Resolution #2020-029-Authorizing Mayor to purchase new meters:** Siadek made a motion to table Resolution #2020-029, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2020-030-Incur Debt:** Siadek made a motion to table Resolution #2020-030, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**James Bradford-zoning:** Mr. Bradford expressed his concerns regarding the zoning of 705 Leon Dr. He requested the council to consider rezoning the area as Residential instead of Business.

**Surplus Bids-Fire Trucks:** Flowers made a motion to accept the bid made by Emergency Vehicle Resource, seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2020-028-Fire Trucks:** Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-028, seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

**Fire Trucks Lease Agreement-Government Capitol :** Johnson made a motion to accept the terms of the lease agreement, seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2020-031 DEQ- Sewer Compliance Upgrade:** Flowers made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-031, seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Stringer made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

Stringer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Flowers. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #2020-009 Water Rates:** Stringer made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2020-009 and set a public hearing for September 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Council Comments:** Comments were expressed.

**Mayor Comments:** Comments were expressed.

**Adjournment:** Flowers made a motion to adjournment the meeting, seconded by Stringer. Motion carried.

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**Amanda Womack, Town Clerk Leslie Thompson, Mayor**

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