

August 23, 2021 Woodbury City Council Minutes



ANTICIPATED ATTENDING

- Mayor Steve Ledbetter
- Mayor Pro Tem
- Councilmember Randy Carter
- Councilmember L. C. Gates
- Councilmember Carolyn Ledbetter
- City Attorney Tom Kirkbride
- City Clerk Angel Fowler
- Chief Smart Web
- Public Works
- Water Director Cody Kelly

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

August 2021 Agenda

- Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt the agenda.
- Councilmember Ledbetter seconded the motion.
- All approved.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

July Minutes

- Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt the minutes.
- Councilmember Ledbetter seconded the motion.
- All approved.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Partnership for Inclusive Innovation

The City of Woodbury, along with the City of Concord, Pike County, and Spalding County were awarded a two-year grant from Georgia Tech and PIN. They will be working with us to identify opportunities and expand our broadband internet services. Georgia Tech will be assigning us researchers, professors, and students to aid these efforts. All of this will be funded by the grant.

American Rescue Plan Funds

The City of Woodbury has received the first portion of funds from The American Rescue Plan Act, which will total \$364,000. City council voted last meeting to use a portion of this money to compensate employees with a premium pay and expand our high-speed internet services. Mayor Ledbetter updated the council on the new broadband access at the water plant and Lake Meriwether.

CDBG Grant

The Department of Community Affairs denied the city's application for a CDBG grant this year, due to an unforeseen technical error. The city has been working to find other funding to do the work on Woodbury's water and sewer system that Turnipseed engineered for the CDBG grant application. Mayor Ledbetter suggested that there may be an opportunity to utilize some of the funds awarded to the State of Georgia by the American Rescue Plan. There will be a final decision for this at the beginning of September and council will vote next month.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Smart Web

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Public Works – Chief Smart Web

The city has been making efforts in conjunction with our contractors to make necessary repairs to the water and sewer system, to include identifying potential weaknesses in our system and the correction of long-standing issues.

The fire hydrant at the corner of Dromedary Street and Main Street has been moved back to reduce the risk of it being struck by tractor trailers. Once the ground settles, the road can be repaired, and the traffic cones can be removed.

Pavement Repair Solutions has begun painting the new tennis courts and should finish by August 27, 2021.

Chief Web commended Councilmember Carter on his maintenance of the grounds at George E. Washington School. High speed internet has been installed in the gym at the school and affords children in the community access to the internet.

Mayor Ledbetter asked city council to approve the appointment of Randy Carter as Parks and Recreation director for the City of Woodbury

- Councilmember Ledbetter made the motion to approve the appointment.
- Councilmember Gates seconded the motion.
- All approved.

Water & Sewer – Cody Kelly

Mr. Kelly stated that the city passed all its testing this month and had no spills. The run time at the water tower is down by one hour, which translates to 30,000 gallons saved per day, and he commended the city on this improvement. The lift stations and their alert systems are working correctly to prevent spills.

The bar screens at the city's sewer pond are in need of cleaning to reduce the stress on the pumps and the energy used to run them under the extra stress.

City Clerk – Angel Fowler

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Woodbury Development Authority – Kera Summers, Chairperson

Woodbury DDA did not attend.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Vicky Matthews, Secretary

P & Z did not meet this month and will reschedule.

Historic Preservation Commission – Candy Head, Chairperson

The commission met August 16, 2021 to discuss their continued efforts with the Lovett photo project. They will also soon be attending statewide Historic Preservation training.

The Department of Community Affairs has recommended the City of Woodbury to be designated a Certified Local Government. They were highly impressed with the HPC's application.

Business Forum – Chairperson

The Business Forum did not attend.

WOODBURY PASEO AND OUTDOOR DINING AREA — TSW PLANNERS REVIEW

TSW has presented the city with a scope of work proposal for this project (on file). Mayor Ledbetter asks council to consider using this property to work in conjecture with local business owners, and a permanent easement for the property. The city would then carry the liability. The mayor asked for a motion to begin work on the project

- Councilmember Carter made the motion to approve the project proposal.
- Councilmember Gates seconded the motion.
- All approved.

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

- Councilmember Carter made the motion to approve the special election for Council Post 4 following the resignation of Ronnie Garrett.
- Councilmember Ledbetter seconded the motion.
- All approved.

SEWER DUMP FEE INCREASE

The city suggests an increase our very low fee for dumping septic waste into the city sewage pond to accommodate higher power costs, the new bar screens, and maintenance of our pumps. The price would increase from \$100 a load to \$200.

- Councilmember Carter made the motion to approve increase in price of sewer dump fees.
- Councilmember Gates seconded the motion.
- All approved.

LEGAL UPDATE — City Attorney, Tom Kirkbride

Mr. Kirkbride is working on the easement for the paseo project; he hopes to have it finalized for the council's review by the next meeting. Tri-City Housing Authority has been unresponsive to the city's attempts to address issues they have brought forward and some issues relating to contracts. Chief Web and Mr. Kirkbride are working to make necessary changes and updates to the city's code of ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Richmond spoke about some events she would like to hold in the community with the Parks and Recreation department.

Kena Kendrick spoke on behalf of herself and Carolyn Ellison to express their contentment with the job the city staff and volunteers are doing, and progress being made in the city.

NEW BUSINESS


No new business was addressed.

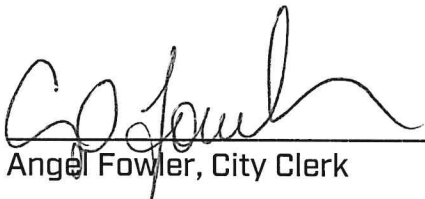
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ledbetter expressed her thanks to the volunteers for their hard work on behalf of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Carter made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Councilmember Gates seconded the motion.
- All approved.



Steve Ledbetter, PhD, Mayor

Angel Fowler, City Clerk



City Clerks Report

August 23, 2021

Special Funds Review

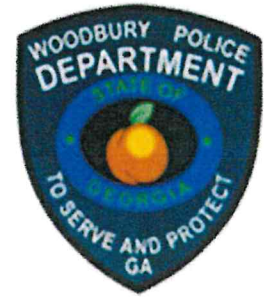
Account	Total for Month	2021 to date	On Hand
SPLOST	\$9,065.16	\$58,475.67	\$9,602.97
T-SPLOST	\$7,957.85	\$50,278.36	\$9,054.89
Greenrock Sewer Dumps	\$6,038.03	\$143,952.25	\$43,347.38

Piedmont Paving 173,990.96

Meriwether County provided the roll back sheets for 2021 to the city last week with a suggested millage rate of 18.32. City council approved a millage rate of 17.85 for 2020 which is .47% below the recommended millage, with a general budget of \$1.02 million. The city is currently considering setting the new millage rate at 17.32 with a proposed 2022 general budget of \$1.04 million. This is the fourth year in a row that the city has proposed to lower the millage rate and it would be the lowest rate in 16 years. Since 2018, the city has dropped the millage rate by 1.11 mills. If city council adopts the proposed millage rate of 17.32, the total to date will be 1.54 mills.

With the current projected revenues and expenditures, the city will continue to operate within the budget set for 2021. This will be the fourth year in a row the city will forego taking any loans for operation, which notably includes the time during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You have a copy of the proposed 2022 General Budget, the budget will be up for discussion and first reading at the September meeting and adoption at the October meeting.



July, 2021 Report

According to our 911 CAD dispatch report, our Police Department answered 198 calls for service. These calls range from Aggravated Assault, Theft, Domestic, escorts, medical and walk ins

The Woodbury Police Department issued 156 citations and 91 warnings. All Officers continued to train and update themselves of the current laws.

Halloween is on Sunday this year and is just around the corner. I would like for us to not have Halloween on Sunday. I know the Business District wants to have something, the Recreational Department is having something, Team Woodbury wants to have something What are your thoughts?

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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DATE: 8-23-21

RESIDENT: Yes No

NAME: Kera Kendrick

ADDRESS: 385 Canyon Rd
Woodbury Ga 30393

TELEPHONE: 678-544-2806

SUBJECT: In response to anything stupid I hear.

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DATE:

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RESIDENT:

Yes No

NAME:

Carolyn Ellison

ADDRESS:

271-GARRY Kendrick DR.

Woodbury GA 30293

TELEPHONE:

706.977.3946

SUBJECT:

Speaking on the City Woodbury

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8/23/21

RESIDENT:

Yes No

NAME:

Linde Richmond

ADDRESS:

444 Carroll Chunn Rd

Woodbury Ga 30293

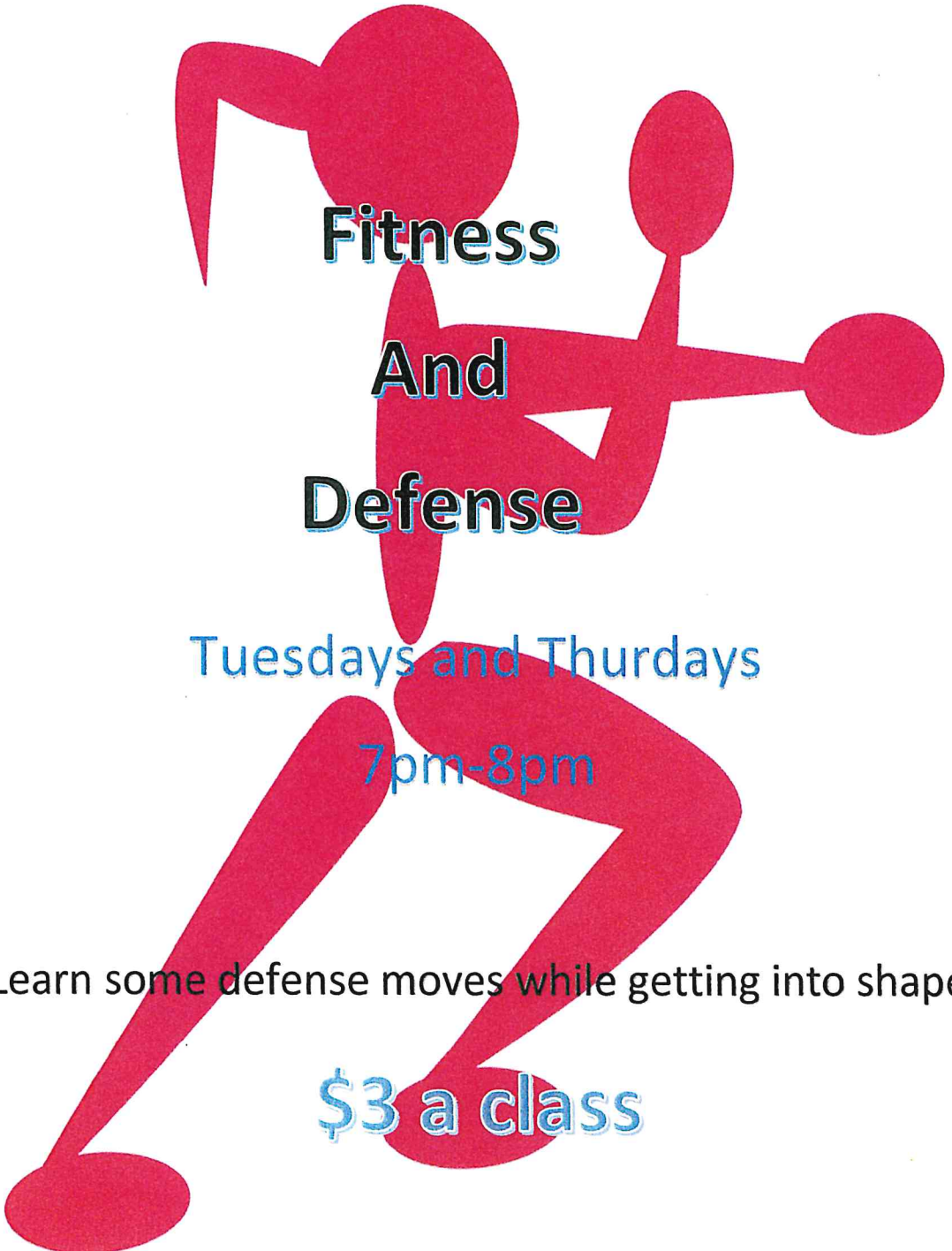
TELEPHONE:

404 - 572 - 0279

SUBJECT:

recreation

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Community Market

October 2, 2021



Come Join Us!

Booths are \$25 each

Sell food, clothing, antiques, crafts, jewelry, etc.

Food vendors: No two tables with the same food item.

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Saturday

October 30, 2021

5pm-7:30pm



Having a Happy Halloween

while

Keeping our community safe

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