



January 13, 2020 Woodbury City Council Minutes

ANTICIPATED ATTENDING

- Mayor Steve Ledbetter
- Mayor Pro Tem L. C. Gates
- Councilmember Randy Carter
- Councilmember Carolyn Ledbetter
- Councilmember Ronnie Garrett
- City Attorney Danielle Sewell
- City Hall, City Clerk Angel Fowler
- Police Department, Chief Smart Web
- Public Works, Director Willie Holmes
- Water Director, Cody Kelly

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A Special Presentation was given to Ms. Sherry Wall for her dedicated service to the City of Woodbury as Councilmember. Ms. Candi Head commended Ms. Wall for her hard work, dedication and vision for Woodbury.

Ms. Wall's daughter Kera Summers also spoke about her mother's dedication as a councilmember.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

- L.C. Gates – POST 3
- Ronnie Garrett – POST 4

Both Councilmembers were sworn in at the work session at 4:00 pm by City Attorney Danielle Sewell.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Garrett has requested in the Work Session to add Executive Session to the agenda

Councilmember Carter made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session

Councilmember Gates seconded the motion

All approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session 6:07, Councilmember Carter made motion to go into Executive Session

Councilmember Gates second the motion

All approved

Out of Executive Session 6:35

Executive Session 6:07, Councilmember Carter made motion to come out of Executive Session

Councilmember Gates second the motion

All approved

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- November 18, 2019 and December 16, 2019
Councilmember Carter made a motion to adopt the November and December 2019 minutes with no changes
Councilmember Gates seconded the motion
All Approved

MAYOR'S UPDATE

- Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Gates made motion to nominate Councilmember Garrett as Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Carter second the motion
All Approved
- Appointment of City Attorney
Councilmember Carter made motion to Appoint Danielle Sewell as City Attorney
Councilmember Gates second the motion
All Approved
- Appointment of Member to Lake Meriwether Advisory Board
Tabled until February meeting
- Appointment of Planning & Zoning Members
Tabled until February meeting

- High-Speed Internet Update
The City of Woodbury will be recognized on January 28, 2020 as a Broadband Ready Community. Woodbury is the only city in the State with this recognition.

WATER & SEWER RATES & 2020 BUDGET

Chip McGaughey, P. E. Assistant Vice President, EMI

Mr. McGaughey updated the council on the water/sewer rates and budget for 2020. With all the upgrades already in place and the future upgrades that are needed, the water and sewer rates need to be increased by 35% sewer and 22% water in order to cover the already existing debt and future debt of the sewer and water upgrades. GEFA requires a 1.05 ratio on loans, there needs to be at least 5% more revenues than expenses. After several minutes of discussion in work session and council meeting on implementing the new rates, Councilmember Carter suggesting only a 18.5% increase now and the rest next year. If the city does not increase the rates the city will be in violation of the loan agreement with GEFA and USDA.

Councilmember Garrett made motion to increase the water/sewer rates and come back to council for 2021 rates

Councilmember Carter second the motion

All Approved

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Update & Discussion on the Department reports
 - Chief Smart Web
Chief Web had heard that some of the citizens didn't know the officers that work for the city; Chief introduced his officers to the citizens that were in attendance and gave some background on each officer, their training and future training. Chief Web will start making some of the violator do community service to beautify the city, the community service workers will be supervised by the officers.
Chief Web advised the council and citizens that if anyone tries to interfere with one of his officers while on a traffic stop, that person will be arrested. Business owner Charles Hudson commended the Chief on his hard work
 - DOT has submitted the yearly radar list for the city, needs approval from council
Councilmember Garrett made motion to approve
Councilmember Carter second
All Approved
 - Public Works Director Buck Holmes
 - Water Department Cody Kelly

- City Clerk Angel Fowler-Budget Adjustments
Councilmember Carter made motion to adopt the budget adjustments
Councilmember Gates second
All approved
All reports attached

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Update & Questions on Special Committee Reports
 - Kera Summers-updates on Woodbury Ind Authority
 - Bob Oxford Business Forum
 - Candi Head-Historical Committee, Ms. Head recommended Kay Williamson to be part of the Committee
Councilmember Carter made motion to appoint Kay Williamson to the Historical Committee
Councilmember Garrett second the motion
All Approved
 - Tonya Moody-Planning & Zoning, Ms. Moody gave the P & Z report, then continued speaking to the council about her personal business license, plans for Moody Café, application for license, council meetings, ordered inspections, etc.

Councilmember Ledbetter ask if she was giving a report because *“what you are saying is not in the minutes of P & Z, because the council has already heard this before and you were not ordered to have a health inspection, you requested something out of the normal procedures”*

In order for, Ms. Moody to discuss her personal business license, she should have requested in writing to be on the agenda for the council meeting and not discussed it as part of the P & Z report, P & Z is city business, Ms. Moody report was personal. Refer to the November minutes and ordinance.

LEGAL UPDATE

Election Law — City Attorney, Danielle Sewell

The Election law changed from Municipalities to refer to state law for elections of 4 years to Municipalities refer to the Charter, the city never changed the charter from 2 years to 4 years

There will need to be a Special Election on May 19, 2020

There will need to be a Call for Election and amendment to the budget

Councilmember Carter made the motion for the Call and amendment

Councilmember Gates second

All approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tonya Moody-Moody Café, Business & Personal Harassment, advised the council she is on the P & Z Board and wanted to know why the police department came with the building inspector to her business. She felt like she is being harassed

Police Officers are the enforcers of the City Ordinances and codes of Woodbury and can visit and inspect any business or resident in town at any time

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Garrett-High Speed internet contract

Councilmember Garrett had questions concerning terms of the contract with Spectrum, one concern was that the city could not resale, re-distribute for fees or otherwise

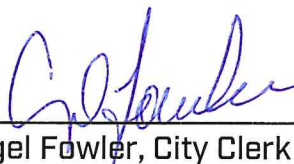
Mayor Ledbetter advised that the is in partnership with Spectrum with their consent and they support what the city is doing. The governing body of Spectrum will be at City Hall on January 28 for recognition of Broadband Ready Community

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Carter made motion to adjourn
Councilmember Gates second



Steve Ledbetter, PhD, Mayor



Angel Fowler, City Clerk