



May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Woodbury City Council  
Regular Session Minutes

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**ANTICIPATED ATTENDING**

- Mayor Steve Ledbetter
- Mayor Pro Tem L. C. Gates
- Councilmember Randy Carter
- Councilmember Carolyn Ledbetter
- Councilmember Sherry Wall
- City Attorney Nathan Lee
- City Hall, City Clerk Angel Fowler
- Police Department, Chief Sam Baity
- Public Works, Director Willie Holmes
- Water Director, Cody Kelly

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation given by Mayor Steve Ledbetter

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Councilmember Carter made motion to approve agenda

Councilmember Wall seconded the motion

All approved

**Motion to Approve the April 15th, 2019 Minutes**

Councilmember Carter made motion to approve the April minutes

Councilmember Wall seconded the motion

All approved

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- One year ago tomorrow [May 21st], we stood on the threshold of this building for our Open House. We have thoroughly enjoyed our new facility and...we are working with our Development Authority and Planning & Zoning Commission to market and sell our City owned properties and place them back into service.

**City Updates**

- **Police Chief**  
 The City is seeking a Chief of Police. Sam Baity has resigned his position, and I would ask for the Council's advice on an Interim Chief and for moving forward to identify and appoint a Police Chief.
- **Woodbury Fire Station**  
 Meriwether County has assured us that we will have our Fire Station by the end of 2019, and the Planning & Zoning Commission are working with Theron Gay and Georgia DOT to find a solution to have the Fire trucks exit from the proposed site location onto Whitehouse Parkway/Dogwood Lane. I want to say thank you to Theron Gay, the Meriwether County Commission, and our Planning & Zoning Commission for their hard work to complete this project.
- **High-Speed Internet**  
 The City is asking for members of our community to volunteer for an advisory group to review the plans for High-Speed Internet within the City. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please have them call me.
- **Adding Downtown Parking**  
 The Woodbury Development Authority and the Planning & Zoning Commission have informed me they are asking the City to consider changing the travel direction for Durand Street and Dromedary Street in our downtown area to make room for approximately 100 additional parking spaces. I'm asking for the City Council to move forward with Public Hearing to consider this request. More to come during the Special Committee reports.
- **Short-term Work Plan [Comprehensive Plan]**  
 Working with Three Rivers to facilitate a working session to update our Short-term Work Plan. Is there a day that we are all available to work on our plan? Please come prepared to talk about your availability (2 or 3 days) and City Hall will coordinate with Three Rivers to schedule a date and time.
- **Sidewalk Closure**  
 In compliance with the Meriwether Building Inspector, the City has closed the sidewalk to pedestrians around the Carroll Building at the corner of Jones Mill Road and Main Street. The windows on the second floor are falling onto the sidewalk. The Police Department is working to have the owner of the building remediate the issues.  
 Water at the Butterfly Garden has been turned off by the order of the Meriwether County Health Department
- **Court Fine Schedule — Municode Recodification**

Last month we asked the Council to push the fine schedule to May. In light of the Recodification effort that will change all of the code sections to re-align the chapters and sections of our City Ordinance, we would ask that we move changes to the July or August meeting to ensure that we are better equipped to align the City Ordinances with the fines and present all of the requests at one time.

- **Lawncare for City Owned Property**

The City has asked for and received a number of quotes for maintaining our City owned lawncare maintenance. The lowest cost would provide for the City properties and rights-of-way to receive the following services – grass cut, weed eat, edge, blown, and chemically treat the sidewalks for grass and weeds two times per month for a cost of \$4,900 per month. Our current cost to maintain our lawns and rights-of-way is \$2,400 plus the cost to maintain our equipment, fuel, employee insurance, and incidentals [approximately \$400 per month] where we our team members cut the grass, weed eat, and edge one time per month. Our team members are struggling to maintain the grass cutting and the water and sewer leaks. I've asked Public Works Director Holmes to share his thoughts and concerns with the Council during his presentation.

- **Peaches in the Pines**

Please join us June 8th for Peaches in the Pines at Lake Meriwether.

## MERIWETHER COUNTY UPDATES

- T-SPLOST – Theron Gay to update us on the Agreement to move forward with adding T-SPLOST to the ballot for this year.

## ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police-Sgt. Brent
- Public Works-Willie Holmes
- Water-Cody Kelly
- City Hall-Angel Fowler

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Woodbury Development Authority – Kera Summers, purchase of 1911 building, Dr. building rented, freeport tax on ballot, one way parking
- TEAM Woodbury-Keena Kendricks, Peaches -n- Pines June 8, Easter Egg hunt
- Planning & Zoning – Tonya Moody,

- Business Community Forum – Bob Oxford

## ELECTION OVERSIGHT

- Authorize the County Board of Elections to administer and supervise our City Election.

Councilmember Carter made motion to approve for the county to administer and supervise the city election

Councilmember Wall seconded the motion

All approved

## ORDINANCES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Coin Operated Amusement Machines

Councilmember Carter made motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the Coin Operated Amusement Machines

Councilmember Wall seconded the motion

All approved

## LEGAL UPDATE

- Most of the City Council has worked through and provided input to our Code of Ordinances for Municode. We will complete the review and have this to the attorney within the next two weeks.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santrevias McCoy, Owner/Manager of Bentley Funeral Home, Mr. McCoy advised the council his business is **outside of the city**-but was concerned about an incident that happen at Bentley Funeral Home and he wanted to know why Woodbury Police Department did not respond to a suspicious person when they called.

Billie Hardnett, Office Manager -reference to the same incident at Bentley Funeral Home, shared with the council that her business is located **outside** of the City of Woodbury, but there was an individual “messed up on drugs and parked at the business” and that she was scared but advised she did not leave the business. Ms. Hardnett said the Woodbury Police did not respond, [Chief Baity responded to the call even though legally he was not required].

*Bentley Funeral Home is outside the City of Woodbury and Meriwether County Sheriff’s Department should have responded. Ms. Hardnett was advised by the Police Department to call Meriwether County, Ms. Hardnett said it’s only a few feet outside the city and they should respond when she called. Bentleys Funeral Home is outside the city limits by approximately one quarter of a mile.*

NEW BUSINESS

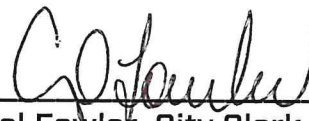
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN  
COUNCILMEMBER WALL SECONDED THE MOTION  
ALL APPROVED



Steve Ledbetter, PhD  
Mayor



Angel Fowler, City Clerk