

Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2020

Lone Oak Town Hall

4945 Lone Oak Road

Present: Mayor Phillip Dow, Councilmember Kody Forbus, Councilmember Susan Banks, Councilmember Jon Ivester, Councilmember Jennifer Lamb and CSR Debbie Watson.

Not Present: Water Superintendent Chris Wheelus

Call to Order – Mayor Dow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation: Councilmember Kody Forbus

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING: Thanksgiving Day

Start of Public Hearing: 6:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Katherine Powell and Volunteers are working on giving away food for Thanksgiving that will involve the Country store parking. Ms. Powell stated she had been talking with the Meriwether Fire Chief about having this at the fire department and the firemen assisting with the traffic. The Chief advised that they would check for spots that a vehicle could get stuck and would tape off the soft spots behind the fire department and the country store. Café South out of Newnan, Georgia would be preparing 100 plates and would bring them to the fire department to be given away in warming bags to keep the food hot. The food will be kept at the regulated temperature until served in to-go plates to the citizens. The fire department will also be hosting tours of the fire station and will be required to sanitize between each group. The Thanksgiving dinner will be free of charge to the community and the Resource Center and their volunteers will be in charge of the distribution.

Because Ms. Powell did not have written confirmation from the fire chief the city attorney Catherine Jenkins advised that things need to be verified with Chief Allen Smith before the council could give her an answer.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Katherine Powell

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: the public hearing was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Dow opened the regular meeting and asked if there were any changes or additions to the October minutes and there being none asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilmember Banks made the motion to accept, Councilmember Ivester seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS: Mayor Dow asked if there were any question concerning the October financials for the Town and Water System, copies of which will be attached and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Dow asked for a motion to approve financials as read. Motion was made by Councilmember Banks to accept the financials and Councilmember Lamb seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE: Water system has been quite this month. There was a small leak at the water tower and Chris checked on it and cut the water off and let the tower run manually. After turning the tower back on the leak stopped and fixed itself. Chris said he would keep check on the tower to make sure it was not leaking again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The council discussed water customers that had moved with no forwarding addresses and still owed the city money. It was decided by the council to write them off as bad debts. Councilmember Banks made a motion to write the debts off and Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.

The Mayor advised that he had talked to three gentlemen about furnishing internet in the Town of Lone Oak and it being billed on the water customers' invoice.

A survey was sent out with the water bills in October to see if any of the water customers may be interested in the internet service, receiving bill by e-mail, and annexation into the city limits. Council voted to postpone further discussion until the next meeting.

The Councilmembers and the Mayor discussed the safe deposit box at PNC Bank in LaGrange. The Councilmembers and the Mayor said that the only person authorized at this time was Betty Daniel the previous City Clerk who is deceased. The Councilmembers and the Mayor decided to have the new City Clerk Debbie Watson have access to the safe deposit box at PNC Bank in LaGrange. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Country Store was discussed in an executive session after the regular meeting. An Executive Session was called to order at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the country store and its lease. The session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Mayor Dow asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Councilmember Forbus made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Banks seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

The council dismissed the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Mayor and Council.

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Attest by

Debbie Watson, CSR