



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24TH, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Member Absent: Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
Marcel Jackson, Public Works Dir.
Lori Leland, Permitting Coordinator
Marcella Shaw, Court Clerk
Helen Menefee, Admin. Coordinator
Harry Hess, Police Chief

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
Commissioner Laratte announced that the resident teen Matt Vargas has been recruited by a soccer team in Spain, where he is going to live in August. He also praised Chief Hess for chasing and apprehending a gunman recently. Mayor Elmore welcomed the mayor of Pine Lake, Melanie Hammett, who was in attendance. He also announced that his twins graduated from high school the previous day. City Manager Bryant congratulated city staff who had children graduate as well.

Item #4 **Approval of Minutes**
May 10th regular meeting
May 10th work session
Commissioner Shortell moved to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #5 **Municipal Court Clerks Week Proclamation**

The Georgia Municipal Court Clerks Council announces this inaugural celebration as a way to recognize the role of clerks in the judicial system.

Mayor Elmore read the proclamation aloud. Everyone thanked Marcella Shaw for her work.

Item #6

Administrative Fee Ordinance

This ordinance provides for city to charge reasonable administrative fees for review of permits, licenses and other approvals and permissions in amounts recommended by the city manager and approved by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Laratte moved to vote on this item under a consent vote upon first reading. Commissioner Shortell seconded. Two ayes, one nay (Merriam). This item will go on to another reading at the next regular meeting June 14th. City Manager Bryant noted that the language has been updated to allow for annual BOMC approval of the fee schedule. Commissioner Merriam explained the ordinance.

Item #7

Farm Winery Ordinance

This ordinance is designed to support local businesses wanting to open farm winery tasting rooms. These are businesses that sell and offer samples of wine partially sourced in state.

Commissioner Shortell moved to vote on this item under a consent agenda vote upon first reading. Commissioner Laratte seconded. Two ayes, one nay (Merriam). This item will go on to another reading at the next regular meeting June 14th. City Manager Bryant said a local business had asked for this item to be expedited to meet a deadline for licensing.

Item #8

Public Comment

James Gellin lives adjacent to the city and made comments about the noise ordinance and a music event the previous weekend. Stacie Bearden praised city staff for the stormwater and street concern online forms. She said they work well. She asked where certain financial information can be found on the website. There was discussion about where they could be found.

Item #9

Adjournment

Commissioner Laratte moved to adjourn. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED JUNE 14TH, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk