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Mayor Ransom Farley  
**July 14, 2023 Minutes**

Open Session by Mayor Farley  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Farley  
Invocation done by Alvin Howard

Approval of June 12, 2023 Minutes were approved, Mayor Pro Tem made the motion to approve, Councilor Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous.

**Fire Report-** Given by Asst. Chief Cooper, he reported since last council meeting the fire department had 25 calls. 35 percent of those were related to a fire, 40 percent was medical related to the weather. Our team will do another raffle at the Pine Mountain Valley Rodeo. New fire truck was scheduled for December now looking at March for delivery. Looking to add more security to the Fire Station/Community Center. The fire department have been approved to go through Norcan training next month. Bee Smart did the floor in the fire station it looks good, they will be coming back to make it more slip resistant.

**Water/Sewer Report-** July 4th weekend the water plant had a major power outage. Also, blow out relays. Southern Rewind was able to help get things back on.

**Maintenance Report-** Supr. Mahone set up an appoint with customer on Mountainview to discuss the ditch situation. To give history behind this situation on Mobley Road is a divided street. Ben has done work with the ditch, Michael Brown with the county said the county would do something with the ditch, after the passing of Mr. Brown and the gentleman came to the meeting. The City thought the ditch was done. Chambliss Lane is closed.

**Police Report-** Chief Weiss reported positive development on ATM burglary, hope to give update on charges. They were privilege to escort Carver Alumni on Saturday. Sgt Walden will be going from full time to part time. New officer is in place. Chief Cooper and Chief Weiss represent in Police and Fire game golf tournament and finish 4<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: **ELECTION NOTICE**

Election will be November 7, 2023 for two Council seats that begin the term in January of 2024. Mayoral seat is up for the term beginning January 2024. There will also be a Special Election for a Council seat, currently held by Nancy Wall, due to resignation of Councilor Greg Allen. That term will expire January 2026. Qualifying will be August 23 and 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Council qualifying fee is \$18.00 and Mayor qualifying fee is \$36.00. NO ONE can qualify for both elections. Budget needed to be amended. Councilor Howard made the motion to adjust, Councilor Fields 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote was unanimously.

Short Term Vacation Rental- Mayor and council discuss about VRBO and short-term vacation rental. No decision made. As of right now they can continue to do whatever it is until the city works out the kinks.

Bathroom for Man-O-War Trail- we are still working on locations. No further decision.

Mayor Pro-Tem brought back information on land the county has that the city is looking to buy.

Councilor Fields will bring quotes and more information on videotaping the meeting at next council.

Adjourn