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Mayor Ransom Farley
June 12, 2023 Minutes

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

Approval of May 8, 2023 Minutes were approved, Mayor Pro-Tem Howard made the motion to approve, Council Whearley 2nd. Vote unanimous. Council Allen absent.

Fire Report- Chief Oliver absent

Water/Sewer Report- Ben reported everything is going well. Sewer trails grass has been cut. They have been replacing sewer tap boxes at Sweet Bay to look nicer.

Maintenance Report- Terrence report they have new Bush Hog. Everything running smooth. Barry, Ashley, and Terrence are going to soil and erosion classes.

Police Report- Chief Weiss report they conducted a school safety presentation at Carver Middle School. Also, participated in Carver revealing marker dedication. May 26th First People Bank attempted ATM theft, stolen truck out of Alabama. No money stolen. Hamilton Police is working with FBI and GBI to catch criminals in surrounding areas as well. Koch Foods will be increasing production in the evening and overnight they wanted us to be aware. 2016 Expedition is in the shop. Chief has plans by end of this year and 2024, to hire additional officer.

Variance Request- Variance request for Anna Ward was approved unanimously by Planning and Zoning and moved to City Council for final approval. Councilor Whearley made the motion to approve this request and Councilor Fields 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Live Streaming Council/Court Session- Councilor Fields wants to live stream our council meetings for those who cannot make it. According to our attorney, court can not record minors. Councilor Fields will bring all information needed for live stream in July work session. Technicians are scheduled to come June 21.

Short Term Vacation Rentals- Citizen came out to express their concerns about the vacation rentals. Planning and Zoning are seeking guidance from mayor and council with this matter due to no procedures or policy in place. One option is to pass an ordinance to restrict vacation rentals which include Air BNB and Vacation Rentals. Most municipalities do require a business license. Atty Robert will provide options for the council in July's work session.

Mr. Milner read a letter from his wife concerning short term vacation rental. Issue he's having is with the ditch that is connected to the right away of the city. The city will revisit this incident again to come up with a solution.

Amending Purchase Order Policy – The auditor wanted the purchase order policy to be reworded, quotes and bids are 2 different things. Bids are required to be posted on state website of 100,000 or more. Councilor Howard made the motion to change with update and Councilor Whearley 2nd. 3 for 1 oppose. Councilor Fields opposed.

Adjourn

Mayor Ransom Farley

Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Whearley

Councilor Alvin Howard

absent
Councilor Greg Allen

City Clerk Tonia Crittenden

William Fields