

Minutes, October 17, 2023

The City Council met in the board room at city hall on October 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.; attending were City Clerk Raven Oglesby, guest Joe West, guest Bob Johnson, guest Family Dollar Representative, guest David Bonner and Correspondent Felicity Homan for Pickens County Herald.

Call to Order – Mayor Davis called meeting to order.

Invocation – Councilmember Richardson lead us in prayer.

Roll Call – City Clerk Oglesby called roll: Mayor Davis, present; District 1 Councilmember Taggart, present; District 2 Councilmember Hagan, absent; District 3 Councilmember Richardson, present; District 4 Councilmember Wheat, present; District 5 Councilmember Giles, present.

Minutes of September 19, 2023 were approved with a motion by Councilmember Giles; a second by Councilmember Richardson and motion passed with all ayes.

Payables –City Clerk Oglesby presented payables in the amount of \$256,957.81 for September 20, 2023 thru October 17, 2023. Councilmember Richardson made motion to approve the payables; a second from Councilmember Giles and motion passed with all ayes.

Old Business:

2023/2024 Budget Proposal: Mayor Davis asked for a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget. Councilmember Giles made motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget; a second from Councilmember Richardson and motion passed with all ayes.

New Business:

Family Dollar Alcohol Application Approval (Resolution No. 10172023): Mayor Davis asked for a motion to approve the Family Dollar Alcohol Application, Resolution No. 10172023. Councilmember Wheat made motion to approve the Family Dollar Alcohol Application, Resolution No. 10172023; a second from Councilmember Richardson and motion passed with all ayes.

2024 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday (February 23-25, 2024): Mayor Davis announced the 2024 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday would be February 23-25, 2024.

School Security Officers Contract for Reimbursement: Mayor Davis presented the School Security Officers Contract for Reimbursement. Guest Chief Black explained this would allow our Officers to get paid when the County Officers aren't able to work. Mayor Davis asked for a motion to approve the School Security Officers Contract for Reimbursement. Councilmember Giles made motion to approve the School Security Officers Contract for Reimbursement; a second from Councilmember Richardson and motion passed with all ayes.

Approve Online Banking for Direct Deposit for Payroll: Mayor Davis asked for approval and to allow City Clerk Raven Oglesby access and Water Clerk Melissa Richardson access to Online Banking. Councilmember Richardson made motion to approve Online Banking and allow access to City Clerk Raven Oglesby and Water Clerk Melissa Richardson; a second from Councilmember Giles and motion passed with all ayes.

Permission to Upgrade & Maintenance the Traffic Signals: Mayor Davis asked for permission to Upgrade and Maintenance the Traffic Signals. Councilmember Wheat made motion to approve permission to upgrade and maintenance the Traffic Signals; a second from Councilmember Taggart and motion passed with all ayes.

Public Comments – Guest Joe West complimented the pot holes on his road being filled but recommended speed bumps be put down due to excessive speed on his road. Mayor Davis stated she would make a note.

Reports and Request – Mayor Davis announced that the third party hired to cut the Lathrop area did an excellent job and didn't charge as much as the initial quote so she was going to get them to do more areas in need of clean up. Mayor Davis asked if anyone had any recommendations on areas that needed to be maintained. Guest Chief Black said the Elementary Hill needed maintained. Councilmember Giles said 6th Street up the hill by the Housing Authority needed some attention. Councilmember Taggart said 6th Avenue need some clearing. Mayor Davis asked that everyone donate candy to Treats on the Streets. Mayor Davis asked Guest Bobby Johnson to keep the library open for Treats on the Streets. Bobby Johnson replied he would make sure it was open. Councilmember Giles asked if some property could be re-zoned to commercial. Councilmember Richardson stated it would not be able to be re-zoned due to it being R-2 zoned. Councilmember Wheat recommended looking into the zoning ordinance because there may be more information regarding rezoning for a doctor's office.

Adjournment – Mayor Davis advised the meeting was adjourned until November 21, 2023.
Respectively Submitted, Raven Oglesby, City Clerk