

City of Plains

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2024

I. Call to Order

Mayor Joey Recker called to order the regular meeting of the Plains City Council at 7:00 P.M. on **June 20, 2024**, at Plains City Hall Council Chamber.

II. Invocation: Mayor Recker

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Recker

IV. Roll Call

a. City Clerk, Cindy Bagwell conducted a roll call. Those present:

- **Mayor Joey Recker**
- **Councilor A. B. Jackson**
- **Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Oates**
- **Councilor Amy Wise**

Those absent were: Councilor Edge

Councilor Medlock

V. Approval of Minutes May 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilor Jackson made motion; seconded by Councilor Wise **Approving May 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. All Approved (3-0) Motion Carried.**

VI. Briefings From:

- 1. Allison Drinnon:** was not able to attend. She met with Mayor Recker on June 7, 2024 and said she would keep us informed of any grants that might become available for low rent housing, etc.
- 2. Cathy Young:** spoke of her concern for police presence in town. Her car was broken into earlier. She is concerned that we don't have enough officers on duty and the hours that they are working. She just wants to see as much police presence as possible. Chief Johnson said he had spoken with Sheriff Bryant and was assured that his officers would patrol here more.

VII. Committee Reports:

- **Public Safety:** Chief Johnson's report: 5 Traffic Citations; 12 Traffic Warnings; 6 miscellaneous; 1 mental health; 8 agency assist; 1 theft by taking
The police are enforcing the curfew ordinance. No one under 18 can be on the streets between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:30 am without being accompanied by an adult.
- **Subdivision & Streets: Councilor Edge:** Councilor Edge was not present to present a report. Mayor Recker said the potholes on Hospital Street would be repaired by Mr. Johnson. He is also working on 3 areas that were torn up by Pineland.
- **Water & Sewage: Councilor Medlock:** Councilor Medlock was not present to give a report. No one had anything to say.
- **Personnel: Councilor Wise:** Councilor Wise reported that she and City Clerk attended an Auditors 1st amendment training, which was very informative. Signs have been purchased and put in places that are restricted.
- **Hospitality & Public Relations: Acting Mayor Oates:** Mayor Pro Tem Oates reported that she had 172 contacts on the emergency call list. She asked that we encourage people to fill out a form to be put on this list. Forms are available at city hall.
- **Industry, Trade & Tourism:** Councilor Jackson had no report except to work with Sanford Bishop's office for help with grants. Councilor Jackson also nominated Kathy Reyes for July Honorary Council member. Mayor Pro Tem Oates seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0) motion carried.
- **Finance: Councilor Jackson:** refer to Cash Balance Report.

VI. Business for Discussion/ Approval:

VOTE ITEM #1: Resolution to continue with present budget for a month

Councilor Wise made the motion to pass the resolution to continue with our present budget until the end of July. Mayor Pro Tem Oates seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0) motion carried.

VOTE ITEM #2: Acceptance of Bids

Mayor Pro Tem Oates made the motion to accept the highest bids on the van, 2 generators, truck, and trailers. Accept all highest bids except those for mowers. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0) motion carried.

VOTE ITEM #3: Business License for Murray Mix

This business license is for internet rental of movie equipment. There will be no equipment in town or people coming and going from the office. Councilor Jackson made

the motion to approve the license. Mayor Pro Tem Oates seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried.

VOTE ITEM #4: Permission for Chris Scaccie to sell blackberries in the park on Saturdays during blackberry season.

Councilor Jackson made the motion to approve the request to sell blackberries in the park during blackberry season. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried.

VOTE ITEM #5 Letter from Kim, Fuller, Friends of Jimmy Carter, concerning Sam Shortline

Councilor Jackson made the motion that the city give Sam Shortline \$1000.00 this year. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried. This money comes from Hotel/Motel account, which can only be used for tourism.

VOTE ITEM #6: Letter from Kim Fuller, Friends of Jimmy Carter, concerning activities in Plains for the remainder of 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Oates made the motion to sponsor events as a city by giving \$1500 to the FOJC to be used at their discretion and that the city logo be displayed on the banner. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried. This money also comes from Hotel/Motel account, which can only be used for tourism.

VOTE ITEM # 7: Change of date for mini Alzheimer's walk in the park

Councilor Wise made the motion to approve the date change for the mini Alzheimer's walk. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried.

VOTE ITEM # 8: Attachments for camera

Councilor Jackson made the motion to allow up to \$200 to buy accessories for the city's new camera. Mayor Pro Tem Oates seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried.

VII. Other Business Matters:

- **Animal Control:** Mayor Recker stated that we have a good animal control ordinance in effect. He is working with the Sumter County Humane Society and

the Sheriff's department to see if we can't do something per animal instead of a contract situation.

- **City workers maintaining non-city property:** Mayor proposes a memorandum of agreement with FOJC to reimburse the city a yearly sum. Mayor Pro Tem Oates feels there should be no fee because it is for the betterment of the city. Mayor is to discuss with Kim Fuller.
- **Condemned property:** This was covered with City Attorney, Skipper at the called meeting.
- **Plains Fire Truck:** The fire truck that the city had when the volunteer fire department was dissolved was to stay in the city. It is not here. Mayor is looking into this.
- **Proclamation:** This has already been approved to be used when President Carter passes.
- **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast:** Mayor Recker will be attending.
- **Mayor to attend Georgia Mayor's Leadership Academy in Athens, GA.:** He will fill out the application and see if he is accepted.

Mayor Recker will have office hours every Friday from 8:30 until 12:00.

Councilor Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. All approved (3-0) motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Cindy Bagwell, City Clerk