City of Plains Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

I. Call to Order

Interim Mayor Kim Fuller called to order the regular meeting of the Plains City Council at 7:00 P.M. on **February 15, 2024**, at Plains City Hall Council Chamber.

II. Roll Call

- **a.** City Clerk, Cindy Bagwell conducted a roll call. Those present:
 - Interim Mayor Kim Fuller
 - Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Oates
 - Councilor A. B. Jackson
 - Councilor Eugene Edge
 - Councilor Wade Medlock
 - Councilor Amy Wise

III. Approval of Minutes January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilor Medlock made motion; seconded by Councilor Jackson Approving January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. All Approved (5-0) Motion Carried.

IV. Briefings From:

Lewis Webb and Carlotta Ungaro- One Sumter: Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Ungaro presented pertinent information about the accomplishments of One Sumter during the 2025 project. They presented each council member and some audience members with flyers listing some of the accomplishments. They also brought out some things they hope to accomplish in the 2029 project. Information was provided in a little booklet which was given to each council member and several audience members. There was good conversation about concerns the city has about industry, housing, etc. Several audience members asked questions which Mrs. Ungaro and Mr. Lewis addressed. The city has supported One Sumter in the 2025 project and is hoping they will do so for the 2029 project. One Sumter has secured additional funding for the Wayfinding project and will give the City the sign. They only need to know what color and where it needs to be placed.

V. Committee Reports:

- **Public Safety:** Chief Johnson's report is attached. He also reported on the condition of the Charger Patrol Car. It has been out of commission since January 4th. The radiator needed to be repaired (\$200) replace gas tank (\$300) and replaced drive shaft (\$300). The total cost for these repairs was approximately \$1600. Also, the computer system was going to the bad. Replaced at a cost of \$700.
- **Subdivision & Streets: Councilor Edge:** Councilor Edge is concerned about a semi that park on the side of the road near a curve. Chief is going to check on this and we may possibly have to put up a no parking sign.
- Water & Sewage: Councilor Medlock: Councilor Medlock is going to talk with Lee and the meter companies to be sure our meters are working correctly. Holding companies accountable if they are not.
- **Personnel: Councilor Wise:** Mr. Johnson is very satisfied with the two new employees. Brian Bassett is now picking up the inmates. We have one now and hopefully one more in the next day or so.
- **Hospitality & Public Relations: Councilor Oates:** Councilor Oates proposed that the city be proactive and have a statement ready for release on the website and for the media at the time of President Carter's death. She also suggested we go ahead and prepare a 30 day proclamation to be ready for release on the website.
- **Industry, Trade & Tourism:** Councilor Jackson has visited with the new owners of Plain Peanut. Not many changes. They will be hiring part time workers.
- Finance: Councilor Jackson: refer to Cash Balance Report.

VI. Business for Discussion/ Approval:

VOTE ITEM #1: State wide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement:

Councilor Jackson made a motion to table this until next meeting so each councilor would have time to study it. Councilor Edge seconded the motion. All approved (5-0) motion approved. Chief Johnson gave a bit of background information on the part GEMA plays during disastrous times.

VII. Other Business Matters: Interim Mayor Kim Fuller, called attention to the invitation to the annual Legislative Luncheon, the Mayoral Special Election on May 21, 2024, and that the 2nd tax reminder notice will go out on March 1st. City Clerk, Cindy Bagwell, report on the insurance reimbursements. Hopefully those who turned in invoices will be receiving there payment very soon. The city will be reimbursed for bills already paid.

Adjournment: Councilor Edge made the motion to adjourn and Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. **Approved (5-0)). Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Bagwell, City Clerk