

City of Plains

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

I. Call to Order

Acting Mayor, Andrea Oates called to order the regular meeting of the Plains City Council at 7:00 P.M. on **March 21, 2024**, at Plains City Hall Council Chamber.

II. Roll Call

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

- **Acting Mayor, Andrea Oates**
- **Councilor A. B. Jackson**
- **Councilor Eugene Edge**
- **Councilor Wade Medlock**
- **Councilor Amy Wise**

III. Approval of Minutes February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilor Edge made motion; seconded by Councilor Wise **Approving February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. All Approved (4-0) Motion Carried.**

IV. Briefings From:

Clara Chenault: Ms. Chenault brought several issues about the water bill to the council. Can you explain the water cut off? How do you determine old meters? How do you determine if a meter is good? How is the water and sewage separated? Ms. Chenault was told that if she wants her water cut off, she should call City Hall and not cut it off herself. If the meter is not running, and water is on then the meter is not working properly. If the meter is running, then water is running somewhere. Follow up on Ms. Chenault's questions.

Kathy Reyes: Ms. Reyes also had questions about the water and sewer. Councilor Medlock told Mr. Johnson, water supervisor, to go do a blue dye test at Ms. Reyes's home to show where her water is running through. She had other questions that were sent in an email. The City Clerk has forwarded those questions to all the councilors. She also wanted to know if the lunch hours for the city hall could be staggered so it would be open from 8:30 – 5:30 without interruption.

Melisa Kennedy & Edgar Yohe: Ms. Kennedy says that she is not getting support for her new newspaper, "The Plains Post".

Jan Williams: Mrs. Williams presented the proposal for a Charters of Freedom monument to be placed in front of the eagle in the park. It is funded by Foundation Forward, Inc. an education, nonprofit, 501© (3) Organization. The documents that will be included are the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. This will be the only one in the state of Georgia at the present time. There will be no cost to the city. Bricks can be bought for the walkway in honor or in memory of someone. Educational materials will be provided to teachers that bring groups and to the NPS. After looking at the pamphlet and the discussion, Councilor Medlock made the motion to allow the monument to be put in the park. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.**

V. Committee Reports:

- **Public Safety:** Chief Johnson's report: 4 Traffic Citations; 9 Traffic Warnings; 5 Alarm Calls; 7 Assist Agency Calls; 1 Welfare check; 2 Loud Music Calls; 1 Attempted Burglary Call
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- **Subdivision & Streets: Councilor Edge:** Councilor Edge wanted to discuss in executive session the purchase of a new utility truck
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- **Water & Sewage: Councilor Medlock:** Councilor Medlock also mentioned the purchase of a utility truck. He is going to work with Lee on the water issues.
- **Personnel: Councilor Wise:** Councilor Wise wants to discuss an issue in executive session.
- **Hospitality & Public Relations: Acting Mayor Oates:** Acting Mayor Oates read a proclamation for President Carter that will be used at a later date. Councilor Wise made the motion to accept the proclamation. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. **All in favor (4-0) motion carried.**
- **Industry, Trade & Tourism:** Councilor Jackson wants to ask a prospective business owner to come to the next council meeting and present his proposal for a business. She would like for the public to have an opportunity to come, ask questions, and give their input.
- **Finance: Councilor Jackson:** refer to Cash Balance Report.

VI. Business for Discussion/ Approval:

VOTE ITEM #1: Business License for Naomi's Catering and Sweets

Councilor Ed made a motion to grant a business license to Naomi's Catering and Sweets. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.**

VOTE ITEM #2: The Charters of Freedom

Councilor Medlock made the motion to approve the giving of the spot in the park for the The Charters of Freedom Monument. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.**

VOTE ITEM #3: Discovery of Georgia & Sumter County: This did not move forward.

VOTE ITEM #4: Georgia Cities Week

No motions made either way

VOTE ITEM #5 Statewide Aid- GEMA

Motion was made by Councilor Jackson to enter into this contract. Councilor Edge seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.**

VII. Other Business Matters:

Second Tax Notice went out on March 1st

Kim Fuller's resignation from council to run for Mayor

Two candidates for Mayor: Kim Fuller and Joey Recker

Mayoral Election on May 21, 2024

American Tank Maintenance increase to \$930 a month beginning in June

Rubicon (Dollar General) dumpster bill

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Jackson made the motion to enter executive session. Councilor Medlock seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.** Entered executive Session at 8:31 pm.

Councilor Edge made a motion to return to regular meeting. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.** Returned to regular session at 9:10 pm. After returning to regular session Councilor Wise made the motion to give Mr. Johnson permission to be search for a new truck. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. **All approved (4-0) motion carried.** Councilor Wise made a motion to give the Clerk and Assistant Clerk a \$2.00 an hour raise. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. All approved (4-0) motion carried.

Adjournment: Councilor Edge made the motion to adjourn and Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. **Approved (4-0)). Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Bagwell, City Clerk

