

CITY OF STAPLETON
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2023

Cheryl Moore, City Clerk
Chris Dube, City Attorney
Gail Berry
Shane Barrow
Tom Wells
Lewis Berry
Larry Holley
Phillip Beckworth

Lisa M. Cranford, Mayor
Council Present:
John Legander III
Christopher Whipple
Janis Holley

Mayor Lisa Cranford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and rendered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Cranford called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14th regular meeting. Motion made by Chris Whipple, second by Janis Holley, to approve the minutes of the meeting. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

1. BRIAN WRIGHT: 2023 AUDIT PRESENTATION:

Mr. Wright presented the 2023 Audit for the City of Stapleton to the Council. Overall, the City is in good financial shape. Mr. Wright recommended that the City invest a bit more money in the Georgia Fund I Accounts to take advantage of the higher interest rate.

2. SPECIAL ELECTION: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, and RESOLUTION:

Motion made by Chris Whipple, second by Janis Holley, to approve the 2024 Special Election Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County, Georgia, for election services provided by the Jefferson County Board of Elections. Everyone voted in favor.

Resolution for March 12, 2024, Special Election

Motion made by Janis Holley, second by Chris Whipple, to adopt the Resolution calling for a Special Election on March 12, 2024, to fill the Council vacancy created by Willie Moss's passing. Motion carried unanimously.

3. MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICE AGREEMENTS:

A motion was made by Janis Holley, with a second by Chris Whipple, to accept the Municipal Court Judge Service Agreements for Chief Judge Christopher J. Hudson, and Associate Judges J. Grady Blanchard and E. Gary Beddingfield, Jr. All voted in favor.

4. PAINT AND REPAIR QUOTE:

The council received a quote for painting and repairs to the exterior and interior of the City Hall building. After discussion, a motion was made by Chris Whipple, with a second by Janis Holley to table a decision until the next meeting in order to gather other estimates. All voted in favor.

5. ICE MACHINE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Council member John Legander advised that it would cost more to repair the old ice machine at the Fire Department than it would to purchase a new one. Three estimates were presented to the Council to replace the Fire Department's ice machine. Chris Whipple made a motion to accept the quote for the new ice machine from Coolski Commercial Ice Makers at a cost of \$1699.00 to be paid from the General Fund, with a second by Janis Holley. All voted in favor.

6. QUOTE FOR FIRE HOSES:

The council reviewed a quote to replace nine (9) Fire Department fire hoses from Fireline, Inc. in the amount of \$2805.00. A motion was made by Chris Whipple to accept the quote from Fireline for the new hoses and to pay it with 2016 SPLOST Funds. The motion received a second from John Legander. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Janis Holley, seconded by Chris Whipple, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned in order at 6:30 p.m.

Cheryl Moore, City Clerk