

CITY OF STAPLETON
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Lisa M. Cranford, Mayor
Cheryl Moore, City Clerk
Chris Dube, City Attorney
Gail Berry
Shane Barrow
Tom Wells
Robert Hoffman, Police Chief
Lewis Berry
Larry Holley
Carol Smith

Council Present:
John Legander III
Jason Irby
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 August 10th regular meeting. Motion made by Janis Holley, second by John Legander, to approve the minutes of the meeting. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

1. 2023 TAX MILLAGE RATE:

Motion made by Chris Whipple, seconded by Janis Holley to keep the net mill rate at 10 mills. The vote was unanimous.

2. SPECIAL ELECTION: (Information only)

Council member Willie Moss passed away on August 23rd, with approximately 27 months left in his term. A Special Election will need to be held to fill the remainder of that term. The earliest this can be held is March 2024.

3. JEFFERSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2023-2028

A motion was made by Chris Whipple, with a second by Jason Irby, to adopt the 2023-2028 Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Resolution. The vote was unanimous.

4. MUNICIPAL JUDGE COMPENSATION

The current monthly fee for Stapleton Municipal Court Judges is \$300. It has been nine years since that fee has changed. Judge Hudson, through City Attorney Chris Dube, requested an increase to \$600 per court session. A motion was made by Jason Irby, with a second from Janis Holley to approve the increase in compensation. All voted in favor.

5. FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

A quote was received from Macon Supply in the amount of \$4023.70 to replace a damaged fire hydrant in the City. A motion was made by Chris Whipple, with a second by Jason Irby to approve payment for the fire hydrant after credits have been applied. All voted in favor of the motion.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT-BODY CAMERAS

Chief Hoffman addressed Council with a request for three (3) new body cameras for the Police Department. These would come from Axxon, at a cost of \$13,828.00 over five years. The software is included, and storage will be Cloud-based. He recommended these cameras be paid for using the Police Reserve Fund, grant funds if the City qualifies. A motion was made by Jason Irby with a second by Chris Whipple to purchase three (3) new body cameras for the Police Department. The vote was unanimous.

7. JASON IRBY- WATER REPAIR

Jason Irby addressed Council about the need for some type of notification system the City could use to notify customers when the water has to be turned off. He will continue to research providers for this service.

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