

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Mitchell, Georgia, was called to order by Mayor Gail Berry on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Mitchell's Community House.

Those present included:

Council Members

Mayor Gail Berry

Mayor Pro tem Lewis Berry

Councilman Michael Neal

Councilman Jon Simmons

Councilman Allen Underwood

Clerk Sara Simmons

Councilman Underwood rendered the invocation. Following reading of the minutes of the last regularly scheduled meeting August 9, 2021, Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the minutes; Councilman Underwood second the motion. Motion carried.

Alcohol License Request

Clerk Simmons presented a request for a license to sell alcohol from Scott Veal, dba Scott's Place. Councilman Simmons made a motion to approve the request for retail alcohol sales. Councilman Neal second the motion. With no opposition, motion carried.

Halloween

The council discussed plans for Halloween, 2021. Councilman Simmons made a motion to continue Halloween, 2021, like last year. The Town of Mitchell officially refrains from sanctioning any 2021 Halloween events. However, the council will not restrict residents and visitors from celebrating the holiday. Councilman Neal second the motion. With no opposition, motion carried.

Springfest, 2022

After discussion, the council agreed by consensus to table the discussion until the October 2021 meeting. The clerk shall invite the Springfest committee to the October meeting, seeking their input.

SPLOST IV Bank Account

Mayor Pro tem Berry motioned to open a bank account at Southern Bank for the town's SPLOST IV funds. Councilman Neal second the motion. With no opposition, motion carried.

2021 Mill Rate

Clerk Simmons provided the 2021 Tax Digest and 5 Year History to the council, with the proposed 5.63 millage rate. Councilman Simmons motioned to set the millage rate at 5.631. Councilman Underwood second the motion. Motion carried.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds

Mayor Berry informed the council that ARP funds could finance the repair of the town's baseball field. The council discussed the idea and took no action.

Groundskeeping Contract

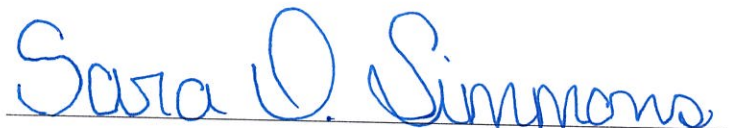
Mayor Berry provided each council member with a copy of the town's current landscaping contract. She requested the council review the contract terms, each noting recommended changes that the council should discuss for the next Request For Proposal.

Other

Councilman Neal requested information on spraying the town for mosquitoes. He indicated he would speak with the Mayor of Gibson to request borrowing Gibson's equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Simmons made the motion to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro tem Berry. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Sara Simmons, Clerk