

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, David Jahns, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Sharon Swanepoel, Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison, Chris Bailey, Beth Thompson, John Howard, Monica Moseley, Ross Bradley

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. August Monthly Reports

The Department Heads presented the monthly reports.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

No Items Scheduled.

2. Airport

No Items Scheduled.

3. Public Works

a. Republic Services Waste Management Contract

City Administrator Logan Propes discussed the solid waste disposal services contract renewal as authorized in Section 3.4 of the current agreement which expires at the end of this year. The five-year contract renewal with Republic Services would be from 2018 to 2022. The renewal includes a flat 3% annual increase rather than using the Solid Waste Industry CPI Scale, which can fluctuate wildly. The City will continue to receive a true up for any tonnage shortages below the 1,900 tons per month minimum.

Monica Moseley, with Republic Services, stated that she appreciates consideration of the 3% flat rate contract, which will make it easier for both parties to budget. She and Mr. Propes will meet annually in July to go over the tonnage.

The committee recommends approval of the five-year contract with Republic Services to Council.

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Richardson.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Approval – West Spring Street Construction Administration Contract

City Administrator Logan Propes explained the project cost is an estimated 1.5 million dollars. He recommends keeping the engineers, Keck & Wood, for the construction management for the amount of \$45,000.00. Mr. Propes stated the contract is of the same scope and cost as the recently approved North Broad Street LCI Construction Administration Services. The project

will consist of approximately 1.544 miles of sidewalk on the north side of West Spring Street to White Oak Drive. The project will be put out for bid in August, with construction commencement in late October or early November.

Council Member Lee Malcom questioned the width of the sidewalks.

Mr. Propes answered that the sidewalks will be five foot widths, with some brick in-lay. There will also be some decorative lighting.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the construction management contract with Keck & Wood for the amount of \$45,000.00.

*Motion by Richardson, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Utilities

a. Approval – Surplus Items

Mr. Chris Bailey requested approval to surplus a list of vehicles and equipment as presented. He explained that the items have outlived their useful life; the maintenance cost exceeds the cost to use the items. He is requesting to surplus the items on GovDeals in accordance with state law.

Council Member Nathan Little questioned if any of the items would need a direct replacement.

Mr. Bailey answered that none of the items would need a replacement, the majority have already been replaced.

The committee recommends to surplus the items on GovDeals to Council.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Purchase – Water Meters and ERTS

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks requested to purchase 300 Neptune water meters with Itron ERTS to replace meters which are no longer working. This will eliminate the meters from having to be read manually and will provide a leak profile. He explained Delta Municipal Supply is a sole source provider, and has provided a bid of \$56,247.00.

The committee recommends to Council to purchase the water meters and ERTS from Delta Municipal Supply for the amount of \$56,247.00.

*Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Approval – Replacement of Natural Gas Take Station

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks requested to purchase and install a new Gas Take Station at the warehouse, which consists of two regulator systems. He explained this will replace the old take station located at the corner of North Broad Street and Sorrells Street. The new station will be moved back away from North Broad Street, and the old building will be removed once the new one is completed. The new station will need to be installed prior to the natural gas relocation at Georgia Highway 11 / 78 bridge. The low bid of \$51,680.00 came from Natural Gas Trade.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned the need for a new station other than looking nicer.

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks explained the current regulators were installed over sixty years ago. There have been lots of changes and upgrades in that time. The replacements will have updated technology. He explained that the current regulator leaks, and is constantly being repaired.

The committee recommends replacement of the Natural Gas Take Station from Natural Gas Trade for the amount of \$51,680.00 to Council.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

d. Purchase – Equipment for FTTX Project

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed the request to purchase equipment for the FTTX deployment in the downtown business core of the City. He explained it basically means that the communication services will be delivered over fiber. Mr. Thompson discussed the main providers and products. AdTran has been selected due to their ease of use, flexibility, and company history. The AdTran platform will take our telecommunications system into the future as a complete optically delivered system. The lowest AdTran quote came from PowerTel for the amount of \$68,497.75; and the lowest quote for the server came from GA IT Consulting for the amount of \$5,697.21. He is requesting to purchase the equipment for the deployment in the downtown area, for the total amount of \$74,193.96.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned the geographic district for deployment, and which products would be affected.

Mr. Brian Thompson answered the initial start would be from Academy Lock & Key over to Peters & Fosters, and from Washington Street over to City Hall. This area is the current core fiber network area. He explained that the fiber will greatly increase the speed for the telephone and internet services.

The committee recommends to Council to purchase the equipment for the FTTX deployment as presented from Power Tel and GA IT Consulting for the amount of \$74,193.96.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

5. Public Safety**a. Discussion – Downtown Speed Management and Pedestrian Safety**

Chief Keith Glass discussed the increase in pedestrians and traffic in the downtown area. He stated that the speed limits have not been changed to reflect that increase. He stated the tractor trailer traffic to be a problem, and a large complaint from the citizens. Shane Giles, with the Georgia Department of Transportation, has been requested to perform a traffic study on the speed limits. Chief Glass discussed the various speed limits around the City, and explained that with the congested traffic it would be beneficial for the speed limits to be decreased in town. He stated that the pedestrians also need to be educated to walk inside the crosswalks, where they have the right-of-way. They are working on an educational film to help educate citizens on speeding, crosswalk usage, and loud music in downtown.

City Administrator Logan Propes explained that Georgia DOT has patched some of the depressions on Broad Street, per his request. This should stop the buildings from shaking from tractor trailer traffic. They have also resynchronized the downtown traffic lights, and repaired the inoperable crosswalk signs.

No Action.

6. Economic Development

Economic Development Specialist Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She stated that the Housing Expo on July 8 was a success, with over 175 attendees. The CHIP Grant housing rehabilitations are scheduled to begin with two homes this week. Hope Monroe started working on their first home at 339 North Madison Avenue. Ms. Krawczyk thanked the City employees for running the chipper during the Childers Park workday event. Food Truck Friday and Movies at the Mill were each great events, with large crowds. The interns have finished their summer program. The First Friday Concert will be this week with the Tams performing. The Georgia Downtown Association will be awarding the City two awards for excellence at the annual conference in August. The DDA annual planning retreat will be on August 10 at Sparrow Hill Inn. The property inventory has been updated for downtown. Within the DDA boundaries, there are currently 204 businesses that provide 645 jobs.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Upcoming Public Hearings
 - a. Rezone – 110 Mears Street
 - b. Conditional Use – 110 Mears Street
2. 2nd Reading – Airport Commission Ordinance Update
3. 2nd Reading – Chapter 94, Article IV – Motorized Vehicles Ordinance Amendment
4. Art Guild Roof and Renovations

There was a general discussion on the above items. There was no action taken.

V. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

1. Approval – 2017 Millage Rate

City Administrator Logan Propes explained that Walton County has gone forward with a tax increase tonight, but the City will do a full rollback of our millage rate. The City has the appropriate growth in the digest to handle a full rollback. He stated the millage rate will decrease from 7.802 to 7.421, which will be an approximate increase of \$81,553. This is 0.381 mills less than 2016. Mr. Propes proposed the adoption of the full legal rollback rate of 7.421.

To approve the legal rollback millage rate for 2017 at 7.421, Forms PT-32 and PT-38.

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

2. Call for Special Election – District 3

City Administrator Logan Propes discussed the call for a special election due to the resignation of District 3 Council Member Nathan Purvis on May 12, 2017. He stated that by calling for the special election in August, ahead of the qualifying period, everything can run concurrent with the regular scheduled general election in November. He explained that per the Secretary of the State's Office, there will be two separate votes for District 3 at the November election; one to fill the unexpired term of office and one that will begin on January 1, 2018.

Motion to call for a special election to be held on November 7, 2017, concurrent with the general election, to fill the unexpired term of Nathan Purvis for District 3.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

VI. ADJOURN

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK