

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
	Ron Rabun	Interim City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney
	Jesse Couch	City Attorney

Those Absent:	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
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Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Logan Propes, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley	
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Visitors:	Sharon Swanepoel, Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison, Chris Bailey, Bill Owens, Morris Atkism, Pete McReynolds, Jared Campbell, Gloria Reese, James Draper	
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I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Nathan Purvis was absent. There was a quorum.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. October 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. Purchase – Rear Loader Body

Mr. Danny Smith discussed the request to purchase a Heil PT-1000 20CY Rear Loader Body. He explained the lowest bid to be from Carolina Environmental Systems, through the City’s membership with the National Joint Powers Alliance, for the amount of \$74,640.00. This amount includes the cost for mounting the body to our truck chassis. Mr. Smith stated the cost for a new body and chassis would be \$148,863.00. The body of the truck needs to be replaced due to being worn from rust and corrosion. The engine of the truck was replaced at the end of 2015 and has 6,000 miles, so he recommends replacing only the body. He is requesting to purchase using SPLOST Funds.

The committee recommends to Council the purchase of the rear loader body from Carolina Environment Systems for the amount of \$74,640.00.

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

b. Purchase – Vehicle

Mr. Jeremiah Still requested approval to purchase a F250 Diesel 4WD extended cab truck with a service body for the Street Department. It will replace a truck purchased in 1997 that needs extensive work on the motor and transmission. He explained this to be a CIP budgeted item, which will be funded through the General Fund. He is requesting to purchase a 2017 Ford F-250 from Courtesy Ford, the lowest bidder, for the amount of \$34,250.00.

The committee recommends to purchase the truck from Courtesy Ford for the amount of \$34,250.00 to Council.

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

4. Utilities**a. Purchase – Fire Hydrants**

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks discussed the request to purchase twenty-five fire hydrants, to continue the replacement of the RD Wood fire hydrants currently in the water system. This aligns with the 6-year CIP replacement schedule that began in 2014. Over the scope of the project, there will be a total of 177 hydrants replaced. ISO requirements mandate that all fire hydrants have four and a half inch steamer connections and steamer caps for the water distribution system. He explained that there are only two authorized vendors in the state of Georgia. The lowest bid for the hydrants came from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for the amount of \$50,135.25, which will come from the CIP budget.

The committee recommends to Council the purchase of twenty-five fire hydrants from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for the amount of \$50,135.25.

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

5. Public Safety**a. Burn Building**

Chief Keith Glass presented the request to build a burn building at GUTA, for a cost of \$46,000.00. He is requesting approval to purchase materials and labor to construct a live fire training facility. This facility will improve the quality of training for public safety personnel. There was \$30,000.00 budgeted for this facility in the 2016 Fire General Fund CIP. Although, for an additional \$16,000.00, a third level with an additional set of outside stairs and platform could be included in the build. These additions could be used for tactical training for both the Fire and Police Departments, which would improve and have a positive impact on the ISO rating. Chief Glass requested approval to move the additional funds from the Police Capital Assets budget in order to construct the multipurpose training building for Public Safety. After the budget amendment to move the funds, there will be a remaining balance of \$19,000.00 in Police Capital Assets.

Interim City Administrator Ron Rabun stated he feels this to be a good purchase. The funds being moved from Police Capital Assets were supposed to be used to replace some carpeting at the Police Department. He explained that the carpeting could wait for a while longer.

The committee recommends approval of the budget amendment, and the purchase of materials and labor to construct a multipurpose Public Safety Training facility at GUTA for a total amount of \$46,000.00 to Council.

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

6. Economic Development**a. GICH Update**

Economic Development Specialist Sadie Krawczyk gave an update from the Fall Retreat. She gave a presentation of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing that was given at the retreat in Gainesville. She discussed the efforts of the Monroe Housing Team with the program so far, and their plans for the next six months. Ms. Krawczyk explained this to be the City's first year in the three-year program, which will address the housing needs in Monroe. She stated that to make the program most effective, there may need to be future increases in code enforcement staff, and also in funding for demolition of vacant, blighted properties. These potential requests

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would come from the Monroe Housing Team and staff. She reviewed the goals from the retreat, stating the Bus Tour to be the only goal which they were unable to reach. Ms. Krawczyk discussed the data which was collected and then analyzed by the team, such as housing assessments, types of housing, rental properties, owner occupied properties, and the percentages from all the information.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Appointment – Housing Authority
2. 2nd Reading – Animals Ordinance Amendment
3. 1st Reading – Property Maintenance Sec. 18-252 Ordinance Amendment
4. 1st Reading – Nuisances Sec. 42-98 Ordinance Amendment
5. 1st Reading – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Sec. 62-9 Ordinance Amendment
6. 1st Reading – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Sec. 62-10 Ordinance Amendment

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

V. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

1. Approval – Out of State Travel

Interim City Administrator Ron Rabun discussed the request for Debbie Adkinson to attend the 2016 BluePrince Regional Training Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in November.

To allow Debbie Adkinson to attend the 2016 BluePrince Regional Training Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

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

VI. ADJOURN

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK