

**CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA**

**THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 7, 2023**

**7:30 P.M.**

112 South Railroad Avenue

Twin City, Georgia 30471

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Donaldson 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Matt Donaldson Present

Mayor Pro Tem Jule Bady Jr. Present

Commissioner Jesse S. Brown Present

Commissioner Kenton Landon Present

Commissioner Charles Moody Present

**INVOCATION:** Linda Harrington

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** In unison

Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landon. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting and Workshop Session of the Mayor and City Commissioners was made by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Guests: **Jordan Coleman** - not present

## **New Business**

Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve \$458,731.88 to Fouts Bros Fire for the purchase of a new Twin City Fire Department tanker truck contingent on funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Commissioner Landon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the 2023 millage rate at 6.381. Commissioner Landon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the 2022 Audit from Morris & Waters, CPAs. Commissioner Landon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve the application for a license to sell beer and wine for consumption on premises for Salena Moseley DBA Simply Southern Restaurant located at 2777 US Hwy 80, Twin City. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Mayor's Report – Mayor Matt W. Donaldson**

City Clerk Ducker is working to gather all storm damage expenses for reimbursement from GEMA for Hurricane Idalia. Mayor Donaldson stated that the Cotton Blossom Festival had a great turn out with excellent weather.

## **Public Works Department Report**

The Commission reviewed the monthly report. Public Works Department, with the help of Emanuel County, completed Gilliken/New Streets, by scrapping, crowning, and adding crush n run.

## **Finance Report**

Mayor Donaldson read aloud the fund balances, with the fund balance being \$1,249,533.62 as of end of October 2023.

## **Recreation Department Report**

Commissioner Landon stated that Recreation Director Freeman was working on a grant.

## **Fire Department Report**

Commissioner Moody reviewed the monthly activity report.

## **Executive Session – Personnel & Legal**

The motion to enter Executive Session was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Moody. The motion was approved unanimously.

The motion to exit Executive Session was made by Commission Brown and seconded by Commissioner Landon. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the 2023 Inflation Stipend equal to 5% of the employees estimated gross salary. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the revised Settlement Agreement between the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (HOGARC), Kayla Johnson, Hugh Darnley, and Brett Manning and the City of Twin City. Commissioner Landon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. May Pro Tem Bady Jr seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.



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**WORKSHOP SESSION**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Donaldson                      6:30 P.M.

**Presentation from Police Chief Hank Whitters**

Chief Whitters reviewed the monthly report with the City Commission.

**Presentation from Fire Chief Foster Grimes and discussion of bids received for new Fire Department tanker truck.**

The City Commission reviewed the 3 submitted bids: (1) NAFECO \$550,730.00, (2) Fireline \$433,753.00, and (3) Fouts Bros Fire \$458,731.88. After reviewing the bids and proposal requirements, Fire Chief Grimes recommended the bid from Fouts Bros Fire.

**Discussion of 2023 millage rate at 6.381**

Mayor Donaldson reviewed the 5-year millage rate history and current digest information. The net tax digest for Twin City is \$22,474,717.00. The gross M&O millage rate is 18.843 less the rollback from the collection of LOST of 12.462 which leaves the proposed net M&O millage rate of 6.381. The 2022 millage rate was 6.619. With the further rollback of the millage rate, Mayor Donaldson informed the Commission this was approximately a 4% reduction in the millage rate for the taxpayers of Twin City.

**Discussion of 2022 Audit from Morris & Waters, CPAs**

The City Commission reviewed the 2022 audit.

**Discussion of application for a license to sell beer and wine for consumption on premises for Salena Moseley DBA Simply Southern Restaurant located at 2777 US Hwy 80, Twin City**

This applicant has been approved before, but she let her license lapse due to business changes. She is applying for the same license as previously approved.

**Discussion of the 2024 Budget Process**

Mayor Donaldson reviewed the 2024 Budget process memo. The Commission will hold a budget hearing on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. This shall be before the regular Commission meeting. The Commission shall call a special meeting on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5PM to approve the 2024 Budget. Mayor Donaldson will be working with Department Heads and Department Commissioners to complete the 2024 budget.



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Approval by the Mayor  
Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Submitted By: City Clerk Eugenia A. Ducker

