

CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA
THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

July 19, 2021

6:00 PM

112 South Railroad Avenue

Twin City, Georgia 30471

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Donaldson

Mayor Matt Donaldson Present

Mayor Pro Tem Jule Bady Absent

Commissioner Jesse Brown Present

Commissioner Charles Moody Present

Commissioner Kenton Landon Present

INVOCATION: Chief Hank Whitters

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: In unison

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

Mayor Donaldson explained the purpose of this called meeting was to hear the appeal of (2) written reprimands given to Captain Marcus Hartwell on July 6, 2021.

Captain Hartwell was given the opportunity to make an opening statement, for which he asked his counsel, Keith Barber, to give.

Police Chief Hank Whitters was given the opportunity to make a rebuttal statement, for which he explained the reprimands given and the reasoning for both.

There were several questions from the City Commission to Captain Hartwell and Chief Whitters. City Attorney Rountree was also asked to weigh in on several topics.

Captain Hartwell was given opportunity for a final statement. After the final statement, Mayor Donaldson called to close to meeting and enter Executive Session for the Commission to rule on the appeal.

Commissioner Moody made the motion to enter executive session. The motion was second by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown to exit executive session. Commissioner Landon second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Commission ruled as follows:

1. The 6/15/2021 reprimand shall be set-aside
2. Captain Hartwell's take-home privileges shall be withdrawn
3. Captain Hartwell shall be reduced in rank from Captain to Lieutenant
4. Hartwell shall be on probation for 6 months from the date of this hearing

Mayor Donaldson called for a vote to approve the Commission's ruling. Commissioner Brown made the motion, and Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The ruling was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Landon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Approval by the Mayor

Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Submitted By: City Clerk Eugenia A. Ducker

