

CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 5, 2019

7:30 PM

112 South Railroad Avenue

Twin City, Georgia 30471

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & GREETINGS: Mayor Dudley 7:31 PM

Mayor Eileen Dudley Present

Mayor Pro Tem Matt Donaldson Present

Commissioner Jesse Brown Present

Commissioner Artie Fields Present

Commissioner Jule Bady Jr. Present

INVOCATION: Commissioner Fields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Dudley

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve the February 5, 2019, agenda with the addition of item B under New Business. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019, Regular Meeting and Workshop Session of the Mayor and City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; motion approved.

Guests

James Ray Canady – New District 5 County Commissioner

County Commissioner Canady greeted everyone and discussed his desire to attend a class, at the ACCG Convention in April, “Revitalizing Your Communities.” County Commissioner Canady is willing to work with the city and he wants to bring a grocery store back to Twin City.

County Commissioner Canady addressed Commissioner Fields to say that he witnessed Police Chief Randal Beach being very professional during a burglary call.

Lavelle Pierce – Cleaning up Twin City-ABSENT

Mike Johnson – Helicopters in Twin City

Mr. Johnson addressed the Mayor and Commissioners about the complaint that he submitted to the Police Department in November. Mr. Johnson stated that the ex-chief Johnny Lane made him aware that there is no video and that there may be a video regarding his complaint but there is no way to see a video.

Mr. Johnson has another complaint, the same thing happened again. Mr. Johnson’s complaint is that he is being threatened to be locked-up for disorderly conduct, when he shows up at the football field while the Air Medical Services is there. Commissioner Fields and Mayor Dudley responded to Mr. Johnson’s complaint. Mayor Dudley read a portion of United States v. Chapman District of Georgia 11th Circuit.

New Business

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to declare by resolution that April 21-27, 2019, shall be Georgia Cities Week in the City of Twin City. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers as the 2019 CDBG Application Design Engineering Firm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; motion approved.

Committee Reports

Committee reports were given by the Mayor and City Commissioners. All is functioning and well in the respective departments.

Executive Session – Personnel

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

To attract new police officers, the Mayor and City Commissioners agreed to increase the starting pay for police officers from \$12 to \$13 per hour.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve Officer Lewis Smith as a full-time employee at a wage of \$13 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to increase the starting salaries for all police officers, current and new, to \$13 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned



CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA
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PRE-COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION

February 5, 2019

6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dudley

Mayor Eileen Dudley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Donaldson	Present
Commissioner Jule Bady Jr.	Present
Commissioner Jesse S. Brown	Present
Commissioner Artie Fields	Present

Presentation from Police Chief Randal Beach

Police Chief Beach and his department have received numerous calls to unlock vehicles. Chief Beach presented information on House Bill 407. Due to HB407 the department will be ordering new forms along with other supplies and equipment.

Discussion of 2018, 2019, and 2020 LMIG projects

Mayor pro tem Donaldson presented that the city has received the 2019 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) allotment, approximately \$30,000. The city will bid the projects along with Swainsboro.

Discussion of 2019 CDBG application

Mayor pro tem Donaldson stated that Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission is working along with Turnipseed Engineers are working to obtain some preliminary cost estimates of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. We're applying for \$750,000 and there will be an approximate match of \$100,000 which will come from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund.

Discussion of 2018 LWCF application for the development of the Carilee Coleman Park

Mayor pro tem Donaldson discussed that the city has advanced into the second round of the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant process. Although the grant has not been awarded, this is good progress for the award. The grant would be for the development of the Carilee Coleman Park and not the Rountree Cabin. The LWCF funds can not be used for historic preservation. Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (HOGARC) is assisting the city with this process.

Discussion of 2019 Georgia Cities Week – April 21-27, 2019

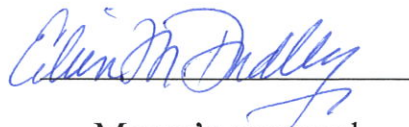
Mayor pro tem Donaldson discussed the city's participation in Georgia Cities Week, April 21-27, 2019. Main Street Director Huddie Culbreth has been charged with leading the city's efforts for this week. There will be various activities during the week for the citizens, to include the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. During the regular meeting the City Commissioners will be approving, by resolution, the week of April 21-27, 2019, as Georgia Cities Week in Twin City.

Discussion of 2019 Georgia EPD Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program application and Time Amnesty Day on April 27, 2019

Mayor pro tem Donaldson informed the commission that he would be applying for funds through the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to hold a tire amnesty event on April 27, 2019. This event will coincide with Georgia Cities Week. If approved, the citizens will be able to dispose of their tires at no cost. The city would front the expense for disposal and receive reimbursement by the EPD.

**Discussion of the Georgia Department of Economic Development
Tourism Product Development Team visit – December 10-12, 2019**

Mayor pro tem Donaldson announced that the Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Product Development Team would be in Twin City on December 10-12, 2019. Mayor pro tem Donaldson applied for the program over a year ago and has been waiting approval. A description of the program has been included in the meeting packet. The city along with the Development Authority of Twin City and the Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce will be partnering together for the visit.


Mayor's approval

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