

**CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA**

**THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 2, 2021**

**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:** Mayor Pro Tem Bady Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** In unison

Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bady Jr. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2020 Regular Meeting and Workshop Session of the Mayor and City Commissioners was made by Commissioner Brown. Mayor Pro Tem Bady Jr. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Guests: **None**

## **New Business**

A motion to approve the application for license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for OM 2021, Inc. by Subhashkumar (Sonny) V. Patel at 2728 US Hwy 80 East, Twin City was made by Commissioner Moody. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve by resolution Ordinance 01-2021- Municipal Court Prosecutor Ordinance was made by Commissioner Moody. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve by resolution Ordinance 02-2021- Appointment of George H. Rountree as Court Prosecutor was made by Commissioner Moody. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve up to but not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a replacement Police Department vehicle. This a SPLOST expenditure was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moody. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Donaldson briefly spoke on the unemployment benefits available to those due to COVID-19. There are flyers posted at City Hall and Police Dept. GRWA had to reschedule and will be back in town on February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> to finish the smoke testing.

## **Main Street Report – Main Street Program Director Huddie Culbreth**

Huddie Culbreth was absent, but everything is going well.

## **Streets & Roads Department Report/ Water & Sewer Department Report**

Commissioner Brown and Mayor Donaldson discussed the recent issues with W. Short Street. Mayor Donaldson hopes to be able to include the paving of W. Short Street with the 2019 CDBG project, but this is yet to be determined. Commissioner Brown also will be checking on contracting some work out and pricing.

## **Finance Report**

Mayor Donaldson read aloud the fund balances, with the fund balance being \$975,556.33 as of end of January 2021.

## **Recreation Department Report**

Commissioner Landon stated sign up for spring ball is now underway and opening day will be March 13, 2021.

## **Fire Department Report**

Commissioner Moody announced the Fire Department has picked up the rescue boat. Fire Chief Grimes is applying for a grant to hopefully get a new Fire Engine.

## **Executive Session – Personnel**

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 Landon and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bady Jr. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown to hire John Timothy Dailey as part time Police Officer. Commissioner Landon seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Moody to hire new police academy cadet Tachondria Braswell. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Moody made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Landon 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 on the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail from Executive Director Mary Charles Howard**

Mrs. Howard made a presentation to the City Commission on the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail initiative. There are some grants available for this project, but there needs to be community buy-in. The plan is for the trail to come all the way from Athens to Savannah. Mayor Donaldson will coordinate with County Administrator Guy Singletary on the position of the County on this project.

**Public Hearing on the application for license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for OM 2021, Inc. by Subhashkumar (Sonny) V. Patel at 2728 US Hwy 80 East, Twin City**

The name and ownership of the business has changed; therefore, the new application needs approval from the City Commission. The manager of the business remains the same and is now one of the owners. The previous co-owner has passed away. Mayor Donaldson opened the floor for comments from the public and City Commission and there were no comments.

**Presentation from Police Chief Hank Whitters**

Chief Whriters informed the Mayor and Commissioners that Cadet Christopher Reed was doing an excellent job in police academy. He will complete the academy in March. The other cadet Brandon Moses has decided to not pursue a career in law enforcement at this time.

**Discussion of creation and appointment of Court Prosecutor/City Solicitor position for the Municipal Court of Twin City**

Chief Whriters and Municipal Court Clerk Sumner recommended the need of a Court Solicitor in December 2020. After discussion with the City Attorney and City Judge, Mayor Donaldson agreed. The City Commission decided to appoint the City Attorney George Rountree as the Court Solicitor/Prosecutor. The current code of ordinances must be amended to include this position. Title 2, Chapter 7 shall be added to accommodate the new position.

**Discussion of Police Department vehicle replacement and the use of Cash/Property Seizures account balance of \$6541.00 to supplement the purchase**

Chief Whriters is in process of looking for a small SUV or cruiser to upgrade our fleet of Police Department vehicles. The Commission agreed to set a budget of up to \$20,000 for this purchase, with \$6,541.00 from the Cash Seizures Account being used to offset this cost.

**Discussion of City Centennial programming**

The first Centennial project is complete with the installation of the new City limits signage. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the City will have a formal Centennial Celebration with Senator Max Burns as the guest speaker.



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Approval by the Mayor  
Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Submitted By: City Clerk Eugenia A. Ducker

