

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rozier with Dexter Shearouse giving the Invocation. Councilmember's Griffin, Grizzard, Harley, Kerby (by phone), Otakie, Mayor Rozier, Attorney Dickey, City Administrator Akridge, Assistant City Clerk Danielle Bucher were present.

Councilman Grizzard made a motion to approve the Draft Copy of the Minutes of the September 17, 2020 City Council Meeting. Councilwoman Griffin seconded the motion and it carried without opposition.

Councilwoman Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda of the October 15, 2020 meeting with Councilman Harley seconded the motion and it carried without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Grizzard made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilwoman Griffin seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Mayor Rozier opened with the reading of the following: Proponents for the proposed zoning action, including the petitioner or the petitioner's agent requesting the zoning decision, shall have no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and opinions; opponents of the proposed zoning decision shall have no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and opinions. So long as each side is given no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and opinions, the Hearing Officer may limit repetitious comments in the interest of time and may call for a show of hands of those persons present in favor of or opposed to the proposed zoning decision.

Application for Rezoning from RA-1 to C-2 submitted by Phyllis Sanders Deloach/Quik Trip Corporation for property located on Little Neck Road.

John Dibernardo, Real Estate Manager for Quik Trip Corporation approached Council. Mr. Dibernardo noted that they were proposing to rezone from a RA-1 to C-2 for roughly an 8300 square feet store to be located on approximately 6-8 acres located on Little Neck Road. This station will provide 8 gas bays and 6 diesel bays, and 12 truck parking stalls for short term parking. There will be no showers or amenities that typically come in these facilities. Mr. Dibernardo reiterated that this will not be a truck stop. Charlie Hutchinson with property located across the street was asked if he had any objections to this and he replied, "Not at all."

Councilman Otakie asked how many jobs this would create? Mr. Dibernardo answer Councilman Otakie 25 to 30 jobs with a starting pay for the night manager is about \$50,000 with about 44 hours a week.

Application for Rezoning from RA-1 to C-2 submitted by J. Dudley Ottley/Quik Trip Corporation for property located at Little Neck Road

Mr. Dibernardo also noted that the second application would serve the same purpose and would have full security with 26-30 cameras, a full-service kitchen, and made to order food service. There will not be any independent restaurants within the store. City administrator noted that these were four separate lots / 2 properties each and would be voted on the November 5th Council meeting.

Variance Request submitted by Miguel Baca for a Manufactured Home in a R-A Zoning District at 408 West Main Street.

Enrique Guillen Mendez of 2107 Oglethorpe Circle Pooler, GA approached Council representing Mr. Miguel Baca who submitted the application. Mr. Mendez noted that they acquired this property in hopes that they would put a manufactured home on this property. When he was asked, he answered that he would be the primary residence of the manufactured home to be located on 408 West Main Street, if approved by Council.

With no further comments Councilman Grizzard made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilwoman Griffin seconded the motion, and the public hearing was closed.

Administrative and Committee reports:

Councilwoman Griffin read a text from the Athletic Director, George Foley. Mr. Foley wrote that they were midway through the Fall season with T-ball, football, cheer-leading, and soccer games. We are having their homecoming Bonfire on October 29, 2020. The Parade and homecoming games will be on October 31st. Taylor Park is preparing for the Veterans Day Celebration to be held at Taylor Park on November 7th with fireworks. Mr. Foley is planning to start up the Co-Ed softball league. They encouraged everyone to come out and support the Bloomingdale athletics.

City Administrator noted that Halloween would be observed on Saturday, October 31, 2020 between 5-9. Covid-19 related details on the City website. The City is hosting the Annual AthSav 2020 Bike Ride from Athens to Savannah. The 2020 AthSav Ride will reach their end goal of 235 miles when they reach Bloomingdale, Ga on the evening of October 24th, ending their 2-day bicycle adventure at the Bloomingdale Community Center's outdoor pavilion.

Mayor read off the card given to Mayor and Council for Boss's Day from the ladies of City Hall thanking them for all they do.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Variance Request submitted by Miguel Baca for a Manufactured Home in a R-A Zoning District at 408 Main Street.

Councilman Kerby made a motion to deny the Variance Request submitted by Miguel Baca for the Manufactured Home in a R-A Zoning District at 408 Main Street. Councilman Otakie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously denied.

2. Consider Bid Award for the DOT LMIG Resurfacing Project.

City Administrator noted that we were awarded \$48,130.78 from DOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant to resurface Boulevard, West Moore, Conaway, and Pine Streets. The Cities 30% matched contribution will be \$14,439.24. The bid was awarded to RB Bakers for a total project cost of \$132,435.00. Councilman Harley made a motion to approve the bid to RB Baker for the resurfacing of Boulevard, West Moore, Conaway, and Pine Streets with \$48,130.78 rewarded from the LMIG Grant and \$14,439.24 being the 30% required match from the City and the balance to come from Roadway Improvements SPLOST. Councilman Otakie seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

3. Consider a Minor Subdivision application submitted by The Meadows.

Clay Collins approached the podium and notified council that they were subdividing Phase I and Phase II and for financing purposes. They are selling these properties to an investor group. The same builder will be constructing Phase II. There are no noticeable changes except this allows for the lender to have clear title on Phase I and Construction lender can have clear title to Phase II. The Mayor asked Mr. Collins where they were at with the Phase I and Mr. Collins responded that the 200 units were 70% released. Councilman Grizzard wanted to specify that they are under the same agreements in the Phase II as Phase I. City Administrator recommended the approval. Councilman Harley made a motion to approve the Minor Subdivision application submitted by The Meadows. Councilman Otakie seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

4. Consider selection of an applicant to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Virginia Key on City Council.

Mayor Rozier reported that under the City Charter we are obligated to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Virginia Key on City Council upon her unexpected death. The Mayor noted that 8 Citizens applied for this position and 4 were chosen to interview based on history and experience; however, with much consideration one man was picked to fill this open seat. Councilman Kerby made a motion to appoint Dennis Baxter to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the late Mrs. Virginia Key. Councilman Harley seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Dennis Baxter stood up and mentioned that he was saddened to have been picked under these circumstances expressed his admiration for the late Councilwoman. Mr. Baxter expressed what a wonderful citizen and Councilwoman Virginia Key was, and she is deeply missed. He thanked Council for choosing himself to fill the remainder of the term and promised to do his absolute best to serve the citizens of Bloomingdale. City Administrator noted that Mr. Baxter would be sworn in on the November 5th Council meeting.

5. Consider setting December 5 at 10 a.m. as the date and time of the Annual Christmas Parade.

City Administrator, Akridge reported that he was asking Council to consider setting December 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. as the date and time of the Annual Christmas Parade, as well as December 4th as the Christmas Tree lighting. The Mayor noted he wanted to invite the Big Nasty to join in in the parade. Mr. Akridge noted that participants in the parade would sign a release of liability whether before the event or the morning of. Councilman Grizzard made a motion to approve December 5 at 10 a.m. as the date and time of the Annual Christmas Parade and December 4th as the date for the Christmas tree lighting and Councilman Harley seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

6. PROCLAMATION – Red Ribbon Week – October 23-31.

Councilman Harley made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31. Councilman Otakie seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

7. Consider amending the Fee Schedule to add an Industrial Warehouse Building Permit Fee of \$0.15 per square foot.

City Administrator noted that we currently do not have an Industrial Warehouse Building Permit Fee; however, recommended we follow the Garden Cities fee schedule of \$0.15 per square foot. Mr. Akridge reminded Council that they have future Industrial Warehouses coming and needed to shore up the fee schedule. Councilman Otakie made a motion to approve the amending the Fee Schedule to add an Industrial Warehouse Building Permit Fee of \$0.15 per square foot. Councilman Harley seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

8. Consider a Recombination Plat submitted by Brewer Land Surveying for Property located at the East end of Cregor Street and Westhaven Street.

Mr. Brewer from Brewer Land Surveying approached Council and asked Council to approve the recombination plat for the properties located at the end of Cregor Street and Westhaven Street to give access to two properties that have been divided up in a will settlement from the deceased Mr. West. Councilman Otakie made a motion to recommend the Recombination Plat submitted by Brewer Land Surveying for Property located at the East end of Cregor Street and Westhaven Street. Councilman Grizzard seconded the motion, and it was carried.

9. Consider the purchase of Kubota Utility Vehicle for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$16,044 (CIP/SPLOST)

City Administrator announced that Public Works director received three bids, and this was the low bid. City Administrator also mentioned this had been on the CIP list for several years and recommended that Council approve this purchase. Councilman Otakie made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota Utility Vehicle for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$16,044 to be paid for from SPLOST. Councilman Grizzard seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Mayor Rozier reported that this concluded the items presented for consideration for inclusion on the Council agenda prior to the deadline of Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

The Accounts Payables were presented with Councilwoman Griffin making a motion to pay the bills. Councilman Grizzard seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Harley seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Akridge

Note: Section § 50-14-1 of the Official Code of the State of Georgia Annotated requires that the minutes shall, as a minimum, include a description of each motion or other proposal made, and a record of all votes. These minutes meet the minimum requirements. However, in an attempt to provide as much information as possible to the citizens, the recording clerk has included additional background data and discussion on the subjects presented to council. The statements of individuals are not verbatim and may be summary in nature.