

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2020  
COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem Craig Call swore in Councilman Dennis G. Baxter to the Bloomington City Council.

Councilman Baxter made a motion to approve the Draft Copy of the Minutes of the October 15, 2020 City Council Meeting. Councilman Grizzard seconded the motion and it carried without opposition.

Councilman Otakie made a motion to approve the Agenda of the November 5, 2020 meeting with Councilman Harley seconded the motion and it carried without opposition.

**Administrative and Committee reports:**

City Administrator noted that Veterans Day Observance would be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 starting at 5:30 with Fireworks ending the evening. There will be 25 Vendors and a Gospel Group.

Councilman Harley noted that the Bloomington Bears wrapped up at Taylor Park with the Annual Bonfire on the coldest night of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PRESENTATION – Ameris Bank, Grainger Honda/Nissan and Bloomington Food Pantry**

The City Administrator recognized Ameris Bank's Whitney Ray who is also a Bloomington resident for spearheading this initiative again this year. The last two years Ameris Bank has chosen the Bloomington Food Pantry as their recipient through fundraisers they were able to purchase 2500 canned goods and presented those to Mrs. Wellmaker for the Food Pantry. Bill Grainger of Grainger Honda/Nissan was a major asset in collecting donations for this program. The City Administrator presented Opal Wellmaker with a full box of nonperishable food and a check the City raised from Corporate Partners in the amount of \$5,375. Mrs. Wellmaker representing the Bloomington Food Pantry located in the First Baptist Church of Bloomington addressed everyone who was a part of this project and thanked them considerably. This money and food would be appreciated by many within the City.

**2. Recognition of City Employees with 10 or more Years of Service – Mayor Ben Rozier**

The Mayor recognized ten City employees that have been with the City for 10 or more years by presenting them with an award.

Ernest Grizzard, Jr. (Public Works)-31 Years

Lyle Chapman (Public Works)-20 Years

Bubba Shearouse (Public Works)- 20 Years

Captain Michael Founé (Police Dept)-17 Years

Sgt. Neal Malphus (Police Dept.)- 16 Years

Lt. Wayne Daniels (Police Dept)- 14 Years

Chief Ferman Tyler (Fire Dept)- 12 Years

Charles Akridge (City Hall)- 10 Years

Nick Birchfield (Public Works)-10 Years

Lt. Bruce Revelle (Police Dept)-10 Years

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

City Administrator noted that the Planning and Zoning recommended the approval last month and he recommended the approval of the first reading and consider the approval in two weeks. Mr. Akridge stated that a Public Hearing was held on October 15, 2020 with more in favor than opposed. Councilman Grizzard made a motion to approve the first hearing for the application for

Rezoning from RA-1 to C-2 (Conditional) submitted by Phyllis Sanders Deloach/Quik Trip Corporation for property located on Little Neck Road. Councilman Harley seconded the motion, and it was carried.

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

City Administrator noted that this was the same as item #3 on the Agenda with this submittal by J. Dudley Ottley/Quik Trip Corporation. The City Administrator recommended the approval of the first hearing and consider the approval in two weeks. Mr. Akridge stated that a Public hearing was held on October 15, 2020 with more in favor than opposed. Councilman Baxter made a motion to approve the first hearing for the application for Rezoning from RA-1 to C-2 (Conditional) submitted by J. Dudley Ottley/Quik Trip Corporation for property located at Little Neck Road. Councilman Otakie seconded the motion, and it was carried.

**5. Consider Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Agreement with Quik Trip Corporation.**

City Attorney recommended that Council table the Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Agreement with Quik Trip Corporation until a few items can be reviewed. Councilman Harley made a motion to table the Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Agreement with Quik Trip Corporation and Councilman Otakie seconded the motion and it was tabled.

**6. Consider a Cost Estimate for a Survey for Perry Road.**

City Administrator noted that all the residents on Perry Road had signed a petition in favor of relinquishing their ownership of this private road over to the City. The cost estimate from EMC would be roughly \$4,500 to be taken out of Community Development Contractual with plans to add to the future Capital Improvement Plan for future acquisitions to be paid for out of SPLOST. Mr. Akridge noted that we are currently distributing 10% monthly allocation from SPLOST to Roadway Improvements.

Councilman Otakie addressed the audience noting that about two years ago they addressed this issue with Drecher Road and their hope would be that this would be the first of many private roads that would be turned over to the City for Public Safety reasons. He noted that it is against the law for the City to invest in private roads.

Councilman Harley followed up stating that their purpose was to create an infrastructure for the City by having all roads paved. For this process it requires all the signatures of the owners and noted that all of Perry Road owners were in attendance.

Attorney Raymond Dickey explained the process includes initially the City needs to make a decision to the acquisition, second a survey to be completed with 60 feet right a ways with pins or concrete monuments to outline the width of the road. Third would be a quit claim deed with legal description and all owners' signatures deeded to the City.

Michael Wedincamp, a Bloomingdale resident approached Council and noted that the owner of the road lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Wedincamp noted that there was about twenty-one private roads and starting with Perry Road that has two previous Council members and two current council members living on that road which is a conflict of interest and violates the Code of Ethic's because all on Perry Road will benefit from this action including the current Councilmen Harley and Otakie. Councilman Harley replied to Mr. Wedincamp and the audience by acknowledging that their intent was to lead the way for all private roads in the City limits to follow suit. Councilman Kerby made a motion to approve a cost estimate for a survey at the best price for Perry Road up to \$4,500. Councilman Baxter seconded the motion. Councilmen Otakie and Harley recused themselves and abstained from voting. Councilmen Kerby, Baxter, and Grizzard all voted to approve up to \$4,500 for a survey of Perry Road.

**Mayor Rozier reported that this concluded the items presented for consideration for inclusion on the Council agenda prior to the deadline of Wednesday, October 28, 2020.**

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

There being no further business, Councilman Otakie made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Kerby 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.**