

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND APPEAL HEARING FEBRUARY 6, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Jenkins, Council Members Brown, Byne, Jones, Lewis, Tinley, Washington, City Attorney Dube and City Manager Coalson

ABSENT: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jenkins at 6:30 p.m.
2. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Jones.
3. Council Member Brown led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2012 Regular Council meeting was made by Council Member Byne and seconded by Council Member Brown. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Before voting to approve the minutes, Council Member Washington voiced her objection to minute item 10.
5. City Manager Jerry Coalson presented information to the City Council relating to the City's proposed 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. City Manager Coalson provided an overview of the scope of the project and identified the proposed 2012 CDBG target area. He stated that the CDBG regulations require public disclosure in the event an elected official owns property located in a CDBG target area. The elected official's ownership of property in the CDBG area must be disclosed to the public as a potential conflict of interest. City Manager Coalson notified those attending the meeting that Mayor Pauline Jenkins owns property in the proposed 2012 CDBG target area where sewer improvements will be located. He reported that the CDBG target area was selected and approved by the City Council prior to her taking office on January 1, 2012. A letter will be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs from the City Attorney describing the nature of Mayor Jenkins' potential conflict of interest. A map showing the location of the target area and Mayor Jenkins' property was available for viewing by the public. Mayor Jenkins acknowledged that she will abstain from voting on any issues or business of the proposed 2012 CDBG project. Vice Mayor James Jones will sign any documents relating to the 2012 CDBG grant application and proposed project. City Manager Coalson noted Mayor Jenkins will receive generally the same benefit that is made available to all residents within the proposed CDBG target area. The benefit received is simply having access to a sewerage system that is safe, sanitary and functional. No questions or comments were presented by individuals in attendance.

6. A motion to approve the application for a temporary alcoholic beverage license for the Boss Hog Cook Off was made by Vice Mayor Jones and seconded by Council Member Tinley. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
7. Mrs. June Johnson, owner of Forever Angels, thanked Council for the new sidewalks installed on Academy Avenue. She stated that now her clients are free to get out and walk without the risk of tripping and falling.
8. Council Member Brown asked City Manager Coalson to instruct the Public Works Department to clean the slides at the City Park on Liberty Street.
9. City Manager Coalson announced that a Utility Committee meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2012 at the Waynesboro Ice Plant.
10. Vice Mayor Jones asked for an update on the request from St. Michaels Episcopal Church to convert the adjacent tennis courts into a parking lot. Mayor Jenkins stated that she plans to meet with Rev. James Shumard to discuss the request and will report the results of the meeting at an upcoming Council meeting.
11. At 6:43 p.m., Mayor Jenkins called for a brief recess before beginning the Appeal Hearing for Curtis St. Germaine. Council reconvened at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Curtis St. Germaine requested an Appeal Hearing before Council to appeal his recent termination from the Waynesboro Police Department. Attorney Jack Long, representing Mr. St. Germaine, and City Attorney Chris Dube both made opening statements to Council. There were no witnesses called but Council asked the attorneys several questions. After both attorneys finished with their closing statements, a motion to enter into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel matters was made by Council Member Byne and seconded by Council Member Brown. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. At 7:55 p.m., a motion to enter into regular session was made by Council Member Byne and seconded by Council Member Tinley. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
12. A motion to uphold the termination of Mr. Curtis St. Germaine was made by Vice Mayor Jones and seconded by Council Member Tinley. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
13. Council Member Washington voiced a complaint to Council about a letter sent to the Mayor after the runoff election held in December 2011. She stated that the letter should have been made available for public record. She provided Council with a letter detailing her response to the letter the Mayor received.
14. With no further business on the Agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.