

City Council Meeting  
1736 Broad St. Lumpkin, GA 31815  
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Call to order- Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge to flag

Roll Call-Everyone was present except Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman House, and Councilman Seay.

Councilwoman House arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda- Mayor, asked for approval of the agenda.

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| Motion by B. Cullefer | To approve the agenda |
| Second by B. Mallory  | 4-0                   |

Minutes for approval (June 30, July 6, July 28)- The Mayor asked for approval of the minutes.

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| Motion by B. Cullefer | To approve June 30, July 6, July 28 minutes |
| Second by C. Matthews | 4-0   |

#### Public Appearances:

Garnite – Spoke with the Council about decreasing the AT&T monthly bill. They can save the City over \$4,152 annually. Granite is a trusted vendor in with the Federal Government and multiple entities throughout Georgia. Council asked for the Clerk to check the references.

Carlos Tejada – Did not show, but Mr. Davis explained about the sewage problem that was happening and how they fixed it. It had lots of rags down in the sewage, causing the problem.

#### Reports from Dept. Heads

1. Clerk – A. Holloway – The City will renew the contract with the Government software agreement for the City taxes. Due to Covid-19, our tax sale will be on the second Tuesday in January 2021. I am currently working on gas line drug and alcohol audit with Chris Wellborn and Jason Smith, Georgia Public Service Commission. The Financial report was emailed to everyone plus everyone has a hard copy in your folders. I am still trying to get time to work on the 19-20 upcoming audit. I have been working on CARE Act funds. We have already received \$19,888.00 on August 12. I am now working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for \$46390.52; this has to be submitted and approved by September 1. I attended a webinar yesterday to get more information on phase 2. I was informed that the City could purchase a vehicle. I called and spoke with everyone about purchasing a new 2020 white F150 Ford truck today. There is a copy of the deed to the new City property donated from Ann Singer. Also, put in your folder is information about the online site for utility payments.

The site is cityoflumpkin.org then has to put the account number and last four of the phone number or 0000. SPLOSH 2019 money we still haven't received any money from the County since June 4. We have received a \$1000.00 from CoreCivic for the repair of the auger. The money has been deposit into the sinking fund account until we set up an Escrow account to be used for the repair of the auger. Ms. Jones and I will be attending a webinar in Sept. for the Clerk's training. We have started our new fiscal year. Councilwoman House asked if all the audits were caught up? I told Councilwoman House that we are still waiting on the 18-19 audit. Still working getting information to complete the audits.

2. City Manager – David Davis- I assume that we are still in the June session since we were waiting outside, and when we came back into the meeting, it was completed. The minutes show that we are still in an Executive session. There is a lot that I want to say to you all tonight, but I am going to wait until I can address the full Council. I would like for everyone to be able to hear what I want to say if I would be allowed to hold these thoughts until the next Council meeting. We lost one of our employees – he quit on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. He said that he found something else. We are continually waiting on Mark Majors to complete the work at the sewage.

There is a screen with a hole in it, and the stuff is going out to the side. We have to get Crimes to come to pump it out. If they come, they will see a big hole in the screen and stuff going out to the side. We had three water lines to burst. With problems like that, I feel I need to call in Mr. Charlie Shepard. I don't know where he got the impression that someone is talking about him. He comes when called, and we need him. He is picking up on stuff out in the streets. If he turns and walks away, I don't know what we would do. I am not going to talk anymore about that. Mrs. Holloway has already told you about the truck; I guess I can drive it instead of driving my own.

M. House – I thought we were going to use it for a work truck. Is it a work truck? Mr. Davis – I thought you were going to get it for the City Manager. The County Manager and the Chief have vehicles to ride in – I have to ride around in my personal truck. M. House – Are the other trucks able to run? Mr. Davis – the other trucks are well used, and right now, they need services. The truck that came in today is not a heavy-duty truck. M. House – I thought we were going to get the truck for the City workers. Mr. Davis - It was for the City. M. House – Maybe you can get another one of the trucks. Mr. Davis – The truck I pulled out of the woods; I rode around in it for a while. It started tearing up – everything we have is tearing up.

M. House – Where are you all going to school? Mrs. Holloway – It will be at the office. It will be a webinar on Zoom.

B. Cullefer – Mr. Davis, we got some new edger that I saw in your office. How are they doing, and how much did they cost? Mr. Davis – One of them has torn up already. We are going to try to keep one of them and send the other one back. We can't use them in Skyline because of the sidewalks. We can use them around town on the flat side. B. Cullefer – It's not a commercial one, or it would have cost around \$2000.00. Mr. Davis – It is what Mrs. Holloway ordered. Mrs. Holloway – It was the size that I was told to order. Mr. Davis – It meets the requirements for what we need. B. Cullefer – Ok, something else. The spraying of the sidewalks and cracks in the roads. Mr. Davis – Yes, Chris is getting the sprayer fixed, and we will start spraying. Yes, we are going to spray all over town. Let me say this to the Council – We need to start looking at what is causing the cracks in the street. We are going to spray, but we need to look under the streets.

Mayor Babb – In my neighborhood, the grass grows in the cracks and the curbs. There is nothing wrong with the streets. Mr. Davis – We are going to spray. B. Cullefer – I am going to just say this – It took a day and a half to edge, but if you spray and get a shovel to get it up, it will last. Anne said, around 18 months. Mr. Davis – We can't spray in a day and a half. M. House – Where do you get the chemicals? Do you order, or do you get them from Brad? Holloway – These were ordered, but we have got them from Brad also. These chemicals have been here for two years. You have to spray before a rain and should last around 18 months.

C. Matthews – Mr. Davis, I got your email on Terrance and read it. I read that he resigned, but I got a phone call that we had fired Terrance. I said no. As a Council member, I spoke with Terrance. First, he said that he gotten wrote up. Then he said something about favoritisms. I asked, did he fire you? He said no. When I got that news, I wanted to make sure that was the case. Mr. Davis – I never wrote him or anybody else up. C. Matthews -everything he said about you, he later went back and said something else. So, you weren't fired, Terrence? No, I wasn't fired. C. Matthew – So you quit. The Mr. Shephard thing – I was just like to talk with him. Ask, what is the problem? Some people are going to say things like that. The truck and generator – The moment I was called on that, I thought to myself, hey, we need a generator before a truck. We need a generator. Mr. Davis – We have Chris Jones working on getting prices for a generator. B. Mallory – Can you tell us about the other generator? What happen to it? Chief Jackson – The generator that I know about John Tyler borrowed it. M. House – I know Webster county got a generator from the surplus. Chief Jackson – I will look into it. Mr. Davis – It has to be a big generator to run our wells. Mrs. Holloway, the County, has one that we were going to use during Hurricane Michael. Mayor Babb – I would like for you to tell Charlie Shephard that we appreciate his help. If anyone says anything against him, I want to know who it is. Mr. Davis, I tell him every time he comes to help. Will you please answer me when I sent out emails to each of you? Mr. Singer wants to give the property on Liberty Street to the City. B. Cullefer, B. Mallory – both said no to the property. B. Cullefer – I thought the City workers were going to clean the property up. The Loin Club and MLK properties need to be cleaned up by the City Workers; it doesn't need to be contracted out. You can have a controlled burn with the fire department. Mr. Davis – we will get on cleaning up the property. I need a few more men. Mayor Babb – hire them. Mr. Davis – I have a supervisor out there that needs to take care of things. Three drains are stopped up. B. Cullefer – the trash dumpster looks like a pigpen. Can we put some signs up? Mr. Davis – We put them up, and they tear them down. Some dogs are pulling things out. It's a battle, but we are not going to lose it.

3. Chief of Police – Ron Jackson – About the dumpsters – Its not only dogs but also people searching in the dumpsters. About the animals – there have been 12 animals picked up. When picked up, they have to be checked out all over. The problems are that dogs are living in the woods and coming out and killing cats. We had one of the City workers there with a shovel that helped her out. We have set up traps all over the City. When we catch them, we have to give each animal shots and hold for 72 hours. Mayor Babb – What happen to the County? Chief – Two county commissioners didn't think it would be a good idea. They didn't want a full-time employee - they want to make it a part-time position. I had a call from the State about the City not taking care of the animals. I sent the same email to them that I sent you all. We have to hold the animals for 72 hours. Any animals that are two years or younger will have someone

that will take them if they don't have a runny nose or sick. We have an email from Mr. Davis about the County Manager that 4/5 cars have been broke in around the courthouse. We have arrested a juvenile for the break-ins. I also had a call about 13 yrs. old that ran away. Right now, I might have to add two officers during the weekend shifts. B. Mallory – Like to personally thank you for the email; it was very informative.

4. Fire Chief – Greg Stewart – absent.

#### **New Business:**

Ice Machine- Public worker – I spoke with a representative from Buck Ice – they will bring a machine down that will cost the City \$450.00 annually, and the bags of ice will cost \$2.29. If we renew the next year, the City will not have to pay the \$450 for the machine, but they will continue bringing the ice. A new ice machine will run somewhere around \$2000.00 to \$4000.00. I spoke with Geno at the Corner Store, and they will sell us bags of ice weekly for \$1.99 per bag. M. House – What's wrong with our ice machine? Mr. Davis – We have had Truman's Air come out and work on it at least three times since I have been here. They leave, and then it starts messing up again. Then in a couple of days, it will begin making ice – so it works when it wants to. Mayor – How many employees do we have working for the City? Holloway – right now, we have four workers. Mayor – it should not take a very big ice machine to supply ice for them. B. Mallory – Yes, they need an ice maker. Mayor – we can buy one for less than \$2000.00. B. Mallory – Can you put that in the Care for Covic? Holloway – No. B. Mallory – we need an ice machine. B. Cullefer – that what I said. We pay \$450 the first year, and then there is nothing after that. We need the little bags, not the big bags. D. Davis – for a temporary fix, can we buy a couple of coolers so when they come in the morning, they can get some ice? B. Cullefer- We can buy a small freezer, right, Mrs. Holloway. C. Matthews – How much did you say an ice machine would cost? Holloway – A smaller one, maybe around \$2000.00, I am not sure. C. Matthews – I saw some on Amazon. The bigger ones. M. House – They have ice right now? D. Davis – they have ice right now but could come back tomorrow, and there want be any. They only need three scoops each. Millage Rate – Holloway, A copy has been put in each of your folders. B. Cullefer – I know it can't go any higher unless placed in the paper.

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| Motion by B. Cullefer - | To keep millage rate as is |
| Second by B. Mallory -  | 4/0                        |

Resolution No. 20-2- Reference to the Care Act for the funds we are getting from the State.

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| Motion by B. Cullefer | To adopt Resolution No. 20-2 |
| Second by B. Mallory  | 4/0                          |

Resolution No. 20-3- Reference to wearing a mask in public. The public will be required to wear a mask. The lawyer sent it to the City. B. Cullefer – I think someone asked about wearing a mask.

Did not pass

#### **Old Business -**

Escrow – We will be opening the account at Five Star. We need to get everyone signatures on the account.

**Council Input:**

F. Brown – Absent

N. Seay – Absent

B. Cullefer- Since we are not using the cooler in the City hall for Healthy Habits. We could put in Corner Store if no one uses it anymore. It was from the UGA grant for a healthy community. Mayor – Ask Randy if they are going to be interested in it. Donate to the Historical Society.

C. Matthews – We develop or resolve the problem with people breaking the meter? D. Davis – We fixed that, Chief? Holloway – there was a citation written for the property on James Holder road. Chief – we have to have proof of the amount that they used.

D. Davis – We ran into a problem – there is about \$50,000.00 that people owe for utilities. On the listing, some people are dead or have moved away. We brought it down to \$20,000.00. B. Cullefer – What happened to that company that was going to collect for us? Holloway – I have not heard anything else from them. Chief – There has been a couple of people that are trying to pay us, but we can't accept the money. Mayor – You all check on that. D. Davis – The taxes owed have been brought down to around five or so people. B. Mallory – Can you purchase the property now? Holloway – I will find out.

B. Mallory – MLK, so we will get County to clean it and burn it off? We will have to wait till cooler weather.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjourn

Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb      Date: 9/29/20  
Mitz Hause      Bippie Mallory 9/29/20  
Hessie Brown      [Signature]  
Barbara Cullefer  
Cindy A. Matthews City Clerk, Anne Holloway      Anne Holloway