

City Council Meeting  
1736 Broad St. Lumpkin, GA 31815  
Tuesday, September 29, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Pledge to flag

Roll Call – All Councilmembers are present except Councilman Seay. Councilman Seay arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by B. Cullefer  
Second by C. Matthews

To approve the agenda  
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Minutes for approval (Aug. 25th)

Motion by B. Cullefer  
Second by C. Matthews

To approve the Aug. 25, 2020 minutes  
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**Public Appearances:**

Shelisha Powell- Utilities (Not present) Showed up at the end of the meeting. She complained about her water and gas bill being to high. Matthews – stated that measures had been taken to address her concerns and need to turn over for Mr. Davis.

TextMyGov - Spoke with the Councilmembers about texts for notifications to the public. B. Mallory – It is a two-year contract with the first-year being \$2000.00 then \$1500.00 each year. The Council will discuss and let them know later. The information will be on cell phones, web pages, and notifications. B.

Mallory – So the Citizens will have to have a cell phone to receive this information. Mayor Babb – Did you talk to Greg? Clerk – Yes, spoke to Greg and would be glad to put the information out on Code Red.

Mayor – The County pays Code Red, and we can use it, and it will dial any phone, not just a cell phone.

**Reports from Dept. Heads**

1. Clerk – A. Holloway – The City has received Care Act funds of \$46,390.52. Phase 2 will be coming up next. In the first round, 30% have been received, and the other funds will be available in the future. B. Mallory – How many phases are there? Clerk – I am not sure. The Financial Report will be emailed to each of the Council members by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. RVRC has sent a bill for CBDG grant writing of \$500.00. B. Cullefer – Need to check with Chad Griffin about getting someone else to write the grant. The City will be receiving the Insurance premium around October 15. Then we have contacted DPS, and they have started collecting with City Utility past bills. I attended the Healthy Habits webinar last week – New program will

begin on October 1. I have contacted a couple of companies about generators – 1<sup>st</sup> Is a brand-new generator - \$35000.00 installation around \$10,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Is a used generator but guarantee to be in good condition and run - \$15000.00 installation \$3500.00. We have completed the Gas line drug audit.

(N. Seay arrived)

2. City Manager – David Davis – There is an outline in each of your folders. In the gas audit, we have some deficiencies that are not new. Every time it is the same problems. I have contacted Chris Wellborn from the gas authorities to help get them cleared up. Georgia Environmental Protection Audit – with Chris Jones, there is a need to do some work to resolve things. ISO – International Residential Code – spoke with Ernie Brown about the audit. He suggests that we purchase the International Codebook; this will help with the upcoming inspection; the books are under \$200.00. We will meet with him and the auditor sometimes in Nov. M. House – What does E. Brown have to do with it? D. Davis – He is our inspector for the City. I am in the process of hiring another employee full-time and part-time, but I need a little more time with them. B. Mallory – Rerun the ad. Narrow the ad down some when put it back in the paper. B. Cullefer – Some of the stuff you have in the paper - some current City workers are not doing it now. Some of the current City workers are not interested in doing anything else but what they do now. Can I hire, or can I rerun the ad? Mayor – It is up to you. The grass cutting is looking good. B. Cullefer – They are not picking up the leaves or picking up like they are supposed to be doing. M. House – The drain ditch by Ms. Carolyn Lynch needs to be cleaned up. Mayor – Maybe this Fall clean up the whole block. B. Cullefer – Nikita, does it need anything? N. Seay – It can be resprayed. D. Davis – So you are telling me to contract with someone to get it cleaned up. M. House – Well yes, I am not sure if Will Miller can do it. B. Cullefer – He is not insured unless he is insured with the company that he works for. F. Brown – The property next to Jean Armour needs to be cleaned off. The property by M. Christian - the swimming pool area – also needs to be cleaned off. B. Cullefer – Mr. Davis they are not following the schedule like they are supposed to be doing. D. Davis – The problem is that they are ahead of schedule. Sometimes it depends on the weather; they can't be on the schedule. B. Cullefer – It is a different day each week. They are not sweeping or picking the limbs up. People in my neighborhood complain about it. D. Davis – Do I have permission to get two grass catchers for the big mowers? N. Seay – She is not talking about the trash left on the streets. Grass growing in the streets need to be cleaned up. D. Davis – Can we buy a sweeper? Mayor- Mr. Davis, she is talking about a small pile in the street that needs to be swept. When I start enforcing this, are you all going to back me up? I tried before, but it just didn't work. F. Brown – The pile that we put a ribbon around. And we did that right? D. Davis – Yes, we did. F Brown – If it exceeds what the City Council said, we have to do what we have to do. D. Davis – Some of the Citizens were not very nice when talking to them. I am not going to put up with that. B. Mallory – We need to enforce it. Once it is said, then we need to enforce it. M. House – It was one mix up. F. Brown – the two workers at the time started picking it up. B. Cullefer – They should have been supervised. N. Seay – You can't just charge for everything they are already paying for service. D. Davis – I see people who are just cutting down big trees and putting them out by the road. N. Seay – They should be paying for that. D. Davis – I started off tagging, then people started complaining. I don't want people complaining to me like I am doing something wrong. B. Mallory – We have already

voted. K. Jones – The size of a sofa. D. Davis – If it is as big as a Volkswagen car, then we start charging. D. Davis – They pick up and weed eat. N. Seay – They don't have a lot every day. If the pile is the size of a table and they pick up, then they are charged – That doesn't make any sense. I have seen them stop at the store and everything. That makes no sense. D. Davis – If I see that, I will write them up. B. Cullefer – I see them during the day. If you ride around, you will see it. D. Davis – I do ride around, and I see a whole lot. They work 7 -4. They have two breaks, lunch, and get off at 4. Mayor – let us move one. B. Cullefer – this position the duties and responsibility for the deputy clerk and the Clerk – I don't think it is fair. The Deputy Clerk has nine things to do, and the Clerk has got a page and a half. D. Davis – Where did that come from? B. Cullefer – you had them sign it on September 3. D. Davis – Where did it come from? B. Cullefer - I saw it on Holloway's desk and asked for a copy of it. D. Davis - Those are the job descriptions that came from the City Council. It was before I got here. K. Jones – That is the job descriptions that S. Walker gave me when I started. B. Cullefer – We need a copy emailed. M. House – S. Walker, might have done it. D. Davis – This is in the Codebook adopted in 1990. B. Mallory – We will get together and go through it.

3. Chief of Police – Ron Jackson – Everyone has two sheets in their folders of the information I emailed to the Council members. B. Mallory – You should have two different forms? We have two of the same. It is the breakdown of the calls. 40% of the calls are not on here because it is during the daytime. 16-hour course to get certified. Have to attend an eight-hour course to receive items for the water dept, Sheriff Dept., and Police Dept. We picked up eight more dogs; one had to put down because it got ran over. We have to clean up around the City dog pound and get our licensee, and then we will be certified. We need to talk about the club down the street Mona Hubbard – we are having a problem with people standing outside of the club. There are 22 cases of the virus in Stewart County, and no one has a mask or using hand sanitizer. The law has to require a mask and follow the state guidelines. Now we are 522 cases in Stewart County. At the Sheriff Office had one guy out with a virus, and we are working together.
4. Fire Chief – Greg Stewart

#### **New Business:**

**55<sup>th</sup>-year Annual Fair/18<sup>th</sup> year bicycle ride** – They want to block right behind the old jail to the corner. Then they want to block all of Cotton Street. Chief Jackson – R. Butts stated that they might not need to block off anything but beside the old jail. They are not going to have any vendors this year.

**Trunk or Treat** – Mayor – It needs to be canceled this year. B. Cullefer – The Baptist Church wanted to block one of the streets to drive by and give the children their candy.

#### **Old Business -**

#### **Council Input:**

F. Brown – C. Tejeda stated that Willie G, Mr. Shephard, and Mr. Davis did an excellent job working on the sewage behind his home.

N. Seay – None

B. Cullefer- None

C. Matthews – None

B. Mallory – None

M. House – I would like to thank the workers and Mr. Davis for getting that tree.

Mayor Babb – When we all said heck no to getting the old funeral home from S. Singer. B. Cullefer – What the heck do you want with it? Chief Jackson – The inside is in bad shape and has to be rewired, and lots of structure work. Guess we will leave it alone then.

D. Davis – The City has terrible problems with the pipes.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjourn

Motion by M. House  
Second by B. Cullefer

To adjourn  
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Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb      Date: Nov. 23, 2020

Barbara Cullefer      M. House

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Anne Holloway City Clerk, Anne Holloway