

The Mayor and Council of the City of Colquitt met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 154 West Street, Colquitt, GA 39837.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Phillips, Mayor
KaCee Holt, Council
ReCarlos Williams, Council
George Williams, Council

STAFF PRESENT:

Cory Thomas, City Manager
Scott Worsley, Police Chief
Emanuel Haire, Public Works Director
Craig Tully, Fire Chief
Charles Williams, WIA Executive Director

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Christine Williams did not attend.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes: On motion of G. Williams and second of Holt, Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016.

Approval Work-Hancock 310/27: On motion of Holt and second of G. Williams, Council unanimously voted to officially approve permitting for DOT project. This project was pre-approved via email on May 3, 2016.

Approval Land for County-EMS Building: On motion of G. Williams and second of Holt, Council unanimously voted to approve use of land for County-EMS Building but if the County decides to privatize or cease to operate, the property would revert back to the City of Colquitt.

Discussion-Woodstork Theater: On motion of G. Williams and second of R. Williams, Council voted to approve meeting with OneGeorgia in Atlanta to establish a plan for the Woodstork Theater. Voting in favor was Councilman G. Williams, Councilman R. Williams, and Mayor Phillips. Councilperson Holt abstained.

Approval Tentative Millage Rate: On motion of G. Williams and second of R. Williams, Council unanimously voted to approve tentative millage rate which is a rollback from 10.47 mills to 9.894 mills.

Amendment-Animal Control Ordinance: On motion of R. Williams and second of Holt, Council unanimously voted to strike the word “cats” from the City of Colquitt ordinance.

Housing Authority Appointments: On motion of G. Williams and second of Holt, Council unanimously voted to approve Housing Authority appointments: Sabrina Grant will be replacing Randi Gordon as a tenant board member and Jewel Worsley will be replacing Kevin Hall as board member.

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Request-Danny Shepard: Judge Shepard submitted three (3) budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year. The first request was to increase his salary from \$7200 per year to \$9600 per year. On motion of G. Williams and second of R. Williams, Council unanimously voted to approve a \$100 increase from \$600/month to \$700/month (\$8400 per year) provided that we have twelve (12) court sessions per year instead of the eleven (11) court sessions we currently have. The second request was for the City and County to share the cost of his training and travel. On motion of G. Williams and second of R. Williams, Council unanimously voted to approve paying the City's portion will be \$263.50 for mandatory training and dues. The third request was to charge a flat fee of \$200 per case for indigent defense. On motion of G. Williams and second of R. Williams, Council unanimously voted to approve this request.

CONSENT ITEMS

**Fire Department/Public Works Department
Police Department/Probation
Golf Club
WIA**

On motion of G. Williams and second of Holt, Council unanimously voted to approve the Department Reports for the month of April 2016.

PW Purchase Request: On motion of R. Williams and second of G. Williams, Council unanimously voted to approve Public Works Department request to purchase a lawn mower from Southern Harvest Equipment. They did not have the lowest bid, but they had the best equipment for the City's needs. This motion also includes giving the City Manager permission to declare the old mower as surplus with the caveat that the City can refuse any and all bids.

Charles Williams, Executive Director for WIA was present to discuss upcoming changes within the WIA program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Cory Thomas, City Manager, discussed the following: (1) Public Works Equipment Purchase clarification; (2) Gold Course Equipment Review; (3) Joint Meeting with County regarding recreation Splost-tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR/COUNCIL DISCUSSION: The Mayor and Council discussed the following: (1) Recognize Councilperson Holt for her work with the Woodstork Theater; (2) Budget

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of R. Williams and second of Holt, Council adjourned.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR