

MINUTES
WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Shirley Jackson, Councilmembers Brian Jones and Angelette Mealing, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, City Manager Sonja Fillingame, City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Tameka Ashmon

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson.

I. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation presented to the Etowah Valley Young Marines Program

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson stated that she would have the Clerk to read the proclamation aloud during the Regular Council Meeting.

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:

1st Millage Rate Public Hearing, 08/05/2013
Budget Presentation, 08/05/2013
2nd Millage Rate Public Hearing, 08/05/2013
Budget Hearing, 08/05/2013
Final Millage Rate Hearing, 08/12/2013
Worksession Meeting, 08/12/2013
Regular Council Meeting, 08/12/2013

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

No corrections were made and the minutes were added to the consent agenda as written.

III. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IV. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider approval of the 2014 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).

Cedric Clark led this discussion and informed the Council that it was time to submit for next year's allocation of Local Maintenance and Improvement (LMIG) funding from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). He added that this funding is mainly used to resurface the roads. He further added that the City has been allocated \$146,844.23 and he is proposing to use this funding to resurface Lancaster Lane, from Shannon Parkway to Londonderry Way. Mr. Clark stated that there have been several issues that have come up on Oakley Road and he would like to repair Oakley Road North and South.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson asked if the City would have to provide matching funds for the LMIG funding.

Mr. Clark stated that this would require a 30% match in the amount of \$62, 933.24. He then asked for approval of the request.

Councilmember Jones asked where the City would get the matching funds as money is currently an issue.

City Manager Fillingame stated that she was also a concerned about the match, but the match for this particular project would not be due until fiscal year 2015.

This item was placed on the consent agenda.

2. Council to consider approval of an addendum to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.

City Manager Fillingame led this discussion and stated that this is an amendment to the plan and City Attorney Davenport reviewed the plan. She added that Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is asking for an amendment to the plan and the amendment would change the pension secretary from the Human Resources Manager position to the City Comptroller position. She further added that the system has asked us to clarify the formula used for grandfathered employees under the plan.

This item was added to the consent agenda.

3. Council to consider approval of amending the flood ordinance to reference maps.

City Planner Shayla Harris led this discussion and stated that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has required us to make a change to our flood plain ordinance. She added that it is a small change which references the flood insurance date of a map that we reference in the ordinance and we are required to make that change to stay a funded program. She then reiterated that the City must make the change tonight in order to stay within FEMA's program. She concluded that there is no change to the map and they are only asking us to identify the map.

This item was added to the consent agenda.

4. Council to consider whether to accept the new animal control agreement presented from Fulton County.

City Manager Fillingame led this discussion and stated that this is the new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) regarding animal control services from Fulton County. She added that this agreement reflects some changes that reflect the amount for each of the participating jurisdictions. She further added that those changes caused an increase and the amount proposed by the County is \$106,417.00. Mrs. Fillingame stated that according to the County, it factors in County capital improvements, vehicle replacements and their annual maintenance cost. She then stated that after reviewing the two invoices, which were paid previously, the total was \$79,409.25, so this would be

approximately a 34% increase. She added that all of the participating jurisdictions are being asked to pay based on their call volume.

Councilmember Mealing asked why our numbers were smaller, but our dollar figure was much higher.

Mrs. Fillingame stated that she had the same concerns and phoned Mr. Delk, who is over animal control for Fulton County and he informed her that Union City has a higher call volume and it is based on a total annual contract in the amount of \$327,330.00 and that is our share based on Union City's call volume. She added that she requested statistical data including a detail breakdown to reflect the calls and where the calls are coming from and she noticed repeat addresses that are making multiple calls. She concluded that one address made 17 calls. She then added that she will be speaking with staff internally to check on those residents to see if some trouble shooting can be done, which is what the County recommended.

Councilmember Jones stated that he has the same issue with the number of calls for the same case and being charged separately for each call on the same case. He added that he thinks that we should be charged based on the case number.

Mrs. Fillingame stated that she presented this recommendation to Mr. Delk for the cities to be charged based on the case rather than call volume and they hold fast to call volume because of the resources that are deployed per call.

After a brief discussion Council placed this item on the consent agenda.

V. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS: None

City Manager Reports:

The following topics will be discussed during the Regular Council Meeting:

- Pedestrian System Phase One Update
- SAFER Grant

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

On Motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the adjourned.