CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

AUGUST 1, 2024 – 6:00PM

**Call to order:** Mayor Daniels 6:43PM

**Council & Dept Heads Present:** CM Harrison, CM Beckum, CM Mahone, CM Woodard, CM Moore, Attorney Coogle, Chief Finch.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:** CM Harrison

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with addition of item 6, 7, and 8 and remove item 3 made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Woodard, AIF

**Approval of Minutes** from June 27, 2024 Work Session and Regular Council Session: Moved to approve minutes from above Work and Council Sessions made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Woodard, AIF

**Recognitions of Guest(s)**: MCES Staff, Ian Perry, Tracie Hadaway, Grant Richardson, Herbert Allen

**New Business:**

1) Pre-K Day Proclamation – Mayor Daniels would like to have Pre-K Day on April 21st.

2) CDBG Grant Update – RVRC – Ian Perry updated. Paperwork was signed between the City of Oglethorpe and RVRC. In June the field work began as part of the housing allocations, inspections, etc. They advertised for a specialist to come in for that type of field work. They have hired Sherry and Jeff Kurtz. Contract is signed. They have started doing work here in the last two weeks. From what they are saying, they should be able to start finding contracts and doing the actual work within the next two months. Two things needed from the city to assure the funds are unlocked with CDBG. One was a letter requested and I drafted that up today and had Ms. Melissa put it on city letterhead and have it signed by the mayor. Once that’s done, I can send it in. All quarterly reports have been caught up and up to date. The only other thing is the city audit and once that’s uploaded everything will be unlocked. Mayor – So we got awarded $900K and I think we spent about $300K, so the other $600K is locked right now? Ian – Correct. Mayor – And that letter on my desk, needs my signature and then we need our audit report? Ian- Yes. Mayor – I will sign that tonight. CM Moore – And the audit should be done next week. Mayor – There was a resident on the list that had the lot cleared off and she paid to have it cleared off. Will she have to pay to have it cleared off again? How does that work? Ian – I will have to ask Sherry to be sure. I don’t have much specifics on exactly how the budgeted items work from here just because it is kind of a clean slate starting over. (more discussion ensued)

3) Herbert Allen – 2023 Financial Audit - RESCHEDULE

4) Revision of License Fee Ordinance – Insurance Companies from $25 per year to $15 per year due to the revised 2020 Census figures: Motion to adopt the revision of the license fee for insurance companies from $25 to $15 per year made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Moore, AIF

5) Flock Camera system contract – CM Moore thinks that the large amount of money being spent from our budget is not justifiable to keep the contract with Flock Camera. CM Woodard – When does the contract end? CM Moore – It was April, but they just requested payment for renewal. It’s roughly $35K. We do not keep the cameras, it’s a lease contract. They are of some use, but we don’t have banks, grocery stores, or high crime. I would like to terminate the contract. CM Harrison – How much would it cost to put just one camera in the main intersection of town? Chief Finch - $3K per camera. CM Moore – I don’t mind reaching out to them prior to the next meeting and get pricing on a limited number of cameras and we can hold off on voting until then. CM Beckum – Maybe we should delay until after a new chief is hired to get their opinion.

CM Mahone – To me it’s equivalent to having insurance on your belongings in your house. Doesn’t pay a value until something happens. This is a resource to help solve cases. (conversation ensued). CM Moore – Will come back with information for October meeting. Mayor – Wants the pros and cons of downsizing the Flock System. (conversation ensued)

6) Valve for Gordon Street repair – Motion to allow HWR to obtain the valve needed for Gordon Street up to a maximum of $10K made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Moore, AIF

7) Background check for Police Chief Candidates – Motion to move forward with the vetting and background checks for the 2 candidates identified and then moving forward with the in person interview process made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Moore, AIF

8) Senior Citizen Building – CM Mahone – Ms. Melissa pulled up the contract for everyone and in the contract, it states that each year, September 1st – they are paying $1 for the lease for one year. The maintenance is their responsibility. They have a leak with their a/c unit. If they leave the unit on, it floods out the kitchen. They need to reach out to an a/c company to come in and service it. The toilets over there messed up. Toilet running all the time. They had the city come turn the water off to the building to work on. When I went in the other day, nothing has been fixed, it’s still the same. The electrical over there is in bad shape as well. My suggestion is that Middle Flint Council on Aging needs to be reached out to and maybe resend them the contract, and speak with. If something isn’t done, the building is going to go down all together. We can give them 30 days to do something. (conversation ensued). The Mayor suggests a meeting with them to give them a chance to correct the problems. Jon Coogle – can send a letter of intent. Give them until September 15th to have it all done. Jon will draft the letter. CM Mahone – I think the biggest issue is the toilets over there. The water line is like in the wall. One is a handicapped toilet, also. CM Harrison – So your homework Mike is to reach out to Chief Childs and David Parrot before the next meeting. Mayor – Yes, get a list together so that Mr. Coogle can get letter out.

CM Mahone – I went over to the library and checked on it as well. There’s not slope up there. Just put an awning up and that would take care of that. The toilets need to be updated here at city hall as well and we can add tankless water heaters. Mayor – You probably need to go ahead and get pricing and let Ms. Melissa know for budgeting. More conversation about contractor criteria ensued. Will discuss further in future meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Public Comments (2 Minutes):**

**\*Mayor Daniels would like to move Public Comments to the Work Session Agendas for future meetings after this meeting.**

1. I calculated $2500 per month for the Flock Cameras and I don’t think that is that much.

2. Trash and limbs on our street hasn’t been picked up and grass is growing over it. I see them do some streets every month, but not ours. CM Harrison – Is it separated? (yes – just limbs and bushes). Resident - Ga Power or somebody cut limbs and put them on the side of the road also. CM Woodard – There’s a lot between my house and another lady’s house that’s got stuff also. Mayor – Your street is the first week of the month. Resident – It wasn’t picked up. Mayor – It will be next week and we will be out there.

**Adjourn:** 7:51PM Motion made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Woodard, AIF