CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Call to order: 7:09PM

Council in Attendance: Mayor Hill, Protem Cross, CM Coogle, CM Harrison, and CM Daniels.

Dept Heads in Attendance: City Attorney Coogle, City Clerk & Supervisor Jones, Fire Chief Childs, Police Chief Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Mayor Bruce Hill

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve Agenda with the addition of 5, 6, 7, and 8 under New Business and 1, 2, and 3 under Other Business made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2022 Council Meeting and Work Session – Motion made by CM Harrison, 2nd by CM Cross, AIF

Recognitions of Guest(s) Carol Southard.

New Business

1) CDBG – Carol Southard – Appointment/Hire of Carol for the City of Oglethorpe for the CDBG to start the Kaigler Street Housing Grant – discussion with CM Harrison in regards to contractors that are used. Ms. Southard advised that all contractors are hired and vetted by the state so she would not be able to pick and choose. Also, the resident picks their own contractor from the list and when the work is complete the resident has to sign a statement that they are satisfied with the completed work. If there is an issue with something the contractor did or did not do – there is a 1year warranty to have contractor come back in and fix.

The motion was made to have Carol Southard appointed as the CDBG Consultant for the City of Oglethorpe by CM Cross, 2nd CM Coogle, AIF

2) Ordinance Policies (CM Cross) – Tabled until March meeting.

3) Appointment Landbank Representative / Gerald Beckum – Table until March meeting

4) Appointment Development Authority of Macon Co. Representative / Angie Mathews – Table until March meeting

5) Motion made to approve purchase of Fire Department Turnout Gear at $3500.00 per set (12 sets) immediately following grant submission made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Cross, AIF

6) Motion made to accept SOP’s turned in by Chief Childs for the Fire Dept and Body Camera Policy turned in by Chief of Police Taylor made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF

7) Police Dept Vehicle Policy – Discussion whether the Chief would have discretion to change the mileage if a “great” candidate comes in to be hired. Decision was made that the Chief would have to notify council for permission. Motion to approve Police Dept Vehicle Policy was made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF

8) Motion to approve the City Fair was made by CM Daniel, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF CM Daniel advised that the company would also produce proof of insurance.

Old Business

Executive Session

1) Personnel Matters

7:45PM Motion made to go into Executive Session made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Coogle, AIF

7:53PM Motion made to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session made by CM Daniels, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF

Other Business

1) Motion made to hire Sergeant Anthony Taylor as the new City of Oglethorpe Police Chief made by CM Cross, 2nd CM Coogle, AIF

2) Motion made to move forward with City Clerk & Supervisor Melissa Jones’ raise made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Cross, AIF

3) Meeting Times – Mayor Hill wants council to consider going back to the 5:30PM Work Session as the meetings are going too late into the evenings. Another suggestion was to move the work session to another day. This was not something city clerk Melissa Jones was in favor of. Council agreed that they would use the city clerk recorder for the work session and the clerk could type up the official minutes from that device. Mrs. Jones will be present at the Council Meetings on the first Thursday of the month. The work sessions will be on the last Thursday of each month at 5:30PM

Motion was made for Work Sessions to be moved to the last Thursday of each month beginning February 24, 2022 starting at 5:30PM in council chambers by CM Daniels, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF.

(City Clerk will run the ad in the paper about meeting times)

Adjourn – 8:02PM - Motion made by CM Coogle, 2nd CM Daniels, AIF