CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 6, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Call to order: 6:41 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Rev. Golphin

Swearing in of new Council Members: Jill Harrison and Jimmy Daniels, Jr.

(Took place in the lobby so that family and friends could witness). Sworn in by City Attorney Jon Coogle.

Council in Attendance – Mayor Hill, CM Cross, CM Daniels, CM Coogle, CM Harrison

Department Heads – Melissa Jones, Anthony Taylor, Jon Coogle

Appointment of City Clerk Melissa Jones, City Attorney Jon Coogle, Interim Chief of Police Anthony Taylor, Librarian Glenda Rigby, and Fire Chief Owen Childs.

Approval of Agenda – motion made by CM Coogle, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

 Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2021 Council Meeting and Work Session – motion made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

 Recognitions of Guest(s)

 New Business

1) Jimmy Bray & Freddie Golphin – Temporary Sign Ordinance. Public Hearing held December 22, 2021 – motion made to approve Temporary Sign Ordinance made by CM Coogle, 2nd by CM Cross, AIF

2) Approval of Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget as presented. Motion made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Coogle, AIF

3) Approval of Time Change for Council Work Sessions from 5:30PM to 6:00PM the first Thursday of each month beginning February 2022. Motion made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Coogle, AIF

4) Employment Applications – Take the Chief position down, but continue with the officer position.

5) 2022 Holiday List – motion to approve made by CM Cross, 2nd by CM Daniels, AIF

 Old Business

1) Dilapidated Properties – CM Cross advised that dilapidated properties is discussed in the City of Oglethorpe Charter section 8.29. Discussed is weeds, underbrush, unsafe properties, trash, junk vehicles, etc. Falls under the police department’s jurisdiction and explains how to handle the situations. Until the ordinances is updated, we can use the charter. CM Cross advised that she would help the police department draft letters if needed for properties with repeated complaints first. This could be a function of the new police chief maybe. We need one individual handling this so that duplicate work isn’t done and that the paper trail will make sense. CM Harrison asks what is the end game? CM Coogle – we just need to get the citations written and go from there.

2) The G.E.N.T.S. club – CM Daniels advised that from the Nov 2021 meeting we had a citizen come in with complaints of littering down her street (Smith Rd.). His group of young men will be out on Saturday in that area and working their way into the city cleaning up litter from the side of the roads. The City Clerk has already purchased orange trash bags and gloves for their use. CM Cross advised we needed to recognize those young men with a certificate or something, or invite them to a city council meeting. Maybe have their picture put in the paper.

CM Cross can we do something about Tim Tookes throwing his trash down after eating and whatnot? Chief Taylor – yes we can address that situation. Can’t do anything about the loitering, but we can address the trash issue.

 Other Business

1) CM Cross would like to join the February meeting via telephone as she will be out of town. City Attorney Jon Coogle advised that she could participate via phone twice a year.

2) CM Harrison asked Jon Coogle about having charter training as they are a new group. He said yes he could do that and he would get them a summary of rules and regulations.

 Adjourned by Mayor Hill at 7:11PM.