City of Lula Council Meeting DEPOT / 7:00 P.M. Monday, August 15, 2022

Present: Mayor

Joe Thomas

Mayor Pro Tem

Denise Shockley

Council Members

Gene Bramlett Garnett Smith

Also Present:

City Manager

Dennis Bergin

City Clerk

Tangee Puckett

City Attorney

Joseph Homans

Opening / Welcome Mayor

Invocation was given and the pledge was recited.

Minutes from June 20th Regular Voting Council Session and June 13th Work Session - a motion to approve the June 20th minutes from the Regular Voting Council Session and June 13th work session was made by Garnett Smith and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Yard of the Month - Mayor Thomas announced the YOTM recipients for the month of July

Recipients for Blooming in Lula -

District 1 – Maria Torres Franco; District 2 – Katrina Lane; District 3 – Scott Stowers

District 4 – Julie Simpson; and District 5 – Shannon Clay

Finance - City Manager gave an update on the Cities current finances and noted the city was in a new fiscal year and the bank balances remain consistent.

Carter Alley

Close out by October 15th and hold a special called meeting on September 16th. The City is acquiring the property for revitalization. Demolition bids will go out.

Banks County LOST Certificate

A motion was made by Gene Bramlett to approve the Banks Count LOST certificate and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

FYI - Establish Millage and Rollback, Banks and Hall County/September

FYI - GMA Health Insurance Premium Notice Effective January 2023/8% Increase - Exploring our options

Proposed Exterior Video Camera 180 degrees - \$1638.00

A motion was made by Garnet Smith to deny the purchase and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

FYI - Sewer Line I Construction Status - New Pay Application (#4) being considered

FYI - Sewer Capacity request Magnolia Station Phase 4 - 160 units - 40K gallons to committee

Presenting the Lula Family Fun Day, Sunday, Sept. 18th at the Depot from 2pm to 5pm Cassie Swearengin explained there would be foam pits, obstacle courses and old-fashioned games for all ages.

Residential Zoning Moratorium - Resolution No. 081522-A

A motion was made by Garnett Smith to approve Resolution No. 081522-A and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Lula Bellton Historical Society Request for Lula Fall Festival at the Depot for Oct. 1st & 2nd A motion to approve was made b Denise Shockley and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed DRI for Inland 365 Business Center

New proposal outside our boundaries. Hall County recommend this should be industrial. Will take comments under consideration on how this will affect the city.

Proposed Beer and Wine License by Drink "Los Acros Mexican Restaurant" 6031 Main Street, Lula, GA – under review by City Attorney

City Council Special Election Tuesday Nov. 8th, Qualified Candidates

- Tony Cornett
- Mike Hinton
- Chip Horst

Martha Morris request for alley abandonment/tabled as the city awaits supporting documents

6232 Athens St. – 202.22 Acres – Item tabled until DRI review is completed.

Proposal to use the ballfield on Sept. $9^{th} - 14^{th}$ for a revival. This would take place during the evenings. They would furnish bathrooms, generators and food for after the revival. They would clean everything afterwards.

A motion was made to approve the use of the ballfield and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

FYI – Lula Bellton Historical Society Meeting the fourth Monday of the month (August 22nd) at the DEPOT, 7pm, everyone is invited

FYI - Lula Ladies Meeting August 24th - Lula Depot Lunch and Dinner

Citizen Comments

Mordecai Wilson – What is good and helpful for everyone of us in the city of Lula regardless what capacity we serve in or represent must be the focus of all. We need to work and plan how and what ways we can improve this great city of ours. We need concrete plans that benefits everyone and especially those things that benefit our youth. Our youth are watching and hearing from parents and friend about what we have done in the past and what we expect them to do in the future.

Betty Thomas – put the minutes on the website when they are finished.

Chip Horst – Running for district 5 – moved here over a year ago and have met so many people. My wife o involved in the Lula Ladies; I'm involved in the historical society. We wanted a small-town feel. I am running because I love the small town feel and the friends we have made. I want to work with the council and watch the city grow but not too fast.

Tony Cornett – Running for district 1 - I've lived here for a long time. My wife an I fell in love with the city. I am a part of the historical society and I am running to help the citizens of Lula.

Council Comments

Denise Shockley - thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to bring a friend next time.

Gene Bramlett - thanked everyone for coming and wished more people would attend.

Garnett Smith – thanked everyone for coming and thanked Wayne Clanton for a wonderful job on the council chambers.

Joe Thomas - thanked everyone for coming and mentioned if you see something then you should call the law.

A motion was made by Denise Shockley to adjourn and seconded by Gene Bramlett; the motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes from August 15, 2022

Approved September 19, 2022

Mayor, Joel Thomas

Tangee Puckett, City Clerk