

Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
of the
CITY COUNCIL
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

August 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Mayor David Bennett

PRESENT: Council Members Arch Willingham, Taylor Watson, Tony Towns, and Kevin Leckenby; City Attorney Bill Pickering; and City Manager Kenny Lee.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE: Mayor David Bennett called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at the City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. Mayor Bennett also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council's Regular Meeting of July 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kevin Leckenby and passed unanimously.

HOME SHARING APPLICATION - MORGAN SHARPE - 1212 ELFIN ROAD: In response to a question from City Attorney Bill Pickering, Ms. Morgan Sharp clarified that her parents, Daniel and Ann Sharpe, had joined in her Home Sharing application because they are co-owners of the property, along with Ms. Morgan Sharpe who resides there. Mr. Pickering stated that Ms. Sharpe's Home Sharing application was in order. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tony Towns and passed unanimously.

2022 MILLAGE RATE DISCUSSION: Mayor Bennett stated that he was proposing that the millage rate for 2022 be rolled back 1 mill, from 9 mills to 8 mills. As a result of property reassessments, the 8-mill rate will result in an overall increase in property taxes of approximately \$18,000 or 2%. Because of this increase, three public hearings on the proposed millage rate will be necessary. Council Member Tony Towns made a motion to schedule the public hearings for September 8th at 5:30 p.m., September 15th at 8:00 a.m., and September 15th at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 340 - AMEND MOTORIZED CART ORDINANCE TO ALLOW OPERATION AFTER DARK: City Attorney Bill Pickering presented Ordinance No. 340, an ordinance to amend Chapter 32 of the City Code to remove the prohibition against the operation of motorized carts during the period from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise. The ordinance was approved on First Reading on July 14, 2022. Council Member Kevin Leckenby made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 340 on Second Reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Arch Willingham and passed unanimously.

OBERON TRAIL - STORMWATER: Council Member Arch Willingham reported that residents of Oberon Trail had contacted him concerning the amount of stormwater running down their street due to the work on the new parking lot on Lula Lake Road. Mr. Willingham stated that DBS Corporation had been working on ways to resolve the problem. A DBS representative addressed the residents from Oberon who were present. Karl

Lewis of 206 Oberon Trail addressed the Council with data points of concerns from the residents, including excess lighting, a berm created from the construction, design and functionality of the turnaround area, and roadway erosion and blocked ditches. The main concern is the water runoff which the drains are unable to handle. Mr. Willingham and Mayor Bennett assured the residents that the City would address these issues as quickly as possible and thanked them for their patience during the construction of the new parking lot. Mr. Willingham offered to walk Oberon with them to observe the issues immediately following the meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE - ARCH WILLINGHAM: Council Member Arch Willingham reported that the Planning Commission discussed a potential backup plan for Building Official Larry Reed when he is unavailable. The Planning Commission also discussed new building permit software. Mr. Willingham had watched a demo of the software and thought it was well worth the money. There was also discussion of the potential amendment of the zoning ordinance to allow apartments and vacation rentals in the Town Center District.

FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE - TAYLOR WATSON: Council Member Taylor Watson read the monthly police report. Council Member Kevin Leckenby shared that the biggest call for the volunteer fire department was a gas leak and fallen trees. The meetings and drills with the Tennessee side will continue. Ms. Watson reported that the new fire truck will be delivered in around 60 days, and equipment is currently being purchased for the truck.

STORM WATER COMMITTEE – TONY TOWNS: Council Member Tony Towns reported that the committee had taken field trips around the City to review current stormwater issues. One issue was a repair attempted by a resident that needs to be corrected. Mr. Towns will be meeting with Public Works to resolve some important cleaning out of spots around the City.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – KEVIN LECKENBY: Council Member Kevin Leckenby reported that SEC had one more home to connect on Robin Hood Trail and six homes left on Lula Lake Road. SEC will be working on a checklist of all properties as well as sidewalks and streets that needed additional repair. It is hoped that the project will be completed by late September to early October. One City employee has resigned to accept other employment, and it is uncertain how this will impact the timing of projects. Special projects nearing completion were reviewed, which included Wood Nymph Road, a repair behind Hole No. 2 of the Golf Course, and ditch work on the south end of the City. A stormwater drain was repaired. A tree and stump by the gazebo were removed, and the sidewalk was repoured. The old garbage truck is being repurposed as a leaf truck by Daniel Cates. The City is getting ready for leaf season and currently purchasing road salt for the winter. The next Dumpster Day is September 3. Road striping and the gazebo project are postponed.

CITY MANAGER – KENNY LEE: City Manager Kenny Lee spoke about the July Splash and Dash event that took place at City Hall. More than 80 parents and kids showed up. Mr. Lee shared that he was meeting with a local restaurant that may have a food truck in the City on Mondays. A local resident will be using the City Hall to have photos taken with Santa.

STORM WATER REPORT – BRAD HAVEN: Mr. Haven's monthly stormwater report was provided to the Council.

GARDENS UPDATE – JIMMY CAMPBELL: Jimmy Campbell reported that Joe Wilson Park was being redone. A plan will be in place by the next meeting which will include new plants and shrubs to be planted by the end of the year and flowers in the spring. Bids have been advertised for an internal sprinkler system.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE – PUMP STATION REPAIRS – WES HASDEN: Mayor Bennett stated that the Sewer Advisory Board's report was included in the Council's packet. City Manager

Kenny Lee reported there were ongoing conversations with Newsome Engineering regarding the pump station project and that additional information would be provided in the following weeks.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Bennett reported that the Council had received the Municipal Planning Commission's report and recommendation regarding proposed zoning amendments for the Town Center District. The Mayor wanted the Council to have time to study the Planning Commission's report and recommended that a Special Council Meeting be scheduled to address this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk