

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

March 14, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor David S. Bennett

**PRESENT:** Council Members Arch Willingham, Taylor Watson, Caroline Williams, Tony Towns, and Kevin Leckenby; and City Attorney Bill Pickering.

**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, March 14, 2024, at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. Council Member Arch Willingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SHERIFF STEVE WILSON – AGREEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT FOR CITY POLICE AS DEPUTIES:** Mayor Bennett recognized Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson who was present to swear in the City's police officers as Walker County deputies. Sheriff Wilson expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship he has had with the City during his 27 years in office. Sheriff Wilson explained that deputizing our City police officers would allow them to provide assistance and backup to the Sheriff's Department outside the City limits, when requested. Sheriff Wilson stated that police officers in all of the other cities in Walker County have similarly been deputized. City Attorney Bill Pickering stated that he had prepared an Agreement between the City and Sheriff Wilson to provide for the deputization of the City officers and confirming that they will be acting in a governmental capacity when providing backup and assistance both inside and outside the City limits. Mr. Pickering also noted that City Manager Kenny Lee had been in communication with GIRMA to confirm that there would be insurance coverage for the officers while providing backup and assistance outside the City limits. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve the Agreement with Sheriff Wilson for the Appointment of the City Officers as Deputies. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kevin Leckenby and passed unanimously. A copy of the Agreement is filed with these minutes.

**PERMIT APPLICATION KEEPING AND RAISING OF CHICKENS - ROBBY BOSSHARDT - 1801 WOOD NYMPH TRAIL:** The application of Mr. and Mrs. Robby Bosshardt for a permit for the keeping and raising of chickens was on the Council agenda. Mr. and Mrs. Bosshardt were not present for the meeting. City Attorney Bill Pickering stated that the City's Ordinance No. 311 provides that chickens may only be kept and raised in rear yards as defined in the City's Zoning Ordinance. On corner lots, the yards on both street sides are considered front yards. The Bosshardts' lot is a corner lot that is triangular in shape, making it more difficult to determine the location of the rear yard. Mr. Pickering stated that after studying the proposed location of the Bosshardts' chicken coop, he believed the coop could be considered

to be in the rear yard. Mr. Pickering stated, however, that there was another issue in that Ordinance No. 311 required that the rear yard where chickens are kept be fully enclosed with fencing that has been approved and constructed in compliance with the City's Zoning Ordinance. The yard where the Bosshardts' chicken coop is to be located does not appear to be fenced, and this matter will need to be discussed with Inspector Kenneth Hailey. Mr. Pickering recommended that Bosshardts' permit application be tabled. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to table the Bosshardts' permit application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caroline Williams and passed unanimously.

**PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – ARCH WILLINGHAM:** Council Member Arch Willingham provided the monthly Municipal Planning Commission update which included a summary of the building permits approved by the Planning Commission at its most recent meeting.

**FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE – TAYLOR WATSON:** Council Member Taylor Watson provided the monthly fire and police report. Ms. Watson added that it has been a good month for the Police Department and that the officers were working well with Chief Steele. The City's two new officers are adjusting well. The police will be taking action against speeders. Needed repairs have been completed on the City's fire equipment.

**FAIRYLAND SCHOOL UPDATE – CAROLINE WILLIAMS –** Council Member Caroline Williams reported that the annual Art Show for students and the community was held at Fairyland Elementary at the beginning of the month and was a huge success. Registration for Pre-K is underway and will be open through March 31. The Missoula Children's Theatre will be presenting a performance of The Secret Garden this Friday and Saturday.

**STORMWATER COMMITTEE – TONY TOWNS:** Council Member Tony Towns reported that the Stormwater had met and had mapped out plans for the coming year. Mr. Towns will be discussing maintenance matters with Council Member Kevin Leckenby and will be discussing funding with the Mayor.

**PUBLIC WORKS – KEVIN LECKENBY:** Council Member Kevin Leckenby presented the monthly Public Works report. Mr. Leckenby's detailed written report is filed with these minutes.

**STORMWATER REPORT – BRAD HAVEN:** Mr. Haven submitted a written stormwater report which was in the Council packet.

**SEWER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE – PUMP STATION REPAIRS – WES HASDEN:** Mr. Hasden reported that the generator for the Chickamauga Trail Pump Station was inoperable. A temporary generator is in place. The City has advertised for bids for a replacement generator, and a special meeting of the Council will be scheduled to approve a recommendation for the purchase of the generator. Mr. Hasden also reported that the City had received a draft agreement from CTI for engineering services for the rehabilitation of the Chickamauga Trail Pump Station. Mr. Pickering has advised that revisions to the CTI draft will be needed. Mr. Pickering is working on the revisions and hopes to have a revised draft of the agreement for engineering services ready next week. Mr. Hasden was asked when work on the pump station rehabilitation

would begin. Mr. Hasden responded that the City hoped to begin construction in the fall. CTI does not believe that the construction period will be lengthy.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bennett reported that complaints had been received about vehicles being parked in yards. The complaints are being handled, and residents are being required to move the vehicles. Mayor Bennett also reported that City decals should be available in April at a cost of \$5.00 each. Finally, Mayor Bennett recognized the passing of former Mayor Ian Hamilton and commended Mayor Hamilton for his contributions to the City, particularly for spearheading the construction of the City Sewer System.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts  
City Clerk