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Public Hearing/Council Meeting

September 12, 2022 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Ray McAllister Councilmember Chris Green

Councilmember Ken Moore Councilmember Adam Tullis

Councilmember Mike McCoy

Chief/Manager Tim Jarrell Clerk Sheri Berrong

Absent: Councilmember Patrick Ledford

* Mayor McAllister called the public hearing to order, then led the invocation and pledge.
* The floor was opened to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed 2022 millage rate of 3.91. Hearing none, Councilmember Tullis made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
* Mayor McAllister then called the regular council meeting to order, requesting a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Tullis made a motion to amend agenda as stated, seconded by Councilmember Green, passed with all in favor. Amended agenda was accepted by all.
* Minutes from the meetings held July 18, 2022, August 1, 2022, and August 31, 2022 were presented. Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Councilmember Tullis, seconded by Councilmember Moore, passed with all in favor.
* No public comments during this meeting.
* First speaker was Peter Madruga with Habersham Education & Research. He made a brief presentation outlining their mission and work toward preserving the history of Habersham County. Asked council to consider making a donation to the cause, no action was taken at this time but may be considered in the future.
* Next, Geoff Cook with Cook Communities presented a rendering of a potential development/subdivision for Mount Airy. It would include green space, common areas, and numerous homes beginning in the $300K range. No formal application was made, no action was taken.
* The next item for consideration was the proposed 2022 millage rate of 3.91. Motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Tullis, seconded by Councilmember Green, passed with all in favor.
* RFP’s for the upstairs flooring were presented by Chief Jarrell. After a brief discussion, a motion to award the contract to Coker Custom Floors in the amount of $10,219.25 (paid for with SPLOST VII) was made by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
* The Council then held the first reading of the Chapter 28 Manufactured & Mobile Home Ordinance, no public comments were given.
* The Council discussed and held the first reading of Habersham County Subdivision Ordinances for adoption, no public comments were given.
* Mayor McAllister then asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Motion made by Councilmember Tullis, seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
* Department reports started with Chief Jarrell giving an update on road work. LMIG project on Melissa Dr. was completed, also repair work on Wilson Rd. at the dip. American Water is scheduled to begin installation of the SCADA system around September 20th. Also, Utility Services will be

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checking the tank floats, preparing to make necessary repairs. He also reported the three fallen officers from Mount Airy were being added to the National Law Enforcement Wall of Honor in Washington D.C. in 2023. Mowing continues on the right-of-ways, receiving positive feedback from the community.

* Mayor McAllister announced that during executive session the council accepted the resignation of the City Manager, effective October 7, 2022 but will remain in the position of Police Chief until January 1, 2023. Mayor McAllister will assume the duties of City Manager until further notice.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.

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Mayor Ray McAllister Councilmember Mike McCoy

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