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Council Meeting

January 3, 2022 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor-elect Ray McAllister Councilmember Mike McCoy

 Councilmember-elect Ken Moore Councilmember Adam Tullis

 Councilmember Chris Green Councilmember Patrick Ledford

Chief/Manager Tim Jarrell Clerk Sheri Berrong

* Mayor Pro-Tempe McCoy called the meeting called the meeting to order, then led the invocation and pledge.
* Clerk Berrong administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect McAllister and Councilmember-elect Moore.
* Upon Mayor McAllister requesting approval of agenda, Clerk Berrong requested that item #11 – consideration of proposed budget amendments be removed. Councilmember McCoy made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ledford, passed with all in favor.
* Minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Ledford, passed with all in favor.
* No public comments during this meeting, Audrey Davenport from Habersham Historical Society was invited to address the council. She informed the council of upcoming work to be performed Historicorp at Chenocetah Tower in Cornelia. She also thanked the town for the use of Town Hall an upcoming reception for the volunteers to be held January 17, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. She also requested a representative from Mount Airy be appointed to the Historical Society Board. Mayor McAllister said he would give it consideration and make an appointment after speaking to interested parties.
* Clerk Berrong reported property taxes and business license renewals were still coming in.
* Mayor McAllister then asked for recommendations regarding committee appointments. Ken Moore replaced Ray McAllister on previous committee appointments, with Adam Tullis taking the position Chair of the Water, Sanitation & Fire Committee. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Tullis, seconded by Councilmember Ledford, passed with all in favor. Next, Mayor McAllister appointed Mike McCoy to return as Mayor Pro-Tempe. Also, asked the council to review the information provided regarding annual appointments. Councilmember Tullis made a motion to accept appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor. Appointments are as follows: Auditor - Duncan & Kitchens LLC, Judge – Robert Sneed, Attorney – John Dickerson.
* Next item for consideration was FY 2022 LMIG projects. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Ledford made a motion to submit Russell Woods Drive and Melissa Drive as FY 2022 LMIG projects. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
* Another item up for consideration was a request from local business owners to allow a referendum to be placed before the voters allowing Sunday sales of alcohol, to be held as a special election in conjunction with the General Primary on May 24, 2022. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Tullis made a motion to adopt said resolution, seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
* Chief Jarrell informed the elected body that a meeting was scheduled next week with Norfolk Southern Railroad and Georgia Department of Transportation to conduct a bridge inspection allowing weight limits to be set.
* Before adjourning, Mayor McAllister asked each councilmember to consider one project they would like to see completed and submit those to him for discussion at a future work session.

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

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Mayor Ray McAllister Councilmember Mike McCoy

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