

City Council Meeting
June 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
City Hall – 201 Paradise Path

Present

Mayor, William A Cathey
Councilman, Bobby Pollock
Councilman, Jerry Smith
Councilwoman, Sharon Call
Councilman, Darrell Key

Also Present

City Administrator, Mario Gisbert
City Clerk, Tammy Brunson
City Attorney, Nick Beninate

Meeting was Called to order at 9 a.m.

Meeting Minutes approved by consent.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Smith seconded to approve minutes for June 8, 2021 meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Open citizens comments at 9:02 a.m.

Kimberly Shoaf from the CDC thanked the city for their efforts in helping to make The Golly Whopper Classic Fishing Tournament a success. They had 45 boats, 21 weigh ins and paid out \$11,000 in prize money.

Closed citizens comments at 9:03 a.m.

Department Reports

Ms. McLeod reported on property tax collection. She is still relocating FEMA reimbursements funds and is working on the upcoming audit.

Fire Chief Walker reported he has received 2 grants, one to replace the LDH on the engine that was damaged during the storm and the other for a land surf rescue launch line that is used to during water rescues. They are continuing daily beach patrols.

Lieutenant Williams stated everything is going smooth, nothing new to report.

Ms. Johnson stated permits have slowed, they have issued 10 new permits. They have issued 241 residential permits since the storm and 18 commercials.

Ms. Lyons reported there have been several lots cleared, demolition took place at the Pine St location and the Cove St owners were in town working on their lot.

Mr. Davis reported the street signs are still scheduled to be done on July 9th. They have the no parking signs for the walkovers. The canal stayed open during the bad weather with them only dredging 2 days a week because of turtle season. Current Solutions is almost done with electrical at the canal. The ditch bucket is on order and should be here in 2 weeks.

Mr. Martin was not present.

David with Dewberry reported Sunset Park is out for bid with 14 requests for plans that are due July 21st. The 15th St Culvert is out for bid with 4 requests for plans that are due July 6th. Boat ramp extension will be ready for bid as soon as they get plans back. Boat ramp expansion plans are with the city and the pilings for the pavilion should be done anytime.

Ordinance 763 – (Second reading) was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Ordinance 763 – (By title only).

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve Ordinance 763. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-27 was brought to the table.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to read Resolution 21-27 (By title only)

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve Resolution 21-27. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for City to consent to Bay County to provide utility services to 5300 E Hwy 98 – Southwest Georgia Oil Service Station.

Darrell Boyett with Georgia Oil asked council for a letter of consent to allow Bay County to provide utility services to the new gas station. Several questions were brought up about annexing into to the city. Mr. Boyett said he was not sure why the owners did not want to. Council felt annexation is not an unreasonable request.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to deny the request for consent to Bay County to provide utility services at 5300 E Hwy 98. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – 23rd and 33rd street end repairs was brought to the table.

In 2018 it was approved to pave these street ends. Jason Alves, homeowner on 33rd St stated the lower level of his home floods especially with all the rain we have had. David with Dewberry said lot elevation is the lowest in the area and stated extra asphalt will make it worse by taking away pervious area. Infiltration box would not work due to maintenance, and DEP approval to remove part of the dunes for run off would be difficult. Mayor Cathey asked for Dewberry to come up with other options.

Discussion – Accessory dwelling units – LDR guidelines was brought to the table.

The language in the LDR is very confusing. Accessory dwelling units are addressed, but you can not have them because density takes precedence and there are not any lots that are big enough to accommodate them in regular residential zoning areas. Mr. Beniate will correct the language to clear up any confusion.

Discussion – Tower Lease/Easement was brought to the table.

Mr. Pollock wants to reconsider the offer to sell the tower lease easement. He feels the lump sum of money will go a long way as opposed to the monthly income. If technology changes and everything goes to satellites, we have nothing. Council did not want to give up control of the property since it is in our yard.

Mr. Pollock motioned to approve the \$310,000 tower lease easement sale. There was not a second. Motion dies due to lack of second.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Beninate had no update.

City Administrator Report

Mr. Gisbert said the dead landscape on Hwy 98 will be replaced this weekend along with adding the additional 12 palm trees that will continue to the county line. He also stated the sonar report of debris in the water along the beach is back and he is working on getting funding for its removal.

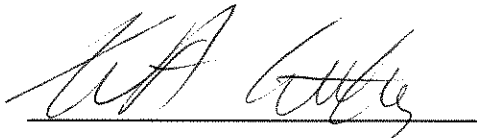
Council Comments

Mr. Smith said the stormwater issues we are having needs to be addressed. Where do we stand on getting things updated? Mr. Gisbert said we are 18 months into a 3-year feasibility study through the Corp for a master stormwater plan. Dewberry is doing a report on the stormwater system damages and are working on what will be covered by The State.

Mr. Pollock motioned to adjourn the meeting.


Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

By:



Mayor William A Cathey

Attest:



Tammy Brunson, City Clerk