CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

AUGUST 1, 2024 – 6:00PM

Call to order: 6:00PM by Mayor Daniels

**Department Head Reports:**

1. City Clerk, Melissa Jones – report emailed to council prior to meeting.
2. Police Dept – Cindy Kleckley (regular council meeting) / Interim Chief Finch – report given on Oglethorpe calls.
3. Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
4. Water/Sewer/Streets - HWR Jeff Harrison – gave report for the month. Requested approval to acquire valve to fix Gordon St @ $8500. Prison had an issue this month with their sewage. We jetted 5 man holes and never touched anything. They were using more water than we were producing. They wanted to blame the city, of course. We advised they needed to check their facility. They found 800 toilets running wide open. The maintenance crew ordered the wrong gaskets which caused the issue. They will be replacing all of them within the next couple of weeks. They did go ahead and fix some of the other issues they had on their side. Pot holes fixed on Clifton Bradley. The one across from the waste water plant is a failing storm drain. We did fill in at the creek as well. We need to buy some “riff-raff” to put on the hillside to hold the dirt. I will send an email to Ms. Melissa to forward to all of you for the notice of cancellation of my contract that will end in October. I have to give you a 30-day notice. It will state that the HWR Public Works contract will end this October. CM Harrison – I did ask Tim Ingram about Clifton Bradley and he agreed that it did look like a pipe was eroding away and he said it would cost @ $30K-$50K to fix? Jeff – I don’t really know. CM Moore – Is it causing like a sink hole effect around it now? Jeff – Yes, sunk the curve, etc. CM Moore- Any danger to cars that are going by there right now? Jeff – Not right now. We patched it up for now. You might could do this as a Splost project and if so, you wouldn’t even have to get an engineer involved. If you are replacing that pipe with what you already have there, you don’t have to use an engineer. You can get a contractor to give you a quote and it’s done faster. CM Harrison – How long is the section? Jeff – 350-400ft from catch basin to catch basin.
5. Fire Department – report emailed monthly – Chief Childs

**Council/Committee Reports:**

1. **Mayor Daniels** – nothing to report
2. **Human Resources/Finance** – CM Harrison – I will have the benefit packages completed next week. I will present at the next meeting and go over with CM Woodard once I’ve tidied it up.
3. **Public Safety** – CM Moore – Since last meeting, we’ve had interviewed chief candidates. We’ve narrowed down to two. In regular meeting I will ask for vetting approval. We will set up for a full interview at the meeting after vetting.
4. **Utilities/Streets/Cemetery** – CM Harrison – Report sent to everyone – (attached) Highlights – The WWP has been put out for bid and bids are due August 27. We will break ground in Sept of 2024 and Tim Ingram (engineer) is confident that we will be completed by the deadline and not get any fees from EPA. Railroad St. bids will be ready Monday or Tuesday of next week for paving. Our state representative put in a request for us to get emergency funding from GDOT for May Road and they did respond to her and advise that the request had been forwarded to their engineers as an “exception” to be determined, as we had just gotten funding for Anna Drive. If not approved, there are other resources. Suggested that we contact County Commissioners for help with May Road as it is right on the county line. I have almost completed the elements for the bid for Public Works, may need to meet again next week to make sure everything is there. May need to do a Town Hall meeting to explain limbs, leaves, pick-up etc. as there are still many who do not understand the policy. We need more education.

Mayor Daniels – I agree with the Town Hall Meeting, but when would we do it, before or after the new contract goes out for bid? I would think afterward, so everyone would understand what is in the policy. CM Harrison – I was going to suggest for the new bid, since we charge $13 for pick-up, that we pick up what is out there with the only stipulation being that it has to be under 6ft in length. (limbs) and that it can’t be mixed in with other stuff. Or we can do as we discussed before to take away the $13 monthly charge completely and everyone be responsible for taking off their own limbs/debris. Mayor Daniels – We can talk about it more in a special called meeting next week.

1. **Planning & Recreation** – CM Harrison – Veteran’s Day will be November 9th, 2024. The JROTC has been secured. I’m still seeking a speaker and I’ve created a request to Flint Energies for sponsorship, but haven’t sent it yet. They’ve sponsored the last two and know how successful they have been. CM Moore – I know a retired Colonel if you would like me to reach out to him to come speak? CM Harrison – Yes, please.

Mayor Daniels – Also as we are renting out the building, we need to remember there is a chain of command. If there is a rental needed, they should reach out to Ms. Cindy as she is in charge of the calendar and we don’t want to double-book. This includes the park. I went out to the park a couple of weeks ago and I do want to get the wooden pieces out there replaced. CM Moore – I have the funds ($400) to go towards getting that done. I will get the money to Melissa tomorrow. Mayor Daniels – My dad would probably do it for free labor. I will get with someone about the mulch.

1. **Downtown Development Authority** – CM Moore – as of right now, there has only been one meeting. There is nothing new to report. They are working on details for the Holiday Event. I hope to have more information for the members by October meeting. CM Harrison – Do you have any new information about the grants we requested? CM Moore – We did not get it. We need to work on our status to start with. We need to set up a 501 status to set up from within. We should be able to get it set up within a couple of months.
2. **Grants Committee Report** – see above
3. **Connectivity Committee** – CM Beckum – We do have a quarterly meeting between the Board of Education, all four cities, the county, and the Development Authority. We get together formally and discuss common problems that we all have. The next one is scheduled for August 20th. The school will host this time and they will provide food. I believe it will be at the high school in the cafeteria. We take turns hosting this meeting. The city may host one time in 2 years. We promote Splost, the census, etc. We are looking forward to get that going again. Mayor Daniels – It would be good to do this and may be able to put some programs together for example, the Back to School programs, etc. Since the school is hosting this one, then maybe Oglethorpe can host the next one. CM Beckum – Sometimes our state representatives come and RVRC as well. The next one we will have to try to figure out as we do have voting, then holidays. Hopefully we can figure out how to get one in there in November.
4. **Building Maintenance** – I went around to some of the buildings here and we will tie it into the regular council meeting.

Chief Finch advised that since our area is open by the Waste Water Plant for dumping, recent burglar cannot be charged. Mayor Daniels – The contractors are working on building a room and putting up cameras.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Other Business:**

**Adjourn:** Mayor Daniels 6:42PM