CITY OF OGLETHORPE

OGLETHORPE CITY HALL

115 CHATHAM STREET

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2024 – 6:00PM

**Call to order:** Mayor Daniels 6:00PM

**Council Present:** CM Harrison, CM Moore, CM Beckum, CM Mahone

**Absent:** CM Woodard

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Jones, Police Chief Finch, Captain Hill, Attorney Coogle

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:** CM Harrison

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with addition of #8 under New Business made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Moore, AIF

**Approval of Minutes** from May 2, 2024 Regular Council Session and the May 30, 2024 Work Session. Motion made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

**Recognitions of Guest(s)**: MCES Administration

**New Business:**

1) Motion to move the July 4th Regular Council meeting to June 27th, 2024 right after work session made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

2) Motion to move forward with the Eckerd Connect Work Program – CM Harrison advised that the program had not identified any potential workers just yet, but would need the approval to move on with the process. Motion made to move forward with the Eckerd Connect Work Program made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Moore, AIF

3) Motion made to delete the HWR Public Works increase from the agenda and re-visit at later date made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

4) Motion to formally create Grant Writing Committee chaired by CM Moore, co-chair CM Harrison, and Mayor Daniels made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

5) Motion to approve quote for pressure washing for $800.00 from Wilson’s Window Cleaning & Pressure Washing made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

6) Motion to approve the updated Leadership/Stability Timeline proposed by CM Moore made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

7) Motion to approve CM Moore as the chair of Public Safety Committee made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

8) Motion to Sponsor child for Rec Dept Summer Camp made by CM Harrison – no second – motion failed.

**Old Business:**

1)CM Moore advised that most donation requests are in process, but will take 6 months to a year to actually receive if approved. Still working on dates for events. Also advised that the city has a You Tube Channel and he is working to upload meetings.

2) CM Harrison reminded everyone of the Juneteenth Celebration on the 15th.

3) Attorney Coogle advised he knew of a company that might would donate watermelons, etc.

for the Summer Splash in the Park Event.

**Other Business:**

1) Mayor Daniels brought up the Library Report sent in by Ms. Glenda. There is a door repair needed and a request for a handrail from the parking lot to the front door of city hall for those who want to come to the library, but have a hard time walking without support. Requested to have on the next work session agenda.

2) CM Beckum brought up issues with the upkeep of the Senior Center. Who is responsible for what? City Clerk Melissa Jones advised that she did find a very old contract and that she would forward to all of council. Mayor also requested this topic to be added to the next work session agenda.

3) CM Beckum advised that he had also been meeting with the Land Bank and what is needed now is feedback from the citizens on projects. CM Moore advised that they had both been to the county meetings and what is truly needed is an enforcer on the county level.

4) Pre-K Day April 25, 2024 – Mayor Daniels would like to create and sign a Proclamation for

Pre-K Day in Oglethorpe since the Elementary School is here. Will re-visit.

**Public Comments (2 Minutes):**

1)Request for update on Anna Drive and CDBG Grant – CM Harrison and the Mayor advised that RVRC had hired Sherry Kurtz as the administrator for this grant and that she would be reaching out to those already established as recipients for this grant in the month of June. Anna Drive is in process and paving is supposed to start the second week of June. The road should be ready to use no later than July. Also, the Mayor has asked that citizens please stay away from that area until completion.

2) Ms. Lee advised that she had been seeing clean-up in her area. Said limbs were being trimmed from the roadways as well as debris being picked up. She also asked if there were 5 council members, why did she only see 2 doing anything? The Mayor advised that all of the council members were on different committees; however, some of those committees were more visable than others. He advised the different committees and pointed out which council members were on each one. Ms. Lee advised that she wasn’t saying that the others were not “working”, she just only saw a couple. Ms. Lee then asked for help identifying all of the Veterans in the city of Oglethorpe. CM Moore advised that he knows of a database that a contact of his may be able to use to get her the name, branch, and years served at a minimum.

Attorney Coogle just wanted to state that Oglethorpe’s council has been the hardest working council he has worked with in the last 35 years.

3) Ms. Harvey said that if we were going to sponsor a child for camp that we need to make sure they hold a spot because it was first come, first served. CM Harrison reminded her that the motion failed and that the city would instead work on an event for all of the children in Oglethorpe and not just one for camp.

**Adjourn:** 7:15PM CM Beckum made the motion, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF