



June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Woodbury City Council  
Regular Session Minutes

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**ANTICIPATED ATTENDING**

- Mayor Steve Ledbetter
- Mayor Pro Tem L. C. Gates
- Councilmember Randy Carter
- Councilmember Carolyn Ledbetter
- Councilmember Sherry Wall
- City Attorney Nathan Lee
- City Hall, City Clerk Angel Fowler
- Police Department, Chief
- Public Works, Director Willie Holmes
- Water Director, Cody Kelly

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

**APPROVE THE JUNE AGENDA**

Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the agenda

Councilmember Wall seconded the motion

All approved

**APPROVE THE MAY MINUTES**

Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the May 2019 Minutes

Councilmember Wall seconded the motion

All approved

**MAYOR'S UPDATE**

- **Police Chief**  
It is my intent to appoint Smart Web as Chief of Police as our interim Chief.

- **Doctor's Office**

We have a doctor coming to Woodbury. Warm Springs Medical Center will setup "Warm Springs Medical Clinic" at 64-A Jones Mill Road. They will take possession of the building on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will open for business around August 1<sup>st</sup> with Dr. Scott Walters and Nurse Practitioner Pete Daniel as our providers. These are two of our neighbors – they both live inside the City. The rent for this building is \$700 a month, paid to the City. We will need to provide them with high-speed internet [for a fee]. Karen Daniel thanked the Mayor for his hard work in getting the clinic ready to go.

- **High-Speed Internet**

In order to provide our doctor with high-speed internet, we will need to spend approximately \$12,000. This cost will pay for hardware, installation, initial management, and training. This cost will allow the City to provide wireless high-speed internet service to our downtown area as a test to understand how we can provide high-speed internet to the entire City. I would ask the Council to allow us to amend the budget to purchase this equipment and to test the service for offering as a utility for a nominal cost. Additionally, I would ask the Council to authorize the use of the Water Towers to provide the structural needs to mount the antennas for the system along with the tower adjacent to our old City Hall. I would propose the initial cost for high-speed internet at \$35.00 / month with the money received from the monthly billings to offset the cost for additional speed enhancements from our service provider [Spectrum].

- Councilmember Carter made a motion to move forward with the City's intent to offer highspeed internet as a utility for sale to the Doctors Office located at 64 Jones Mill Road along with the downtown businesses with an estimated expenditure of \$12,000
- Councilmember Wall seconded the motion
- All approved

- **Short-term Work Plan [Comprehensive Plan]**

Working with Three Rivers to facilitate a working session to update our Short-term Work Plan. Is there a day that we are all available to work on our plan? Please come prepared to talk about your availability [2 or 3 days] and City Hall will coordinate with Three Rivers to schedule a date and time. The city has completed 11 out of the 13 project of the Short Term Workplan

- **Historical Society**

In order for our community to maintain our rich history, our community has a need to designate those buildings, businesses, homes, houses as historical. So, with that in mind, I am appointing Ms. Candy Head as the Chairperson for our Historical Society and Ms. Cathy Harbin as our first two board members and asked that they

work to identify others within our community to serve on the Historical Society. This group is tasked with working with the Woodbury Development Authority and our Planning & Zoning Commission to develop our Historical Preservation Ordinance along with identifying properties within our City that require historical designation.

- Councilmember Carter made a motion to appoint Candy Head and Cathy Harbin as the first of five members of the Historical Society Committee
  - Councilmember Wall second the motion
  - All approved
- **Walking Dead Returns for Filming**  
The Walking Dead is wanting to use our downtown area between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> for filming. The production crew is working with the local businesses to ensure they do not disrupt their business. There will be more information to come as we receive information. Please stay tuned to our City website and Facebook pages.

## MERIWETHER COUNTY UPDATES

- T-SPLOST – Theron Gay to update us on the Agreement to move forward with adding T-SPLOST to the ballot for this year.
- Intergovernmental Agreement for the County to conduct our Election

## DIGITAL SIGN – USDA GRANT

- According to Tamika Lucas with USDA, we have satisfied all of the requirements for the grant and we are awaiting funding – expected within the next 30 days. **TEAM Woodbury will discuss the look of the digital sign and use the bricks from the old Woodbury High School**

## CHUCK BELL

- Ham Radios for Weather and Emergency Services, Chuck Bell spoke to the council about using the water tower for an antenna for Ham Radios, the water tower will provide a better signal. There are approximately 35 ham operators in Meriwether County, these radios worked when all other communications were cut off during the recent tornados and hurricanes. A lot of the operators are trained storm spotters and will be able to provide much needed information during a natural disaster. Mr. Bell will also provide a radio monitoring device at city hall so that the city will be able to be updated with vital information.
  - Councilmember Carter made a motion to allow Chuck Bell to place an antenna on the water tank for Ham Radios along with the use of electricity to operate the radio system at no charge

- Councilmember Wall seconded the motion
- All approved

## **ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE**

- Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Zoning Ordinance will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ONE-WAY STREETS**

- Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- Update & Discussion on the Department reports
  - Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the Department reports was presented
  - Councilmember Wall seconded
  - All approved

## **SURPLUS OF DUMP TRUCK**

- Request authorization to surplus City Dump Truck and to use the proceeds of this sell to purchase a 12x7 hydraulic dump trailer. The dump trailer will be used by Public Works as a portable dumpster as well as a dump vehicle for dirt and gravel.
  - Councilmember Carter made a motion to surplus the dump truck and purchase a hydraulic trailer for a cost of \$7,200
  - Councilmember Wall second the motion
  - All approved

## **WATER RE-READ ORDINANCE**

- In accordance with current City Ordinance
- In compliance with the USDA Letter of Conditions for our Water System Grant / Loan
- Equal to or less than our surrounding areas
- \$15 – Reread charge
  - Councilmember Wall made the motion to follow current City Ordinance adopted in 1988 and institute a charge of \$15 to be kept in the City Clerks office for review as a charge for re-reads
  - Councilmember Ledbetter made the second to the motion

- Councilmember Carter and Gates voted against
- Mayor Ledbetter made the deciding vote to comply with the current City Ordinance and the motion was approved

## GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

- The City received three bids for contracted services. The bids were:
  - Dunn & Dunn → \$6,500 / month
  - L&H Lawn Care → \$4,000 / month
  - Snelson Lawn Care → \$4,000 / month
- Dunn & Dunn is the highest bid
- Each of the contractors were asked to provide copies of their commercial license, general liability, and workers comp insurance.
- After careful review of the material presented, the Mayor made a recommendation to award the contract to L&H Lawn Care for \$4,000 per month.
  - Councilmember Ledbetter made the motion to use L & H Lawn Care for this year and place a condition on the Mayor to review the performance of their work with the City during the 4th quarter of 2019
  - Councilmember Wall second the motion
  - Councilmembers Carter & Gates were opposed
  - Mayor Ledbetter made the deciding vote to award the contract to L & H Lawn Care with the aforementioned condition

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Update & Questions on Special Committee Reports

Kera Summers gave the Woodbury Industrial Authority update on the 1911 building, loft apartments, one-way parking, Historical Society

The Planning & Zoning Commission did not provide an update

Kena Kendricks gave the TEAM Woodbury report-Peaches in the Pines was rained out, working on the Wall of Hero's, Welcome Packet for new residents, collecting old pill bottles for Doctors without Borders, and Back to School project

Woodbury Business Forum did not have a report

## LEGAL UPDATE

- Attorney Nathan Lee did not have any update for June

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carolyn Ellison, re-reads should be free, the City needs to ensure that our drinking water is safe and due to the issues with the water, citizens should receive 5% reduction in their bill. Additionally, Ms. Ellison complained about the new Chief referring to him as a “drug dealer and dog catcher/fighter”. Ms. Ellison accused Chief Smart of criminal activity but offered no evidence of her allegations.

## NEW BUSINESS-NONE

## COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-NONE

## ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Carter made a motion to adjourn
- Councilmember Wall second
- The Mayor adjourned the meeting



Steve Ledbetter, PhD  
Mayor



Angel Fowler  
City Clerk