



# July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Woodbury City Council

### Minutes

---

#### **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 JULY AGENDA**

Councilmember Carter made motion to approve the July Agenda

Councilmember Wall second the motion

All Approved

#### **APPROVE THE JUNE MINUTES**

Councilmember Carter made motion to approve the June meeting minutes

Councilmember Wall second the motion

All Approved

#### **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

- **High-Speed Internet**

This past week, we installed the system to take care of our downtown area. Over the next few weeks, we will test the system and begin offering service to those who are interested in helping us test the system and work out any bugs.

Additionally, we will begin documenting the process for how the system will be

offered as a service.

As we progress our Internet system, we will need to add to the speed we have available at our City Municipal Complex. We currently have 300Meg coming into the City and as we have discussed previously, we will need to partition 1Gig of speed. The additional cost of this provisioning is \$900 per month and has been taken into account for the cost to subscribers at \$35 per month. We will not need the additional provisioning until we add subscribers.

- **Short-term Work Plan (Comprehensive Plan)**

Working with Three Rivers to facilitate a working session to update our Short-term Work Plan. We will meet on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Our City Department Heads will attend, and the public is invited. The city has completed 10 out of the 3 projects.

- **Historical Society**

We need to add additional members to our Historical Society. Candace Head will offer a name for us to consider during her update this evening, and I would ask that we carefully consider adding them to our Historical Society.

- **Walking Dead Returns for Filming**

The Walking Dead has moved their potential filming dates from early July until July 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The production crew continues to work 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.

## MERIWETHER COUNTY UPDATES

- We are waiting on an update regarding the T-SPLIST from County Administrator Theron Gay. Updates will be made available as soon as we hear.  
Councilmember Carter made a motion to allow Mayor Ledbetter to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement representing the City Council  
Councilmember Wall second  
All approved
- Updated Intergovernmental Agreement for the County to conduct our Election  
Councilmember Carter made a motion to sign the updated Intergovernmental Agreement  
Councilmember Wall seconded  
All Approved

## DIGITAL SIGN – USDA GRANT

- According to Tamika Lucas with USDA, they have received word from the state office Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> that the eligibility letter for the project was mailed. As

soon as she receives the letter, Tamika will schedule a time to deliver the Letter of Conditions so they can get the funds obligated.

Bricks from the old high school will be used and Ms. Moon will donate the corner stone from the old high school for the sign

## ONE-WAY STREETS

- Public Hearing held Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Will ask for the following motion:
  - Motion to redirect traffic on Dromedary Street to One-Way from Main Street to Peachtree Street, redirect traffic on Durand Street to One-Way from Peachtree Street to Main Street to allow for additional parking in the downtown block.

There was some confusing about having a motion and second on the table in order to open the meeting for discussion. Councilmember Carter made motion to move forward, then rescinded his request, Attorney Nathan Lee advised the council there needs to be a motion and second in order to discuss.

Ron Garrett interrupted the meeting wanting to speak, he had sign up to speak at the “Public Comments” section, Mr. Garrett was called out of order, **Section 2-51 of City Ordinance Public participation on agenda items.** *By majority vote, the city council may allow public comment on an agenda item at the time the item is being considered by the city council. These comments must be limited to the subject that is being debated. Members of the public may speak for ten minutes and may only speak once. These limits may be waived by a majority vote of the city council. Anyone wishing to speak at any city council meeting must be recognized by the mayor before addressing the city council.*

The Mayor had not received a motion to move the agenda item forward nor was the council considering the matter until the motion to proceed was made. The Mayor did allow Mr. Garrett to speak, after the Council spoke on the matter.

- Councilmember Carter made a motion to move forward with the one-way.
- Councilmember Wall second.
- Councilmember Carter read from sheet about the number of cars on Main Street during business hours, after hours and weekends. What if the Baptist Church has a funeral, how will they go the cemetery if it is a one way. What about the fire department?
- Councilmember Gates said we “don’t need a one way”
- Councilmember Ledbetter, it’s only a one block radius, it will take some getting use too, but it will help the businesses downtown and

draw other businesses. The city needs to plan for growth for the downtown and street scape.

- Mayor Ledbetter allowed Mr. Garrett speak on the matter after the Council voted to move the agenda item forward and after the discussion part of the meeting.
- Ron Garrett comments were “its not going to bring any businesses to town, there is no evidence to prove it will or prove it won’t”.
- Mayor Ledbetter advised the council that when the public meeting was held there was more people that spoke for the “One Way Street” than against it. Mayor Ledbetter also suggested not to change the street until after the new fire station was built later this year and that he would meet with DOT to determine any consideration by the State concerning the change.
- Councilmember Ledbetter made a motion to moved forward with the “One Way Street”.
- Councilmember Wall seconded.
- Councilmembers Carter and Gates voted against.
- Mayor Ledbetter made the deciding vote to approve the “One-way street”.

## ZONING ORDINANCE

- The second Public Hearing of the Zoning Ordinance held July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at Regular Session  
Councilmember Ledbetter made a motion to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance.  
Councilmember Wall second.  
All approved.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Update & Discussion on the Department reports
- Police Department: Purchase of Duty Weapons through the use of confiscated funds. The cost of the weapons will be approximately \$4,500.
  - This purchase has been on the Short-term Comprehensive Work Plan for the past three years

- The monies to purchase these weapons is money that is not in the General Budget, but in the Police Department Confiscation budget and can be used for this purchase without any impact to the 2020 Budget
- The final decision of what weapon system to use will be based on Test & Evaluation of two weapons – Glock® 9mm and a Sig Sauer 9mm weapon. Both weapons are on Georgia State Contract.
- Additionally, we are asking the City to surplus the current duty weapons our officers carry.
  - Councilmember Carter made the motion to surplus the police department current weapons to be purchased by the officers. Councilmember Gates seconded the motion  
All approved.

### National Night Out

- August 6, 2019 will be National Night Out, it will be at Ingles parking lot, there will be games, dunking booth, food and helicopter. Sponsored by Woodbury Police Department and TEAM Woodbury
- Chief Web ask the council to consider annexing in the small island at the intersection Millarden Rd and Whitehouse Pkwy. The only property that will be involved in the island is owned by Bo Funderburk.
- Mayor Ledbetter ask for a motion to work with the city attorney to see if it possible to annex the island into the city limits.
- Councilmember Ledbetter made the motion to work with the city attorney
- Councilmember Wall second
- Councilmembers Carter and Gates voted against.
- Mayor Ledbetter made the deciding vote to move forward

### **SALARY INCREASES FOR STAFF**

- Request to increase employee salaries. We will need \$14,700 for 2019 increases spread across all of our employees  
Councilmember Carter made the motion for the pay increases  
Councilmember Ledbetter seconded the motion  
All approved

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Update & Questions on Special Committee Reports  
Kera Summers updates were on the 1911 building, Freeport on Ballot in November, lease agreements with tenants  
Candy Head with the Historical Committee would like the council to appoint Eric Mahone to the committee  
Councilmember Carter made the motion to appoint Eric Mahone to the committee  
Councilmember Wall seconded

All approved  
Tonya Moody was not present to give P & Z report

## DOCTORS OFFICE – AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

- Request authorization to replace the air condition unit at the Doctors Office 64 Jones Mill Road Suite A. The AC unit was electrically damaged beyond repair within the last six weeks. The City Clerk is asking our insurance carrier if they will help us replace the unit, but the unit will need to be replaced at a cost of \$3,800. Councilmember Carter made the motion to replace the air conditioner at Dr Bld Councilmember Wall seconded  
All approved

## LEGAL UPDATE

Municode is almost completing the Ordinance Books, two more Ordinance needs to be created, an Internet Service Provision Ordinance and Disorderly House Councilmember Ledbetter made the motion authorizing the City Attorney to create these two ordinances  
Councilmember Wall seconded  
All approved

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

## NEW BUSINESS

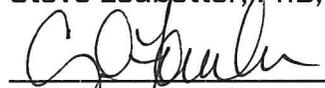
## COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Carter, back to school bash, football signup

## ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Carter moved for adjournment
- Councilmember Wall seconded
- All Approved

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Ledbetter, PhD, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Angel Fowler, City Clerk