

# August 19, 2019 Woodbury City Council 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

## **AUGUST AGENDA**

Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the August Agenda  
Councilmember Wall second  
All Approved

## **JULY MINUTES**

Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the July minutes  
Councilmember Wall second  
All Approved

## **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

- **Phase II Sewer Project update**
  - The bids for the Phase II Sewer Project came in over budget of approximately \$300,000 that was set for the project. In the discussion of the project funds the council wanted to know if the sewer rates would go up, if so by how much. Councilmember Ledbetter made a motion to let EMI

moved forward with the study to see if the rates will increase and by how much. Councilmember Wall second the motion. Councilmembers Carter and Gates voted against the study. Mayor Ledbetter voted to moved forward with the project study.

- **High-Speed Internet**

This past week, we installed the system to take care of our downtown area. During the next few weeks we will begin offering service to those who are interested in help in the continued effort to 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 a minimum of 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 begin adding more than 10 subscribers.

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

Working with Three Rivers, our City Council and Department Heads completed the update for our Short-term Work Plan. We will make our recommendations available for your review here at our City Municipal Complex through our next scheduled Council Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we will review the short-term work plan and agree to move the plan forward at the October Council Meeting.

- **2018 Budget Audit – taken from email sent from Kim Kimmel**

“Y’all did a phenomenal job being realistic with your budget numbers. You only had a 3% variance. And though you went over in two areas, overall you were under budget and under revenues. From the outside, what y’all are doing is working.”

Our City Staff is working on the budget for next year, we will be ready at the September Council meeting to begin our discussion of the budget numbers. As of today, the recommendation is to roll the tax rate back...and there is a possibility to have a reduction in taxes for 2020. Much more to come in the September meeting.

## **MERIWETHER COUNTY UPDATES**

- Meriwether County Fire Department has asked to use Old City Hall as a temporary Fire Station until the construction of our fire station is completed.

## **DIGITAL SIGN – USDA GRANT**

- According to Tamika Lucas with USDA, all of our paperwork is completed, and the City will move forward with the building of the monument and digital sign within the next few weeks. We have learned the sign will take approximately six weeks to construct. We will need to amend the budget for the purchase of this sign to account for the monies.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Update & Discussion on the Department reports  
Police Department Chief Web  
Public Works Director Willie Holmes  
Water Department Cody Kelly  
City Clerk Angel Fowler

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Update & Questions on Special Committee Reports  
Pinky Elliott-Industrial Authority  
Tonya Moody- Planning and Zoning  
Bob Oxford-Woodbury Business Forum  
Willie Holmes- TEAM report

## DOCTORS OFFICE

- Air condition unit has been installed
- Replace Rotted Gutters – \$1,300  
Councilmember Carter made a motion to replace the gutters at the Doctors, and to make sure the gutters are commercial grade material.  
Councilmember Wall seconded the motion  
All Approved

## CHARLES HUDSON- REQUEST FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE

- We will need to consider approving the request for Beer & Wine for The Flint Grill  
Councilmember Carter made motion to approve Beer & Wine License for Flint Grill  
Councilmember Wall seconded  
All approved

## LEGAL UPDATE

- Frist Reading of Disorderly House Ordinance, City Attorney Nathan Lee

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments

**NEW BUSINESS**

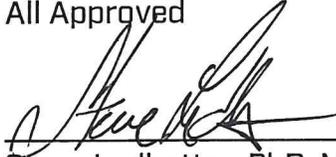
**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Carter: The MMCRD back to school bash was a success, thanks to TEAM Woodbury and Daffanee Ledbetter with supplies and packing the bookbags

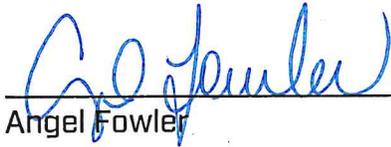
Councilmember Ledbetter: Family Fun Day August 24<sup>th</sup> at Greenville High School Gym hosted by Meriwether Family Connection, Darkness to Light “end to child sexual abuse” is September 24<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt Warm Springs, Woodbury Newsletter is now available

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Carter motion to adjourn  
Councilmember Wall second  
All Approved



Steve Ledbetter. PhD, Mayor



Angel Fowler