MINUTES

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

# CITY HALL

BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, MILLER and DYE. Council member HINRICHS was absent. Also, present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Kelly Siebert, maintenance Nick Gadino and Police Chief Jody Meyers.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Bruce Boettchter of B&G Consultants arrived at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *November 13, 2018 budget hearing/business meeting and December 11, 2018.* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the November 13th minutes. Motion seconded by MILLER, 4-0 vote. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the December 11th minutes. Motion seconded by DYE, 3-0-1 vote, HAMLIN abstained. NUESSEN withdrew her motion, DYE withdrew his second. Lack of quorum from the December meeting.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by MILLER to pay January bills in the amount of $12,340.16. Motion seconded by DYE, 4-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** MILLER reported from maintenance, the department has been doing routine maintenance on the equipment, roadwork and cleaning at the limb dump site. They have also been busy taking down the Christmas decorations.

DYE reported from the recycle center with the yearly figures, in 2018 a total of 28,681 lbs. of recyclables were collected. A total of 195 volunteer hours were put in. There has been a total of 56,758 lbs. recycled since the program started in January of 2017.

HAMLIN approached the council about ordering candy filled eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt from Sunny Bunny Easter Eggs. Orders must be placed by January 18th to receive a discount. The subject will be added to the agenda.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA:** Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda with the addition of Easter Egg Hunt, agenda item #6 before the executive session. Motion seconded by DYE, 4-0 vote.

1. **B&G CONSULTANTS:** *Report on the RWD #1 project****.*** Bruce reported on the progress of the RWD #1 project. The project is near completion. A walkthrough will be performed this week to create a punch list of items that need addressed. Goings is currently doing cleanup work, seeding and mulching. Final completion date is anticipated to be January 18th. There is a one-year warranty from January 4th. Concerns on water standing were brought up along with the valve stems that are sticking up, some blocking fire hydrants.

Bruce Boettchter left at 7:27

1. **.5% SALES TAX:** *Discussion of plan for the funds.* The tax will go into effect on April 1st. Available ground for a new ball field has not been located. The council discussed if there is a large enough area that the city currently owns along with property that is currently for sale. A plan will need to be drafted before applying for grants and other funding. A committee will be put together to move forward with plans. Once plans are drafted and the cost is determined the city can then move forward using the sales tax as one source of funds.
2. **CONDEMNATION:** The council put together a list of properties to be considered for condemnation. Properties include: 1017 Main, 1010 Main, 503 Mulberry, 507 Elm, 409 Pine, 410 Sycamore and the NE corner of Oak and Main. The Planning & Zoning Board will also give recommendations for condemnation. Consensus of council is to send letters to the registered owners of the properties stating the cities intentions. Other properties were discussed that are a blithe to the community that need cleaned up. These properties include areas that contain junk in the yards, semi-trailers, mobile homes and inoperable vehicles. Health safety issues will be looked at for these conditions. Code Enforcement will be checking on these.
3. **FILED COMPLAINTS:** Gary Stark filed a complaint on a dog from 805 Second came at himself and a visitor in an aggressive manner not letting them into his home. The matter will be handled by the Americus Police Department and the Municipal Court.
4. **2018 AUDIT:** RESOLUTION 262, *GAAP Waiver for 2018 audit and engagement letter* Moved by DYE to adopt resolution no. 262. Motion seconded by MILLER, 4-0 vote. Moved by DYE to approve for the mayor and council president to sign the engagement letter. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.
5. **EASTER EGG HUNT:** Moved by HAMLIN to purchase 500 candy filled Easter eggs for $65.00. Motion seconded by DYE, 4-0 vote.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Requested by Marie for**Personnel Matters*. Moved by NUESSEN to move into executive session for non-elected personnel at 8:14 for 15 minutes with council, mayor and legal present. Motion seconded by DYE, 4-0 vote.

Back in regular session at8:25. Moved by NUESSEN to transfer $10,800.00 from the condemnation fund to the general fund. Motion seconded by DYE, 4-0 vote.

Moved by DYE to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion seconded by MILLER, 4-0 vote.