

City of Leesburg
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City Councilmembers

Billy Breeden, Mayor

Rufus Sherman, Mayor Pro Tem

Bob Wilson Judy Powell

Jason Renfroe Amanda White

Richard Bush

City Staff

Bob Alexander, City Manager

Bert Gregory, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Breeden called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mayor Breeden lead the pledge and Councilmember Wilson lead the Prayer. All Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Manager were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Breeden asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 1, 2020. Councilmember Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING**4. NEW BUSINESS**

(A) School Superintendent Dr. Jason Miller discussed the SPLOST referendum and requested everyone vote.

(B) Engineering Consultant Matthew with EMC Engineering discussed the selection of engineering consultant Southeastern Engineering for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Downtown Streetscape Project and the proposed Professional Fees Contract of \$299,917.50. Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the City Attorney's review. Mayor Pro Tem Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(C) Engineering Consultant Chad Griffin with Still Waters Engineering discussed the Loan Application for the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (ASADRA) Program of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) 2020 Drinking Water Fund. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,453,752 with a Principal Forgiveness of \$200,000 with no closing fees or interest on a 30-year loan. Councilmember Renfroe made a motion to approve the GEFA Loan Application. Mayor Pro Tem Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(D) Finance Manager Cheryl Allison discussed the Resolution to set the 2020 Millage Rate at 6.00 mills. Councilmember Wilson made motion to approve the Resolution to set the 2020 Millage Rate at 6.00 mills. Mayor Pro Tem Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(E) City Manager Bob Alexander discussed an Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities for year ended June 30, 2020. Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the agreement. Councilmember White seconded the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

5. CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS.

(A)Financial Report – The City Manager discussed the Financial Report of the General Fund and the Water & Sewer Fund and indicated that both funds are within budget for the year.

(B)Sales Tax Revenues – The Finance Manager discussed the increase in Sales Tax Revenues for the month of September in the additional amount of \$46,000 in LOST and \$36,000 SPLOST.

- (C) Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) – The Finance Manager discussed the City has received \$159,922 from the COVID 19 Grant Funds for Phase One and is waiting for more information on Phase Two.
(D) Sidewalk Design – City Manager discussed going ahead with the design on Magnolia Avenue

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- (A) Police Report
(B) Public Works Report
(C) Water and Sewer Report

7. GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

8. COUNCIL MEMBER'S MATTER

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Powell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate matters. Mayor Pro Tem Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember White made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Renfroe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Powell made a motion that no action was taken and that minutes be approved. Councilmember White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Scheduled Meeting is November 3, 2020

14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember White made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Renfroe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.