

City of Leesburg
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City Councilmembers

Billy Breeden, Mayor
Judy Powell, Mayor Pro Tem
Richard Bush Rufus Sherman
Jason Renfroe Amanda White
David Daughtry

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 led the pledge and Councilmember Daughtry lead in the prayer. The City Manager and City Attorney and all Councilmembers were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Breeden asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2023 and February 25, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Daughtry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing since the applicant Starksville, LLC withdrew the Zoning Application (Z22-005) and the Conditional Use Application (Z23-001) from consideration prior to the Council Meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Consultant Mike Talley address the Council concerning the Solid Waste Request for Proposal Bids. Express Disposal was low bid at an annual cost of \$438,326.16. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion to approve the bid. Mayor Pro Tem Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (B) Bill Powell from the Georgia Rural Water Association discussed the Updated Business Plan and the Water and Sewer Rate comparison for the City of Leesburg. Mr. Powell proposed the new rates would average an 11.89 % increase for 4,000 Gallons. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion to approve the proposed new rates as presented in the Udated Business Plan for the City of Leesburg. Mayor Pro Tem Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (C) City Manager Bob Alexander discussed the Proposed Update of the Compensation and Classification Study. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion to approve the Update to the Compensation and Classification Study. Councilmember Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (D) Bob Alexander discussed having the First Downtown Development Authority Meeting on the third Tuesday of this month March 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM at City Hall. There was no objection from Council if this would be appropriate for the new members of the Authority.
- (E) Todd Jones Vice President of Truvista presented the many benefits of bringing fiber into the City of Leesburg. City Manager suggested we look at a formal agreement to begin the process. No action was taken.
- (F) City Manager, City Attorney and Councilmembers discussed the different options for having work sessions. No action was taken.
- (G) Finance Director Cheryl Allison discussed a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Powell made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment. Councilmember Sherman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (H) City Attorney Bert Gregory discuss the need to address Old Business concerning the renewal of the City Managers Contract. Councilmember Renfroe made a motion to renew the City Manager's

Contract retroactive to October 2022 with a 5 percent raise. Mayor Pro Tem Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS.**

- (A) The Finance Director Cheryl Allison presented the Monthly Financial Report and indicated everything was within Budget.
- (B) City Manager Bob Alexander presented an Update on City Projects
- (C) The City Manager discussed updating neighborhood speed zones.
- (D) The City Manager discussed working with Georgia Rural Waster Association to provide discharge hoses to support the GRWA Mutual Aide and Emergency Response efforts for the water and wastewater utilities across Georgia.

6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

7. **GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES**

8. **COUNCIL MEMBER'S MATTER**

Mayor Pro Tem Powell announced that Pastor Lee of First United Methodist would represent South West Georgia in addressing the Georgia House of Representatives.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

10. **CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

12. **PUBLIC FORUM**

13. **ANNOUCEMENTS**

Next Scheduled Council Meeting is April 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Renfroe made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.