

Mayor Glenn Jones called the meeting to order. Council Member Jud Bowers led in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members of Council were present. Also, present were City Administrator Phillip Claxton, City Attorney Eric Gotwalt, City Engineer James Vaughn, Director of Leisure Services, Patrick Foran, Chief of Police James Melvin, Fire Chief Greg Long, Interim Public Services Director & Director of Development Services Brian Harvey and Clerk of Council Miriam Jordan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments: (1) Under Recognition of Visitors, add the following: (A) Julie Gerbsch, 7th District School Board Representative, (B) Jodi Hawks, 22 Lanvale Street and (C) Linda Smith, 828 Barnsley Road; (2) Under New Business, add item #B – Contract with Paul Kennedy Catering for catering services for the Chatham Municipal Association Meeting for a fee of \$837; and (3) Under Resolutions/Ordinances/Proclamations, remove items #A and #B – Ordinance No. 10-02 , Budget Adjustment FY10 for Fire Department.

Bowers – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- A. Julie Gerbsch, 7th District School Board Representative, was not present.
- B. Jodi Hawks, 22 Lanvale Street, asked Council to do something for Lanvale Street to get their privacy back. Since Food Lion has been built, the buffer between Food Lion and Lanvale Street is so sparse that you can see in the houses on Lanvale from the road behind Food Lion.
- C. Linda Smith, 828 Barnsley Road, addressed Mayor and Council about unity among Council themselves and Council and staff. Ms. Smith wants the City to be a light on a hill.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: (1) the vote on page 4, Item F needs to reflect that Mr. Curry voted against the motion to approve the Change Order.

Herrin – 1
Norton – 2
All – 3

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mayor Glenn Jones invited everyone to attend the wastewater treatment facility ceremony on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 11 am. Clerk of Council gave directions to the site.

Mayor Glenn Jones called Willie Johnson to the podium. Mr. Johnson asked to be granted a parade permit for the Collard Green Festival on March 6, 2010. Chief of Police James Melvin stated that the parade has been approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to dispense of the reading of the Committee Reports with the exception of recognizing the City Attorney to speak about a Public Meeting.

Bowers – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

City Attorney Eric Gotwalt announced that there will be a Public Meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm to discuss water and sewer projects on Berrien, Saussy and Grant Roads. He also stated that this meeting will be preceded by an open house for the residents of these roads to review engineering concept plans beginning at 6:30 pm.

CHAMBER REPORT

Trisha Growe, Executive Director of the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce, gave the Chamber Report. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Vincent Hogan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows except for Item D & E which is to be discussed separately:

- A. Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce Pay Request in the Amount of \$10,741.12 for December 2009 Expenses
- B. Agreement with CertiPay for Payroll Services
- C. Agreement with Georgia Municipal Association for Cable and Telecommunication Management Services for Audit of Telephone Company Franchises for a Fee of \$1,000 per Company

Hogan – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

- D. Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 (Final Payment) from Cleland Site Prep, Inc. for \$9,118.16 for the Mobley Park Stormwater Project.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

- E. Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve Pay Request #9 from Southern Champion Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$36,870 for the Rehabilitation of Pump Stations 1, 3 and 4.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 from Choate Construction Company for Installation of 4" conduit and pull boxes along the WWTF access road to accommodate permanent telephone service to the WWTF which will increase the contract amount \$22,987.

Herrin – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

- B. Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to approve the contract with Paul Kennedy Catering for catering services for the Chatham Municipal Association Meeting for a fee of \$837.

Bowers – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

Items removed from agenda.

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Motion Made – 1
Seconded – 2
Voted Aye – 3
Voted Nay – 4
Abstained – 5

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Herrin – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to reconvene into the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

Herrin – 1
Hogan – 2
All – 3

At this time, Mayor Glenn Jones asked if anyone present would like to address Mayor and Council.

Alfred Boyett, 7532 Highway 21, addressed rumors regarding corruption in the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce.

Brenda Bouleware, 1 Horne Place, commended Mayor and Council for their service.

Glenn Hibberts, 10 Coleraine Drive, called upon Mayor and Council to make use of the new opportunities before them. He stated that tonight had been a great meeting and that he held them in high regard and had great expectations.

Sylvia Hinely, 1 Lanvale Street, stated that she enjoyed being a part of the Chamber's strategic planning session. She also asked Council to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow transitional zoning.

Arlesia Diarra, Director of Sales and Marketing at Wingate Inn, introduced herself to Mayor and Council. She had several questions regarding billing and payments with the City.

Paul Cates, former Council Member, stated that City staff was here to help and not hurt. He urged current council to realize what great staff they have and to trust them to do their job.

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ADJOURNMENT

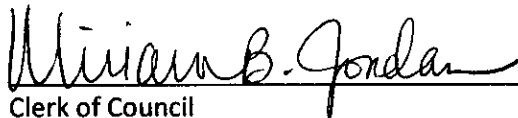
There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to adjourn.

Bowers – 1
Norton – 2
All – 3



Mayor Glenn Jones

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 25th day of March, 2010.



Clerk of Council