

City of Lula
Council Meeting
City Hall / 7:00 P.M.
Monday, January 17, 2022

Present: Mayor Joe Thomas
 Mayor Pro Tem Matt Hamby

Council Members Lamb Griffin
 Gene Bramlett
 Denise Shockley
 Garnett Smith

Also Present:

 City Manager Dennis Bergin
 City Clerk Tangee Puckett
 City Attorney Joseph Homans

Opening / Welcome Mayor
Invocation was given and the pledge was recited.

Pledge and Invocation

Citizen Comments

Mordecai Wilson – the unexpected can happen at any time, sometimes we can't please everyone. O not try to mislead anyone. We always have to be ready to help everyone. Don't discount ourself, things aren't always impossible. There are times we need to get over our feelings and know things will change. Two people can look at the same thing and walk away with different opinions.

Betty Thomas – concerned with code enforcement wanting a body cam, feel like we are moving too fast. Correctional officer – is this a new position we are hiring for? Need to be careful how the city moves forward.

Felton Wood – Keep moving forward with code enforcement. Would like to submit a planning application. Asked if Doug was required to drive his code enforcement truck home. Instead of purchasing a new correctional van, the city should hire more people to work.

Approval of Council Minutes -Dec 20th and Special Called Meeting Dec. 20, 2021
Garnett Smith/Gene Bramlett approved

Yard of the Month,
Matt Hamby-District 1 – Veneda Clanton – 5353 Rocky Mtn. Trl., Lula, GA 30554
Denise Shockley-District 2 – April & Michael Koostra – 5530 Lewallen Cir., Lula, GA 30554
Gene Bramlett-District 3 – Kenneth Griffin – 6465 Narramore Court, Lula, GA 30554
Garnett Smith-District 4 – Preston Langston – 157 Waterford Glen, Lula, GA 30554
Lamb Griffin-District 5 – Kirk Adams – 5905 Homer Hwy., Lula, GA 30554

Finance

Current Conditions – Continues to be constant

- a. Budget Adjustment/ Invoice Land Appraisals / \$9,100 – Matt Hamby/Garnett Smith approved
 - b. Budget Adjustment/ Invoice Hall Co Bd. of Elections / Budgeted \$3,200 vs Expense of \$8,205.40----- Adjustment \$5,005.40 – Gene Bramlett/Matt Hamby approved
 - c. Correction Officer / Committee comments – Human resources met – several recommendations – moving forward with hiring correction officer, another employee for public utilities and city service position. Gene Bramlett/Matt Hamby approved
 - d. Prisoner Vehicle Replacement/Status – budgeted \$27,000 for vehicle replacement – move forward.
 - e. Planning Project Director /Committee comments – discussed in HR meeting move forward with position, it's been advertised, continue with interview process
- Water Sewer Current Conditions / Good condition even with the ice and snow
 - a. Wastewater Assistant Position Status / Committee comments this position had already been approved – this will help with staffing and weekends
 - b. S & S Septic Hauling Request for the City to receive septic for treatment/ Update/ Procedure/ separate work session? There are three options we could go with. Also need to consider, location, labor, capital cost and revenue. Council to discuss further a work session scheduled for February 7th at 6pm.
 - Zoning/ Annexation/ Development
 - a. Norton Development/ The Cottages- Athens Street 19 units Plat Status/Approval by Mayor approved for 19 units, plat is under review, attorney noted the plat meets all the zoning requirements, next would be to submit building plans that would also have to meet zoning requirements, they would need to submit easements and all setbacks would have to followed. If they wanted to modify anything the applicant would have to resubmit a new application. Louie Hickman asked if the city had looked at other options for this property, more towards commercial usage. Felton Woods asked if the city could put stipulations near the underpass. Matt Hamby noted as long as the applicant meets the requirements, the city could not put stipulations on them.
 - b. Hudson River Request for Variance form 365 Corridor / Overlay/ Mountain View Development/ Public Comment Heard /Request to table to January 2022
Garnett Smith/Gene Bramlett approved
 - c. **NEW**-Proposed Annexation and Rezoning by Cook Communities /6492 7th St/ Lewallen 30.27 Acres from Ag to PRD Planned Residential Development, 90 proposed lots/ Hall Co Gov Response to annexation, before establishing schedule to be heard.
Requires the city to send Hall County notice of annexation and they were supposed to respond by the 13th. We have not heard back. This will go before the planning commission.
 - Planning Commission Recommendations
 - a. Consideration of Recommendation from PC of rezoning of Properties not reflective of their current use, process/ schedule
There are 166 properties that need to be rezoned to their correct zoning. Consider talking half at a time. This will go before the planning commission, public hearing and then to council.
 - b. **NEW**-Variance Request/ 5277 & 5281 Old Cornelia / Setbacks to Planning Commission/ Schedule to be first heard in February.
This will go before the planning commission in February and public hearings will be scheduled for February 1st and February 21st.

- c. Advertisement For Planning Commission Member/ 4-year term
We have received 2 applications for this position
- Proposed Ordinance Adoption- Urban Camping and Homeless Issues/ February Agenda
Bring back for discussion at work session
- Code Enforcement / Committee Comments No action at this time
 - a. Doug Forrester requesting for Body Cam /
 - b. Other Committee Comments
- City Appointments
 - a. Mayor pro-tem Matt Hamby was elected for Mayor Pro-Tem -
 - b. City Attorney
 - c. City Clerk
 - d. City Judge
 - e. City ManagerGarnett Smith/Gene Bramlett approved all appointments
- Lula Ladies gathering at the DEPOT Wednesday Jan 26th / DEPOT Lunch and Dinner.
- Lula Belton Historical Society meets the fourth Monday of the Month at the DEPOT 6 PM.
- Executive Session/ Land Acquisition – No action taken

Citizen Comments

Felton Woods – You could use other judges if you wanted to. Code enforcement scared to do his job, knows someone that would like to come on board and help with code enforcement.

Council Comments

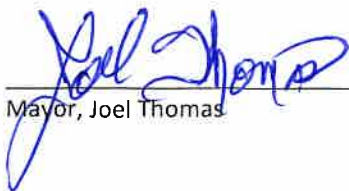
Garnett Smith – thanked everyone for coming out

Matt Hamby – glad everyone survived the snow

Joe Thomas – Jim Grier is recording the meeting if anyone would like to watch it live at Lula News or on the mayor's Facebook page.

Adjourn – Matt Hamby/Garnett Smith approved

Minutes from January 17, 2022



Mayor, Joel Thomas

Approved February 21, 2022



Tangee Puckett, City Clerk