

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF WASHINGTON, GEORGIA

AUGUST 21, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM at The City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Bruce Bailey presided.

Mayor Bailey, Council members Anderson (phone), Cullars, Fisher (phone), Gunter, Hill, Mahoney (absent), and Adam Nelson, City Attorney (absent).

The mayor called the meeting to order and clarified that he is speaking on behalf of the City Administrator since there is not one at this time.

Councilman Hill led the invocation followed by Mayor Bailey leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Council members reviewed the August 12, 2024, minutes and Cullars made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of the following statement: The Mayor and Council is aware of a complaint filed by former City Administrator Jerry deBin against the City of Washington and has forwarded the same to the City's insurance company. The Council maintains that Mr. deBin was not subjected to any discrimination and will aggressively defend this claim. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

AGENDA APPROVED

On motion by Hill, second by Cullars. The agenda was approved with the addition of 2 items. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Mayor Discussion Topics:

- a. Approve HR/Executive Assistant position – **Tabled to September Meeting**
- b. City Administrator interviews – Set up interviews
- c. Assistant City Administrator – Discussion no decision.

City Administrator Action Items:

- a. EIP Plan Approval – Motioned by Cullars, Second by Hill. **The motion was passed unanimously.**
- b. Budget Adjustments - Motioned by Gunter, Second by Cullars. **The motion was passed unanimously.**
- c. Alcohol Ordinance Revision – 300' Rule – Motioned by Cullars, Second by Gunter. **The motion was passed 5 for and 1 against.**
- d. Security Cameras – Approval to move forward with bringing them online. Motioned by Cullars, Second by Hill. **The motion was passed unanimously.**
- e. GEFA Loan/Grant – Lead Service Line Inventory & Equipment. Motioned by Gunter, Second by Hill. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

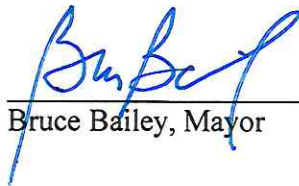
- f. MEAG Authorization Agreement Supplemental Power Policy. Motioned by Cullars, Second by Hill. **The motion was passed unanimously.**
- g. Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Washington & Wilkes County Board of Elections. **Tabled to September meeting.**

Council Members Discussion:

- a. Councilman Cullars, Sr.
- b. Councilman Mahoney
- c. Councilman Hill – Assist on getting traffic slowed on Spring Street. Removal of train cars on Whitehall Street.
- d. Council Fisher
- e. Councilman Anderson
- f. Councilman Gunter – Met with surveyor and PW Superintendent about rerouting water in Cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Cullars to adjourn and second by Gunter, the vote unanimously passed and the meeting adjourned.



Bruce Bailey, Mayor



Yoshe Jenkins, City Clerk

