

City of Grovetown
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2023 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Grovetown City Council was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Gary E. Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Blair, Councilmember Ceretta Smith and Councilmember Sylvia Martin.

Also present were City Administrator Elaine Matthews, Finance Director/Asst. City Administrator Bradley Smith, IT Tech John Klosinski, Planning and Community Development Director Ronnie Kurtz, Fire Rescue Chief Wayne Kent, Police Chief Jamey Kitchens, Utility Services Director Keith Lyons, Public Information Officer Jordan Johnson, City Attorney Chris Dube and City Clerk Brian Henderson.

Council conducted a work session to review agenda items at 6:00 p.m.

1.

Call Meeting to Order/Announcement of Quorum

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged a quorum.

2.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Martin gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

4.

Approval of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

5.

Approval of the September 11, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Blair made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 executive session minutes. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

6.

Committee Chair Reports

Public Safety

Councilmember Blair reported the call totals for the month of September for Grovetown Fire Rescue and Police Department. He also provided the year-to-date totals for both departments. Councilmember Blair reported that Fire Rescue is still conducting hydrant testing around the City. He announced that Grovetown Fire Rescue's ladder one participated in Augusta University's Tunnel to Towers 911 ceremony. He announced that Fire

Rescue also had personnel and equipment present at the Meet a Machine event at the Augusta Regional Airport. The event benefited the Childrens Hospital of Georgia Children's Miracle Network. Councilmember Blair reported that fire station two received a new turnout gear washer extractor to help reduce exposure to carcinogens. He also stated that Firefighter David Edmiston and Firefighter Harrison Warren participated in Hotdogs and Heros event at Trinity Baptist Church on September 24, 2023. Councilmember Blair reported that shift 2 completed forceable entry training as of September 2023. He further reported that Lieutenant Rowe, Firefighter Donahue, Firefighter Neville and Firefighter Taylor all participated in Fort Gordon DUI Awareness Day.

Councilmember Blair reported the arrest and citation statistics for Grovetown Police Department, Criminal Investigation, and K-9 Unit for the month of September. He congratulated Court Services Director Laura McManus and Summer Gayda for the Grovetown Municipal Court receiving the Judicial Council of Georgia's clearance rate of excellence award. Councilmember Blair discussed the training the Police Department had this month and last month. He reported that Officer Fleming completed the Family Violence First Responder course. Councilmember Blair announced that this week is Fire Prevention Week and to learn more about fire prevention please visit this website fpw.org. He also announced that on October 28, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grovetown Police Department would be participating in the DEA National Drug Take Back.

The remaining report was deferred to Fire Rescue Chief Wayne Kent and Police Chief Jamey Kitchens.

Utility Billing and Utility Services

The report was deferred to the Utility Services Director Keith Lyons.

Planning and Development

Councilmember Smith reported the monthly statistics for the Planning and Community Development Department. She reported that this month the City had zero trashcan violations. Councilmember Smith thanked citizens for their continued help with keeping Grovetown a safe and clean place to live, work, and play.

The remainder of the report was deferred to Planning and Community Development Director Ronnie Kurtz.

General Services

Councilmember Martin reported that Streets and Sanitation collected 121 bags of litter and 85.62 tons of bulk waste this month. She also provided statistics on all other solid waste collection violations and work orders for the month. Councilmember Martin reported Facility Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, Leisure and Recreation statistics for the month of September. She also reported year-to-date revenue for Leisure and Recreation. Councilmember Martin further reported that Leisure and Recreation are working on beautification around the welcome signs.

The remainder of the report was deferred to General Services Director David Carlin.

Administration

The report was deferred to City Administrator Elaine Matthews.

7.

Financial Statement

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the financial statement. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

8.

Employee of the Month

City Administrator Elaine Matthews presented Avery Kitchens from the Grovetown Water Department with the employee of the month award for September 2023.

9.

Discussion on Sidewalk continuation off Old Berzelia Rd

Councilmember Smith discussed with Mayor and Council about extending the sidewalks in the Old Berzelia Road area. Mayor Jones suggested that Councilmember Smith contact Finance Director/Asst. City Administrator Bradley Smith to see if the City could find a funding source for the sidewalks.

10.

Discussion on Creating a Highway Sign Showing the City is the “Home of Terri Gibbs”

Mayor Jones wanted to address the Council to see what they thought about having a sign made to show that Grovetown is the Home of Terri Gibbs. Council was agreeable with the idea but wanted to form a committee to look into this since there was already a sign done in the past.

11.

Art Project Committee Report and Power Point Presentation

Councilmember Smith presented Mayor and Council with a presentation on the Art Project that showed the expenditures, the time frame in which things happened, and the finished project. She also wanted to thank the Leisure and Recreation Department for assisting with the project.

12.

Public Announcements

Councilmember Martin announced that Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Liberty Park in Grovetown. She also announced that the City will host a Veterans Day event on November 9, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Veterans Park in Grovetown.

13.

Citizens Comments

Carla Harrison addressed Mayor and Council in reference to sidewalks on Old Berzelia Rd and the proposed sign that shows that Grovetown is the home of Terri Gibbs. Ms. Harrison also addressed the Art Project.

14.

General Business: Old

14A.

Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2023-09-01, Ordinance to Amend Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Article I & Article VI, Amending definition of radial lot, Amending 6.030, Adding 6.250 & 6.260), Second Reading

Councilmember Blair made motion to accept the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2023-09-01, Ordinance to amend Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Article I & Article VI, amending definition of radial lot, amending 6.030, adding 6.250 & 6.260). Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

15.

General Business: New

15A.

Recommend Approval to Appoint Paul Tan to Planning Commission

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Paul Tan to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

15B.

Recommend Approval of Euehee Creek Interceptor Permanent and Temporary Easements (Parcel No. 052 012D & 052 1452) from City of Grovetown to Columbia County, GA

Councilmember Maritn made a motion to approve the Euehee Creek interceptor permanent and temporary easements (Parcel No. 052 012D & 052 1452) from the City of Grovetown to Columbia County, GA. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

15C.

Recommend Approval to Enter into the Non-Exclusive License Agreement with JusticeONE

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Non-Exclusive License Agreement with JusticeONE. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

15D.

Recommend Award the Purchase of one (1) Pierce Enforcer 100' Ascendant Aerial Tower (AAT) and Body Assembly 300 Gallon Water Tank per City Specifications to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., a subsidiary of Osh Kosh Corporation (through its authorized dealer Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC) in the amount of \$2,190,500.00, by Cooperative Purchasing, via Sourcewell Contract #113021-OKC

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15E.

Recommend Approval of Deed of Dedication for Caroleton Section 3 to City of Grovetown

Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve the Deed of Dedication for the Caroleton Section 3 to the City of Grovetown. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

15F.

Recommend Approval of Purchase Agreement No. 3657 with Contractor PLM of Augusta, Corp DBA Piedmont Landscape Management in the amount of \$58,646.31 for Park Project Located at Corner of Johns Street and East Robinson Avenue

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement No. 3657 with Contractor PLM of Augusta, Corp DBA Piedmont Landscape Management in the amount of \$58,646.31 for park project located at the corner of Johns Street and East Robinson Avenue. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

15G.

Recommend Adoption of Resolution 2023-10-01, City of Ethics Recertification

Councilmember Martin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10-01, City of Ethics Recertification. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

16.

Director's Reports

City Administrator Elaine Matthews and Directors briefed Council on recent activities of their respective Departments.

17.

Executive Session- Real Estate Acquisition

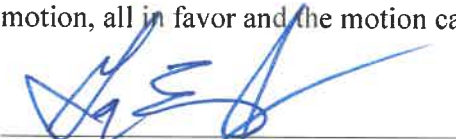
Councilmember Blair made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisition. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

Councilmember Blair made a motion to enter back into the regular meeting at 7:34 p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.


18.

Adjourn

Councilmember Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.



Gary E. Jones, Mayor



Eric Blair, Mayor Pro-Tem



Sylvia Martin, Councilmember

Vacant



Ceretta Smith, Councilmember

Attest:


Brian Henderson, City Clerk