

City of Donalsonville
Called Council Meeting-March 13, 2023

Official Minutes

Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr. called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. After which Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr. gave the invocation, then all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Councilmembers present for the meeting included, Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Ed Bond, CP Mitch Blanks, CP Mitzy Moye, CP Lindsay Register, and CP Travis Brooks. CP Flossie Smith joined by phone. Staff present were Interim City Manager Jeffrey Hatcher, City Clerk Christina Corvers, Interim Police Chief Kem Pugh, Probation Officer Barbara Barber, and City Attorney Billy Grantham.

Approval of the Agenda: CP Blanks made a motion to approve the Agenda, with Mayor Pro Tem Bond seconding. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS: Interim City Manager Hatcher opened discussion regarding the City of Donalsonville's Alcohol License Ordinance and the recent application for an On-Premises Liquor, Wine and Malt Beverage License by Erick William Gallegas Barajas, DBA The Rodeo Cantina and Grill, LLC located at 105 South Tennille Avenue Donalsonville, GA 39845. Interim City Manager Hatcher stated that the agenda item was tabled at the regular Council Meeting on March 7, 2023 due to the department working on acquiring additional documentation as required by City of Donalsonville's Alcohol License Ordinance. After some discussion with City Attorney Grantham on the requirements, CP Blanks made a motion to approve the On-Premises Liquor, Wine and Malt Beverage License to be issued to Erick William Gallegas Barajas, DBA The Rodeo Cantina and Grill, LLC located at 105 South Tennille Avenue Donalsonville, GA 39845, pending the applicant providing all the necessary documentation required by the City of Donalsonville Alcohol License Ordinance. CP Smith seconded. AYES: CP Blanks, CP Smith, CP Register, CP Bond, and CP Brooks. NAYS: CP Moye. Motion carried.

Next, Interim City Manager Hatcher requested action on the consultant fee for Steven W. Hicks to assist with the FY 2023-2024 Budget preparation. Interim City Manager Hatcher also requested volunteers from the Council to serve on a budget committee for the upcoming FY 2023-2024 Budget. Mayor Johnson, CP Moye, and CP Brooks all volunteered to serve on the budget committee. After some discussion, CP Blanks made a motion to draft and enter into contract with Steven W. Hicks as a consultant to prepare and present the budget to the Mayor and Council with a minimum fee of \$2,500.00 not to exceed \$5,000.00. CP Smith seconded; motion passed.

At 6:14 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. CP Moye seconded; motion carried.

At 7:02 PM Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to come out of executive session, with CP Smith seconding. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to approve newly appointed Chief of Police Kem Pugh's annual salary of \$75,000.00. CP Smith seconded. AYES: CP Bond, CP Smith, and CP Register. NAYS: CP Moye and CP Brooks. ABSTAIN: CP Blanks. Motion carried.

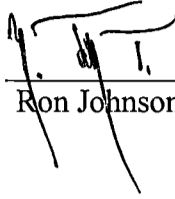
CP Smith made a motion to not enter into agreement with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government Contract regarding the City Manager search process. CP Register seconded; motion passed.

CP Moye made a motion to re-advertise the City Manager position and present the Council with advertising costs and set a closing date at the April Council Meeting, Tuesday April 4, 2023. CP Blanks seconded; motion carried.

With there being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, at 7:05 PM, CP Blanks made a motion to adjourn, with CP Moye making a second; and the motion carried.

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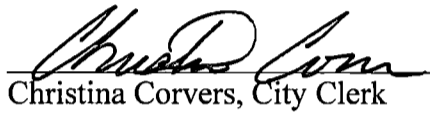
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Ron Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Attest and Certification:

I, Christina Corvers, do here Attest and Certify that the above written is a true and correct representation of the business and actions conducted during the March 13, 2023 meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Donalsonville.



Christina Corvers, City Clerk