



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Baker at 6:00 PM.

II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson. Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

III. Invocation: was given by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes:
December 14, 2021 Regular Minutes: Councilwoman Lovette requested to amend the minutes, page 3 under Parks and Recreation. She stated that Mayor Pro Tem Hayes did not say anything about EPA. Also, she said she was not present to vote on LCPC Item # 4, the mobile home permit for Mr. Michael Hemingway. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Lovette refused to vote.

December 28, 2021 Special Called Meeting for FY 2022 Budget Adoption: The minutes were not approved with the voting as follows: Vote: 2-3: Motion Denied.

Voting favorably was: Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and Councilman Hendry
Voting Opposingly: Councilwomen Kelly, Lovette and Councilman Anderson.

VII. Presentation/Information: The Honorable Commissioner Gary Gillard Liberty County 5th District Commissioner, Mr. Gary Gilliard orated to Mayor and Council that he shares the Walthourville District with Commissioner Marion Stevens. Commissioner Gillard stated that there are two state highways that run through Walthourville, which are Highway 84 and State Highway 119. He stated there are a myriad of dirt roads in Walthourville and the county helps maintain those roads with

through an intergovernmental agreement. He further stated to grade the dirt roads, some of the roads are private property and require easements. Without the easements giving access, they cannot venture on private property. He named several of the dirt roads in Walthourville which includes Kent, Community, Doby, Wilder, Sanders, Phenela, Emily Cooke, Russell and McCarty Lane (just to name a few). He also stated that the county supplements animal control in Walthourville. He further stated he is aware of the drainage problem on Rivers Road and that he and Mayor Baker has spoken about the problem and they are working on a solution. Commissioner Gillard stated he currently has SPLOST Funds available, and he will have more SPLOST Funding to assist the city. With the dirt roads he suggested, graveling, or milling and that he would be able to incur some of the cost.

He also stated the county has purchased a street sweeper and he can add Walthourville to the list. On Carter Road, the county's services will include curbing and gutter. He suggested on Cato Lane, milling can be used, and the remaining dirt roads possibly crush and run. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated the Oakridge Subdivision has very bad flooding (heavy rainfall) and she wanted to know what assistance can the county provide? Commissioner Gillard stated, it would require an easement of all homeowners because their homes are private property. There might be several homeowners on one street that doesn't want their yard dug (destroyed because perhaps they have centipede grass growing) or torn apart and therefore without a consensus the county will not be able to do anything. She stated, she was willing to go to all 108 homes in the area and see if anyone objected. Councilwoman Lovette stated she has had citizens call her about the Smiley Road area with the flooding when it rains heavily. The commissioner stated the same scenario he gave about Oakridge Commissioner Gillard stated he is committed to assisting the city and he would like for elected officials only to call the Commissioners office when there is a drainage/flooding road issue.

VIII. Agenda Items

1. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Mr. Ricketson presented a conditional use petition for Ms. Cynthis Berrios to operate a family daycare at her residence located at 133 Fletcher Road as a Type B Home Occupation. This property is described as LCTM-Parcel 050A-014. Councilwoman Lovette asked about the fencing at the property whether it would be a wooden or chain link fence. Mr. Ricketson stated a privacy fence was already erected at the property. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette with the second provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

Mayor Baker asked Mr. Ricketson to address the Council pertaining to sidewalks on Busbee Road.

Mr. Ricketson stated that the City of Walthourville participates in Liberty Transit and the transit authority has money for sidewalks that will not impose a cost to the city. He stated, "this project has been in the works for a long time." This project

will provide 5 foot of sidewalk that will align with Parkers Convenience Store. He stated that his project will cost \$80,000 and Trent Long with T.R. Long Engineering is the engineer.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Interim Chief Gary Fairchild stated all is going well with the Fire Department, “we are 11 days in the new year and the department has answered 29 calls.” They are maintaining call volume and working on patching the roof. Councilwoman Lovette stated she had received information that Mayor Baker was giving the Fire Department to Long County and this information came from a credible source. Mayor Baker stated he has not given the Fire Department to Long County.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Reported that bring one for the chipper was held on January 8th, 2022 in conjunction with KLB. She attended an MLK Breakfast, and the recycle fair is in February and the Shred-It Truck will be located at City Hall. The city’s first food drive will be in March.

Public Works

Councilman Hendry

Reported that Public Works is going well. Due to the holidays, trash/bulk trash pickup has been heavy, and the department is working to clear all trash and debris. Councilwoman Lovette interjected and said she was thinking about another piece of equipment that was at Public Works when she repeatedly asked about ditch cleaning equipment. Councilman Hendry said it was the jetter (Water Department) instead of equipment to clean ditches.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Gave the water department statistics, which were 109 work orders processed and generated from December 14th, 2021-January 10th, 2022. The city had 25 trash connections, 18 sewer connections and 28 water connections. Also, Mayor Baker reported that Hampton Ridge Subdivision was experiencing low water pressures. The problem was there are roots close to the water lines and it will take drilling through the sidewalk to rectify the problem. LCPC Executive Director, Mr. Jeff Ricketson stated their engineers provided the inspection to that area. He would send the engineer out to assess the problem and provide feedback to Mayor Baker. Mayor Baker stated to fix this problem is very costly. Councilwoman Lovette stated the mayor and council need to revisit the policy of the city incurring this cost. Mayor Baker said this is part of the problem with the lines and it will cost a lot of money. The preliminary quote that Mr. Turnipseed gave was around 3 million dollars. Councilwoman Kelly asked when the city was getting ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds? Mayor Baker asked City Clerk Moss and she stated the city has received ARPA funds in the amount of \$768, thousand dollars (to be exact \$768,345.50).

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

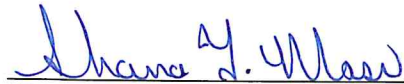
State that the debris that is buried at the park is called brownstone. There are grants available for brownstone and that the city should apply for these grants. She would like City Grant Writer Bonnie Kelly to look into this. She is still researching a splash pad at Johnnie Frasier.

Police Department


Mayor Larry D. Baker

Chief Al Hagan reported that the Police Department was doing well. The officers are patrolling and performing traffic control. He stated the Christmas Movie Night that was held at the Police Department on December 23rd, 2021 was a great success. This event was spearheaded by Officer Heath and it was a fun enjoyable night for everyone. There were about 30 children present with some coming from as far as Richmond Hill. He stated the department would be sponsoring other events this year. Mayor Baker had Captain Reed make a presentation which was a bicycle that was donated by a citizen to the police department.

- X. Executive Session None
- XI. Adjournment: At 7:27 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2022
Walthourville Police Department @ 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Baker at 6:09 PM.

II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Larry D. Baker
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

(The attendance of council constituted a quorum)

Attorney Luke R. Moses was present.

III. Invocation was given by Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

V. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve with corrections by Councilwoman Lovette was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. The corrections were under the Parks and Recreation section and it was listed as brownstone, and the councilwoman said it should have been brownfield. Also, page 2 paragraph Wilder should be removed.

Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: CW Lovette

VI. Presentation: Mayor Larry D. Baker
Oath of Office for Fire Chief Gary M. Fairchild. Mayor Larry D. Baker administered the Fire Chief Oath of Office with Chief Fairchild's wife and daughters flanked alongside him. Chief Fairchild stated that he was honored and humbled to serve. He further stated that he considers this an honor to lead such a dedicated group of men and women. He said he was committed to operating an effective, dependable and accessible department.

VII. Agenda Items:

1. City of Walthourville Mayor Larry D. Baker/Attorney Luke R. Moses
COVID Sick Pay for Employees, using CARES Funds. Mayor Baker stated several employees had been out of work sick with COVID. Several of these employees were recent hires and did not have the adequate sick/vacation leave. Also, some additional employees were out of work and would have had to exhaust their vacation/sick leave to accommodate for their 80 hours. Attorney Luke R. Moses stated that all city employees were vaccinated, and some has taken the booster vaccine. The omicron variant of the Coronavirus is spreading, and employees should not be penalized for an illness that is beyond their control when precautions (vaccines) have been taken. Councilwoman Kelly asked if this would be retro payment and it was stated no, it will be for current only. Councilman Anderson, “asked where is the money coming from?” Attorney Moses stated the CARES Fund and referenced the bank statement from Ameris Bank. Attorney Moses stated it would be the Mayor and Council’s prerogative to decide if this will only apply to employees who don’t have sick leave or would it be universal and all employees who are out sick with COVID will get paid from CARES. Councilwoman Lovette stated, “it should be allowable to use CARES as long as the funds are available and not penalize employees with using their sick or vacation leave. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes also stated that employees should be able to use CARES Funds as this virus is unprecedented. Councilman Hendry was also in agreement. Councilwoman Kelly expressed her concern that the city would not be able to afford paying the employees from CARES. Attorney Moses stated the current balance in the CARES Fund was \$165,552.49 and employees getting paid should not deplete the funds. The motion to approve for all employee who are COVID positive (test will be submitted to HR) was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Kelly chose not to vote.

2. City of Walthourville Attorney Luke R. Moses
Stated he had a Charter Item to discuss which was the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem. The City of Walthourville’s Charter stated that a Mayor Pro Tem has to be appointed annually and voted upon. If a nominated member cannot be voted upon the highest vote getter (in the previous election 2019) would become the Mayor Pro Tem. In the voting of the Mayor Pro Tem, the Mayor will get to vote. Attorney Moses stated that Mayor Baker would like to renominate Sarah B. Hayes as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion to name Sarah B. Hayes as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022 was made by Mayor Baker and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 6-0: Motion Carried.

(Mayor Baker voted (per the city’s charter), the 6-0 is indicative of his vote).

VIII. Council Reports

Councilmembers

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Chief Gary Fairchild stated the Fire Department is doing well. The department is answering calls and rendering service to the community. Chief Fairchild again, thanked the Mayor and Council for an opportunity to lead.

Economic Development Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Reported she attended an Economic Development Leadership Breakfast. She is still speaking with the residents in Oakridge Estates about granting permission to enter their property for repairing drain lines. February 18th will be designated as Arbor Day in the City of Walthourville in conjunction with Keep Liberty Beautiful. She also stated February 19th will be the Recycle it Fair at City Hall from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and the Shred-It Truck will be at City Hall. She is looking for volunteers to work this event. Also, she is looking into laptops for the Mayor and Council, she is working with the city's IT Company, Sophicity. She said in the event of a disaster, illness and or another pandemic, with the laptops the Mayor and Council will still be able to conduct the city's business. Attorney Moses stated these laptops could be paid for with CARES Funds as these funds were appropriated for these expenditures. All council members and the mayor were in support of them getting laptops. All members agreed unanimously that laptops were a needed expenditure.

Public Works Councilman James Hendry
Reported that Public Works Administrator, Mr. Dave Martin stated no swimming signs have been erected around the pond at Wilder Estates. The road department is fixing potholes. Garbage and bulk trash are being collected timely.

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Reported there were 96 work orders generated and completed between January 11th-January 24th. The city had 11 trash connections, 8 sewer connections and 12 water connections. The city had smelly water on January 19th, 20th and 22nd, due to a chlorine tank malfunction at Well 3 on Carter Road. Woodrow Sapp was called in and assisted the city in repairing and installing a new chlorine cylinder. City Clerk, Shana T. Moss asked the Mayor and Council about a situation on 173 Sabreena Circle. Ms. Moss emailed the council about a sewer problem on January 12th and asked for the council's direction on repairing the problem. The citizens had a golf ball in their sewer line and the line is still clogged. To repair the line will cost the city about \$10,000. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and Councilwoman Kelly responded to the email. The city had to call in an independent contractor who used an electric snake (equipment) to mitigate the problem. The contractor stated they know there is further clogging in the line. A discussion ensued among council about who should be responsible for the cost. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes, Councilwomen Lovette and Kelly and Councilmen Anderson and Hendry all agreed that the citizen should have to pay a portion of the repairs as this was negligence on the citizens behalf. Attorney Luke R. Moses said the city would have to repair the water line, but he

suggested the city would have the Right of Subrogation and should use that method to recoup the money. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she went to the site and the water is running and has been running since the email was sent. She is concerned about the bill at the residence. The council unanimously agreed to repair the line and have Attorney Moses recoup the money.

Park and Recreation Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette
Reported that there are Brownfield Grants for the city to participate in. She asked Mayor Baker to see if the city's Grant Writer, Dr. Bonnie Kelly could research and write a grant. Ms. Walthour has not contacted her regarding the rock garden at Johnnie Frasier Park. She further stated that citizens are driving cars in the park and jumping the fence to obtain entry when the park is closed. The Mayor and Council discussed the park's hours. Mayor Baker stated he observed park participants jumping the fence after he had locked the gate. Chief Hagan stated he would have the officers on patrol more. Attorney Moses said he doesn't know if it is a good ideal to tell citizens they cannot use the park. This could reflect a bad image on the city.

Police Department Mayor Larry D. Baker
Chief Hagan stated the department is operating smoothly. The department has had some domestic violence calls. He works closely with the Fort Stewart Police Chief but most of the domestic violence calls are not military. He referenced the 173 Sabreana and stated the Police Department gave them a citation to clean up their property and they citizens complied. He further stated that the city doesn't want to pick on poor people or less fortunate about their property. He discussed 18-wheeler trucks parking within the city and stated he was researching what could be done because this poses a hazard. Chief Hagan also brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council that the city's sanitation workers are at a disadvantage. Citizens will have bags of trash on the ground and overnight animals rummage through the trash and the employees are having to pick the trash up. He stated this is unfair to the employees and asked the Mayor and Council to make a decision that the employees only have to pick up bagged trash in the receptacles. Ms. Natalie Lopez the police department's Public Information Officer was present and stated that April is Autism Awareness Month, and she would like to have an event to embrace the special needs community.

Office of the Mayor Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilwoman Kelly stated she had sent an email regarding Women's History Month. Her vision was to celebrate the first mayor's family the late Mayor Lyndol Anderson. Mayor Baker asked Councilwoman Kelly to spearhead that event. Councilwoman Kelly and Mayor Pro Tem Hayes inquired about the Purchasing Policy that CPA Matthew Caine was suppose to present. Mr. Caines sent a text message to Attorney Moses and City Clerk Moss that he apologized and would have it available for the February 8th, Meeting. Councilwoman Kelly asked about the donation that Mrs. Edna Walthour had asked the Mayor and Council about making to the Boys and Girls Club that will be located in Walthourville. Attorney

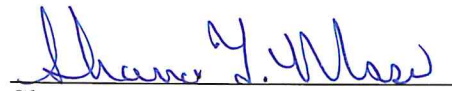
Moses stated he would research to see if this was legal and, in the city's, best interest. Also, Councilwoman Kelly asked about the salary for Ms. Lopez's position. Chief Hagan stated it comes out of the budget for the police department.

Councilwoman Lovette said that her birthday was Saturday January 29th, 2022. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to her and wished her Birthday Blessings.

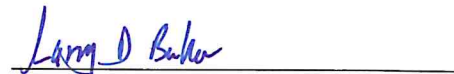
IX. Executive Session
None

X. Adjournment: At 7:32 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor



City of Walthourville Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Mayor Baker.
- II. The roll was called by Ms. Kara Jackson with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

- III. Invocation was given by Mayor Baker.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of the City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of the City Council Minutes: The motion to approve with corrections was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.
Opposed: CW Lovette.
- VII. Presentation:

Mr. Shuyron A. Macon
Daylight Capital Advisors

Mr. Shuyron Macon stated he was with Daylight Capital Advisors a public finance Municipal advisory consulting firm with over 20 years of experience in finance. Mr. Macon stated that from 1989-2002 the city borrowed 4 million dollars from USDA and currently 3 million dollars is still owed. The current interest rates still have 20 years on the debt. CW Lovette asked what is the current interest rate? Mr. Macon stated between 4.5 to 6% and he has helped other cities. CW Kelly asked how would they (Daylight Capital) get paid? Mr. Macon stated it would not come out of the general fund but the transaction fee. Attorney Moses asked, "how much would you all get paid?" Mr. Macon stated they would only get paid if there was no loss. Attorney Moses asked, "how much would the COW pay if the interest rates were 4.5 to 3 %?" Mr. Macon could not answer the question. Attorney Moses further asked, "how much will they get paid." Mr. Macon stated a minimum of \$25,000 is charged. Attorney Moses asked, "why would there be a charge," Mr. Macon replied it would be a revenue bond. Attorney Moses further questioned Mr. Mason; asking, "What would prevent city from doing this themselves?" Mr. Macon, said, "good question, "because Daylight Capital have financial experts." Attorney Moses rebuttal was, "hasn't interest rates increased?" Mr. Macon stated that interest rates are volatile now. CM Anderson asked, what is the time frame to get the work done? Mr. Macon said 60 days to perform the analysis. Mayor

Baker suggested giving City Attorney Moses time to review the information. CW Lovette, asked if the interest rate is 4.5% and drops, will it help the city save money? Mr. Macon, replied, "if it did Daylight Capital Advisors would help save rates but lately the rates are rising. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked, if there were alternatives? He stated there were none. CM Anderson asked how many accounts is he looking at? Mr. Macon stated 3. CM Hendry asked if the city has a 40-year loan and the city sign with Daylight Capital, does the loan revert to 40 years? Mr. Macon, responded with "good question," but never answered the question. CW Kelly asked, what changes would you make? Mr. Macon stated, that is a good question. Attorney Moses stated he would need to review the legal verbiage because as an attorney he has to protect the city but the ultimate decision will lie with the mayor and council. No action was taken to give the city attorney and council more time to review the information.

VIII. Agenda Items

1. City of Walthourville

Attorney Luke R. Moses

For Mayor and Council to approve/disapprove Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Option for Right of Way for I-S-1 Southwest side of Highway 84, West of Talmadge Road. CW Lovette asked where is this? Mayor Baker stated this is for the bypass. Attorney Moses stated the city has 30 days to execute but stated it does not have to be executed. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked when would the project start? Attorney Moses stated it would start March 2023. Attorney Moses stated there are 2 parcels for approval. The council did not take no action, they requested this item be revisited at the February 22nd meeting.

2. City of Walthourville

Attorney Luke R. Moses

For Mayor and Council to approve/disapprove Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Option for Right of Way for Parcel 22-Carter Road. The council took no action, they requested this item be revisited at the February 22nd meeting.

3. City of Walthourville

Attorney Luke R. Moses

City of Walthourville Purchasing Policy. Stated that the draft policy was a policy that is being used by the City of Guyton. The Mayor and Council can make edits and revisions as they see fit for Walthourville. He stated this was a policy that could be used for all city departments. He further stated that the mayor could still approve all day-to-day budgeted expenditures. The Mayor and Council will have to approve any budget amendments that would occur during the year. Several Councilmembers had a colossal number of questions. Attorney Moses further stated that a purchasing agent would need to be identified as someone that can approve the purchases. The council stated they did not have the information (purchasing policy draft) that the Attorney had. Attorney Moses stated it was behind tab # 3 in the Mayor and Council notebook. The Mayor and Council stated they needed more time to read and decipher the policy and no action was taken.

4. City of Walthourville

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes

Arbor Day Proclamation. For the Mayor and Council to approve February 18th, 2022 as Arbor Day in the City of Walthourville. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated that Dr. Karen Bell, Executive Director of Keep Liberty Beautiful (KLB) was present. Mayor Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and Dr. Bell gathered at the podium where Mayor Pro Tem read the proclamation and Mayor Baker executed the document. Dr. Bell stated KLB was giving away trees to individuals and if anyone wanted a

tree they would need to go to the KLB website and register. Dr. Bell further stated that the recycle it fair will be held on Saturday February 19th, 2022 and the shred it truck will be in the Walthourville City Hall Parking Lot.

5. City of Walthourville

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes

Stated she has spoken with Councilman Hendry about Public Works and received his blessing in assisting him. She drives around the city (Councilman Hendry works during the day) and has noticed the Public Works building on Hardman Road. The building has no insulation, both doors are rotting, they only have one toilet with one urinal for the employees. When they arrive in the mornings it is extremely cold because the building is so dilapidated. When it rains, the entire building is flooded including the office area floods and the inside of the building becomes a mud puddle. She stated with the flooding this is a hazard with electricity. Also, there is mold in the building which can have present long term health concerns. With the doors rotten, it becomes a safety issue because the door is not secure. Mayor Pro Tem states she spoke with Mr. Dave Martin about getting a door with a keypad and he thought it would be good.

Mayor Pro Tem stated the Mayor and Council has an obligation to improve the working conditions at Public Works. She, Councilwoman Kelly agreed, but asked, "what line item will it come out of for the budget?" Mayor Baker stated it would come out of repairs and improvements. Mayor Pro Tem stated she met with CPA Matthew Caines during the compilation for the 2022 budget and \$20,000 was put into her area for Mayor and Council technology. Attorney Moses stated the technology improvement cost could be debited from the CARES Fund and not spend it out of the general fund. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes proposed that she would give \$10,000 to Public Works and \$10,000 to the Fire Department. Councilwoman Kelly asked could funds be transferred? Attorney Moses stated, "as long as the spending for these repairs don't exceed the amount of the appropriation. He stated with the budget as long as the funds do not exceed what is in the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem stated the city vehicles sit out in the weather and that is wear and tear on the vehicles. Mayor Baker stated, "maybe we can get a shelter." Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked, where is all the money going to come from for the repairs. Councilwoman Kelly stated, \$10,000 is not going to be enough for what is needed to do. Attorney Moses stated perhaps some of the CARES Funding could be used. He would have to research the specifics and have an answer at the next meeting. The Mayor and Council took no action and will revisit this item at the February 22nd, 2022 meeting.

6. City of Walthourville

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes

Mayor Baker stated the dump truck was on hold for now. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated the city, currently has more important issues. Councilwoman Kelly stated, "we should get the dump truck. Councilman Hendry stated the dump truck was put into the budget and it was discussed with the mayor and council. Councilman Hendry further stated that he gave his wish list to Mr. Caines and he said it could come out of T-SPLOST. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes said communication is key, where was the money coming from. Hendry said a few years ago the cost of the dump truck was \$53,000 and the prices are going up. Currently, this truck is \$76,000. Councilwoman Lovette, stated we need a dump truck but let's buy what we need instead of what we want, can we meet in the middle of the road? Councilwoman Lovette further stated, "76,000 can do a lot of repairs." Councilwoman Kelly said, "we can't use T-SPLOST, so what are you saying?" Councilman Anderson stated

instead of repairing we need a new fire department and public works buildings. He also, stated if Riceboro can get a new city hall, why can't we? The Mayor and Council took no action.

IX. Council Updates:

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Chief Gary Fairchild stated the department has answered 85 calls, the city received a huge donation from Atlanta Gas Light, a 2015 Chevy pickup. He stated the department had some maintenance issues; the department was not in compliance with male/female bunker space. The roof has been repaired but they still need shingles. He further stated the department can offer blood pressure checks, glucose checks.

Economic Development Mayor Pro Tem Hayes
Shred event is February 19th, Arbor Day was discussed prior in the meeting. April 22nd is Earth Day and booths will be available. The city's food drive is March 26th, 2022 this will be done once a quarter. The Department of Transportation asked if the city needed financial help in moving utility lines for the bypass. The anticipated cost is \$700,000.

Public Works Councilman James Hendry
Reported that Public Works is doing well. Garbage and trash are still being collected.

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Reported from January 25th-February 7th, 2022, 47 work orders have been generated. There has been 11 trash, 9 sewer and 12 water connections.

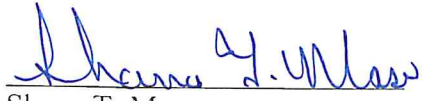
Parks and Recreation Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette
Reported that the Women's Day Celebration will have to be changed to the 19th. Charlotte Lovette Norman will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. She stated the city wanted to honor all women who have made impacts. Ms. Geneva Moore who was the 1st Director of DFCS. The city wants all ethnicities recognized and for this to be an inclusive program. Lana Walthour has not contacted her because the chapter has not been having regular meeting due to COVID. She asked Mayor Baker about the grants. Mayor Baker stated the brownfield grant is being investigated. Mayor Baker stated Councilwomen Kelly and Lovette are spearheading the Women's Day Program.

Police Department Mayor Larry D. Baker
Captain Chris Reed gave the departments statistics. (Chief Hagan was out of town attending a conference). He stated the officers were still patrolling and doing traffic control

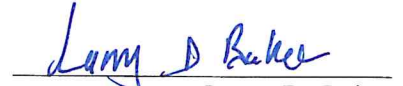
Office of the Mayor Mayor Larry D. Baker

X. Executive Session None

XI. Adjournment: At 7:58 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

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City Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilman Anderson.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of the City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve the February 8th, 2022 minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette

VII. Presentation:

None

VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

For Mayor and Council to approve a zoning permit for 2618 Shaw Road for a double wide manufactured home. The owner was John H. Kelly. Mr. Ricketson stated this is a 2022 double wide trailer, there was once a single-family dwelling, and it has been torn down to place the double wide. LCPC recommended approval. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

For Mayor and Council to approve a Business License for a Coffee and Pastry Shop. The name of the business is "Briggs Cafe" and the owner is Ms. Rashana Ramsay. The business will operate out of Mrs. Belva Duncan's Building on Highway 84. Mr. Ricketson stated Ms. Ramsay was trying to open the business on March 4th, 2022, the area has sufficient parking. Ms. Ramsay stated she was excited to bring an eatery to Walthourville. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote:5-0: Motion Carried.

3. City of Walthourville

Attorney Luke R. Moses

For Mayor and Council to approve Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Option for Right of Way for 1-S-1 Southwest Side of Highway 84, West of Talmadge Road. This item was presented and discussed at the February 8th, 2022 meeting and no action was taken. Attorney Moses stated this option of right of way is needed for the preliminary stage of the bypass that will be constructed through Walthourville. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

4. City of Walthourville

Attorney Luke R. Moses

For Mayor and Council to approve Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Option for Right of Way for Parcel 22-Carter Road. This item was presented and discussed at the February 8th, 2022 meeting and no action was taken. Attorney Moses stated this parcel is owned by the city. Councilwoman Lovette stated per page 2 of this agreement what is the property size. Attorney Moses stated it is .035 acres, 1,541.64 square feet. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: CW Lovette

5. City of Walthourville

Mayor and Council

City of Walthourville Purchasing Policy. This item was discussed at the February 8th, 2022 meeting and no action was taken. Attorney Moses stated the mayor and council discussed this policy on February 8th but took no action due to council members needing review time. He also stated to the Mayor and Council they could/should add whatever terms they want. Councilwoman Lovette stated she had attended GMA Training in Riceboro on February 19th and was informed that to spend CARES and ARPA Funds a city must have an ordinance in place. Attorney Moses informed her the city was in compliance with spending because the ordinances that were enacted (by the Mayor and Council) for the pandemic provided coverage for the city. Attorney Moses further explained that having a purchasing policy would contemplate further spending of CARES and ARPA Funds. He stated, "Councilwoman Kelly, since you wanted this policy what do you want placed in it?" Councilwoman Kelly said, the city needs a concise policy to revert to when it comes to spending.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she had some modifications regarding the policy:

- Paragraph 5 where it states the Employee shall not make any purchases, she would like for the policy to be: *Elected Officials and Employees.*

- Under Purchasing Agent the policy currently reads The Purchasing Agent shall be appointed by the Mayor. She would like for it to read, *be appointed by the Mayor and Council.*
- The Council tossed suggestions around about who should be the purchasing agent. Should all council be responsible or should an individual be named. The city clerk was mentioned and City Clerk, Shana T. Moss stated she, “respectfully declined.”
- Page 2 section B states the Purchasing Agent shall verify proper coding, availability of budgeted funds, proper bidding/quote procedures, then forward the requisition to the Mayor. She proposes adding *and Council.*

Councilman Hendry stated is this really needed? What is going to happen when there is an emergency? How are all councilmembers going to be contacted? What happens when everyone cannot be reached?

Councilwoman Kelly stated the council just need to be made aware of the purchases, because of all the spending and there should be accountability and transparency. The council is not informed and have no knowledge of what is being spent.

Attorney Moses stated there is transparency with every transaction. Since some members of the council often allude to money missing, he wants to go on record as saying, “there is no money missing in Walthourville and he can confidently say that.” He has contacted CPA, Matthew Caines several times over information some council members have alluded to. Mr. Caines always provide the information. Mr. Caines reviews transactions and the city’s auditors in Statesboro reviews Mr. Caines work then the audit is sent to Atlanta to the OMB office.

Councilwoman Kelly said there have been times, Mr. Caines have not provided what they needed. And purchases or jobs are performed before they are made aware. Attorney Moses said, there have been times he has followed up with Mr. Caines and he has provided the information they have asked, perhaps there is ambiguity in what they ask for. Be specific about the reports they want or what they are looking for.

City Clerk, Shana T. Moss stated, “City Hall does not have a problem with whatever the council implements; however, there need to be clear and concise directives. Ms. Moss stated if a problem/emergency arises in the city, City Hall’s responsibility is to fix it immediately because citizens are at stake. Ms. Moss said when an emergency arises City Hall moves from, “normal mode” to “crisis mode.” There are times when it is too busy to call and get every councilmember opinion, especially when there is a major water leak in the city. City Hall is perplexed if we take responsibility and fix it, City Hall is blamed and if they don’t fix it, City Hall is blamed. So, she is seeking directives.

Councilwoman Lovette stated City Hall should proceed and if there is a mistake just take ownership of the problem. City Clerk Moss, states City Hall does, everyone on the team at City Hal is committed to working hard.

Councilman Anderson stated that some language might need to be added to the policy. He did not specify what language.

Attorney Moses was directed by the council to add the above changes to the policy and return with the modifications for the March 8th meeting.

6. City of Walthourville Mayor Pro Tem Hayes
City of Walthourville Repair and Maintenance. This item was discussed at the February 8th, 2022 meeting and no action was taken by Mayor and Council. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she suggested taking \$20,000 from the Economic Development portion of the budget and dividing between the Fire and Public Works Departments. She stated there was mold in the building that needed to be removed. Mayor Baker said he had spoken with Mr. Dave Martin and they are getting estimates (3) on the repairs. Councilwoman Lovette stated, "the question should be whether to repair the building or just build a new one?" "She suggested tearing the old shed down and build something new. She further stated that the Council keeps talking about a new building and some action needs to be taken because the employees safety is at stake".

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Chief Gary Fairchild stated the department is running efficiently. There are no problems with maintenance vehicles. They have begun the repairs on the fire department and the firefighters are performing the work themselves.

Economic Development Mayor Pro Tem Hayes
Reported the recycle fair was a success. KLB had a designated area for tree pickup. She received several trees for the city that can be planted at the park. The Great American Cleanup is being observed from March 19th-June 20th, 2022 and the city will need to designate a date. April 22nd is Earth Day from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM and the city will have a booth. March 26th, 2022 there will be another food drive.

Public Works Councilman James Hendry
Reported that Public Works is doing well. Trash is being collected timely and paper is being picked up.

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Gave the department statistics from City Hall from February 8-21, 2022. There were 10 trash connections, 7 sewer connection and 9 water connections. She stated she had reports of smelly water. The water at her residence smells. City Clerk Moss informed the council

of a water leak on Shaw Road and Davis Street. She reported the leak occurred today at 4:17 PM. The leak was not the city's fault. Gaskins Tree Service was the culprit. They hit a water line while they were removing a tree. City Hall would research and see if Gaskins had a right-to-dig permit. Ms. Moss further stated the city would bill Gaskins for the repair of this leak because Woodrow Sapp's crew had to be summoned to repair the leak, along with the city's team. (FYI-Gaskins did not have a digging permit; therefore, when the city receives the bill from Woodrow Sapp, the city will bill Gaskins).

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Asked Mayor Baker about the Brownfield Grant for the Park that she has spoken about. Mayor Baker spoke with the grant writer, Dr. Bonnie Kelly stated she has not heard of a Brownfield Grant. She stated there are GEFA Grants available. She asked about houses that are on one meter. Mayor Baker stated this was done many years prior to his administration. She referenced a Grinder Pump. Mr. Jeff Ricketson, the Executive Director of LCPC was present and provided some insight. Mr. Ricketson stated that a grinder pump is part of the sewer system and this is usually privately owned. She referenced Broadband services that are coming to Liberty County.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Police Chief Alfonza Hagan stated the department and officers are doing well The activity is down, there has only been 1 domestic call, which is down from 8. He stated he was proud to announce that in car video's have been installed in the vehicles. He stated he reviewed the city's ordinance and there is an ordinance about 18 wheelers parking on roadsides. He stated that the department will begin ticketing after it has been published after 30 days. He also informed the Mayor and Council that there are Grants that will build a Public Safety Building where both departments can be collectively. He further challenged the elected officials to look at purchasing the land in front of City Hall and to be truly proactive in getting accommodations for the employees both public safety and public works. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked about eighteen wheelers parking in a subdivision. Chief Hagan stated they are prohibited. Councilwoman Lovette asked what section of the ordinance is this information? Chief Hagan responded Section 3. 3-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she liked the vehicle that was parked outside. Chief Hagan stated that was not the police department's vehicle. He stated, "Mayor Pro Tem, don't do that, you know that is not the police department's vehicle." Chief Hagan said, I am here on a daily basis if someone need to know information, but this is not the appropriate setting to try and embarrass or call someone out. Mayor Pro Tem stated she saw the vehicle parked out front, it was a new vehicle and it was parked at the Police Department, how is that trying to embarrass someone. She just asked a question. Chief Hagan stated he has been employed for over a year and the council has not accomplished one thing. They always seek to take the power away from the Mayor and complain about everything instead of accomplishing things. He further stated, "they have not done one thing to help the citizens of Walthourville." Mayor Pro Tem said she was only commenting it did not require all of this. She didn't know that it wasn't for the police department. Chief Hagan stated it was

the Mayor's new vehicle because he personally parked the vehicle in the parking space designated for the Mayor. The chamber became chaotic. Councilwoman Lovette called for "order of the day." Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked Mayor Baker if he had planned to inform the council that he had a new vehicle? Mayor Baker said, "no, he wasn't."

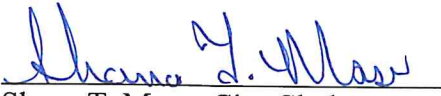
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Mayor Larry D. Baker

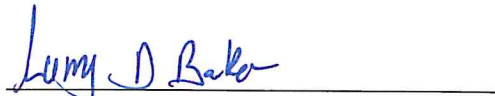
X. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment: At 7:24 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry with the second being provided by Council Anderson to adjourn. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022
6:00 PM @ Walthourville Police Department

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the City Clerk with the following members present:
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| Mayor Larry D. Baker | Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes |
| Council Charlie L. Anderson, Sr. | Councilman James Hendry |
| Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly | Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette |

The attendance of councilmembers constituted a quorum.

- III. Invocation was given by Mayor Baker.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve with corrections was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. The correction was made by CW Lovette, she stated she said order of the day, three times.
Vote 4-1: Motion Carried.
Opposed: CW Lovette
- VII. Presentation: None
- VIII. Agenda Items:

Public Hearing

1. LCPC Mr. Jeff Ricketson
Presented a rezoning request from Tibet Investors to rezone 0.4 acres of land from AR-1 to R-2 to subdivide the parcel. Together with the two parcels, the proposed subdivision will consist of 22 additional lots on the opposite side of Talmadge Road on a 10-acre property which was rezoned in 2019. The property is owned by the Estate of Frances Pagliarullo. The property is located at the intersection of Arnall Drive and Talmadge Road and is describes as LCTM-Parcel 041D-011.

At 6:08 PM a motion made by Councilwoman Kelly and seconded by Councilwoman Lovette to enter a Public Hearing was made. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

Mr. Richardson provided an explanation about the location of the property being discussed. He stated they were only voting to rezone tonight and nothing else. There was no representation on either side: in favor of or opposed. The motion to close the public hearing at 6:12 was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote:5-0: Motion Carried

The motion to approve the rezoning was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

A zoning permit for 2600 Shaw Road for a double wide manufactured home. Ms. Carrie Anderson is the owner of the mobile home and the property is still in the name of Carrie Kent. R-2 allows doublewides. City water and sewer will be used. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was approved by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Business License for a mobile ice cream truck. Mr. Robert Singleton is the owner. He would like to go to Subdivisions and Mobile Home Parks. He has approval from the Health Department. Councilman Anderson asked about the safety of the children? He was concerned about children running into the street. Attorney Moses said he didn't think it would be any different than an ice cream truck that plays music and goes through neighborhoods. Chief Hagan stated his safety concern would be anyone that is in the presence of children should go through a background check. He stated his office would conduct a background check to ensure that the individual was safe to work with children. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote:5-0: Motion Carried.

4. LCPC

Mr. Jeff Ricketson

Zoning Permit for 302 Talmadge Road for a 1999 used double wide mobile home. The owner is Mr, Michael Roberts. This area is zoned for AR-1 which allows double wides. The property was zoned on 08-23-2021 from R-2 to AR-1. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

5. City of Walthourville

Attorney Luke R. Moses

City of Walthourville Purchasing Policy. This item was discussed at the February 8th, 2022 and 22nd, 2022 Council Meetings. No action was taken on either night by Mayor and Council. Attorney Moses stated this was the third time this policy was being presented. The council had requested revisions from the previous two meetings and hopefully all Edits had been presented and the council was prepared to approve the policy. Councilwoman Lovette stated she needed time to read the document. The meeting ceased for 11 minutes to give her time to read the document. City Clerk Moss stated this information was emailed to the Mayor and Council on Sunday March 6th, 2022.

After taking the time to read the document she requested item number 6 be deleted because the words local vendors are listed twice. Also, the last paragraph she requested “oral and phone,” be deleted. The motion to approve this policy with edits was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried

6. City of Walthourville
Re-opening of City Hall. Mayor Baker stated that City Hall will reopen to the public on Monday March 14th, 2022. Citizens entering will need to wear a mask.

Mayor Larry D. Baker

IX. Council Reports

Councilmembers

Fire Department
Fire Chief Fairchild stated everything at the Fire Department is running smoothly. The call volume for the year has increased by 14% over last year. Currently they have ran 145 calls this year. The vehicle that was received from Atlanta Gas Light is being used as Squad 2.

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Economic Development
Stated the city’s food drive March 26th, 2022. KLB is having the Great American Cleanup and Walthourville will need to designate a date for their cleanup. She reported that she had given information to Councilwoman Lovette about Brownfield Grant Information.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Public Works
Stated public works is doing good. Grass is being cut, they are doing a good job and there are no complaints.

Councilman James Hendry

Water Department
Gave the water department that is generated by City Hall. Reported the water problem that occurred on February 22nd, 2022, the invoice has been forwarded to Gaskins Tree Services for payment. Gaskins did not have a permit to dig. Several citizens were present and have complaints about smelly water. She further stated that the city did not receive a water grant that Governor Kemp spearheaded.

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Mayor Baker allowed one citizen to represent the group. Ms. Jacobs from Wilder Pond stated she and her neighbors have experienced smelly water. She stated she works with water in the military and the city’s water is not safe and she feels she should not have to pay for water that is not useable. Mayor Baker stated the water is safe the city has had some problems. He explained that the city’s well had a malfunction the booster pump had malfunctioned, but it was fixed. Ms. Jacobs said she knows for a fact it is not safe. Mayor Baker asked Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly who is over the water department if she had anything to say. She stated, “No.” Attorney Moses stated the city is mandated to provided safe water to the city. The city’s water is tested, and samples are sent to the state for testing and the samples must meet the safety threshold. Mayor Baker and Attorney Moses both said they empathize with the citizens and the city is aware of the problem, they are trying to fix the problem but it is very costly. Ms. Jacobs further stated that she is tired of having to run the water, and when she goes to City Hall the staff is passive and just tells her to run

the water. Mayor Baker asked if any councilmembers had anything to say. No elected official commented. City Clerk, Shana T. Moss stated, "Ms. Jacobs, I work in City Hall and we are sorry that you are experiencing problems. On September 14th, 2021 this Mayor and Council received 763,000.00 from ARPA Funds. They decided to use these funds to loop the lines and to install an aerator pump, these measures will eradicate the smelly water. The city's water is safe, the city contracts with a water company to collect samples three times weekly, these samples are sent to Atlanta, Georgia to EPD. EPD test these samples and if they were not safe, EPD would pull the city's water permit. The information about the city's water can be found on the EPD website. Ms. Jacobs mentioned the billing being incorrect and increase in her bills due to running the water. She was informed that the city reads the meters electronically and the bills are sent out and if anyone has a problem with their bill they are urged to call City Hall. Ms. Moss asked Ms. Jacobs if she had ever called City Hall about her bill and she stated, "no." Also, regarding City Hall telling her to run the water, Ms. Moss informed her that City Hall tells the citizens what the engineer and water consultant tells us. There is always chlorine in the city's water, there is reserve chlorine that is always in the city's water. Ms. Moss continued to inform Ms. Jacobs that just today (February 22nd) the city's engineer called with an update. They are working on looping the lines and installing the aerator pump but they have to ensure that the well is stable, (Councilwoman Kelly was emailed this information to share) they are working on the plans. Ms. Moss ended with telling Ms. Jacobs that the city is working on this situation.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Stated, Mayor Pro Tem Hayes had given her some information on the brownstone grant. Mayor Baker stated that Dr. Bonnie Kelly only write public safety grants. He asked Councilwoman Lovette to spearhead the grant writing for the brownstone grant. The Women's History Month Program will be held on Saturday March 19th at Johnnie Frasier Park from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. She and Councilwoman Kelly are co-chairs of this event. They are looking for musicians and they want to recognize the oldest living woman in Walthourville and to pay homage to the 1st Female Mayor and Council. She thinks the oldest living Woman is Mrs. Leola Pray, who is city's 92. She also stated the fence at Johnnie Frasier need to be repaired and the city needs to look at purchasing bleachers.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Police Chief, Al Hagan stated it is a pleasure to serve. He reported that the department and the officers are doing well. He reported that the department is looking to hire 2 officers as these positions have been vacant. He further reported that April is Autism Awareness Month and on April 2nd the Police Department will be sponsoring an Autism Event at Johnnie Frasier Park. Since it has been posted the department has received great response and inquiries about the event. He stated that Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Cauley and the Police Department's, Public Information Officer, Ms. Natalie Lopez are spearheading and working hard on this event. The event is open to everyone and surrounding counties.

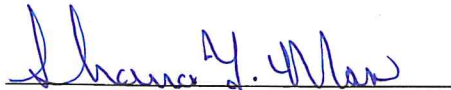
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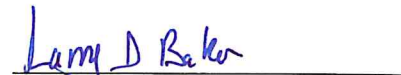
Reminded the council of the GMA Annual Convention Packet that was in their notebooks and the deadline to have then submitted to the City Clerk was Thursday March 10th. Registration will open on Tuesday March 15th at 9:00 AM. Also included in the packets

was an application from Liberty County for small business owners that have been affected by the pandemic. This application must be returned to Liberty County.

- X. Executive Session Attorney Luke R. Moses
Informed the Mayor and Council that an Executive Session was needed for litigation. At 7:06 PM a motion to enter Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the Second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- XI. Adjournment: At 7:36 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the Second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

II. **Roll Call** was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Member Absent: Councilman Charlie L Anderson, Sr.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

III. **Invocation** was given by Fire Chief Gary M. Fairchild.

IV. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited in unison.

V. **Adoption of City Council Agenda:** The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

VI. **Adoption of City Council Minutes:** The motion to approve the regular meeting minutes From the March 8th meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: CW Lovette

Executive Session Minutes: Attorney Moses stated if there were any corrections the Mayor and Council would have to enter Executive Session. Councilwomen Kelly and Lovette stated there was a correction. At 6:03 PM a motion to enter Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pre Tem Hayes.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

At 6:06 PM a motion to exit Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Lovette and The second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

Returning to open session, the motion to approve the Executive Session minutes with one edit was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

VII. **Presentations**

None

VIII. **Agenda Items**

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Ms. Parks presented a Home-Based Property Management Business License. The owner is Ms. Jennifer Ward located at 128 Dorsey Road. Ms. Ward was requesting to operate an online property management business from her home. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

2. City of Walthourville

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

The Councilwoman stated that she had spoken to CPA, Mr. Matthew Caines and her questions were answered. Councilwoman Lovette stated she had spoken with the office of G. Ben Turnipseed Engineering about the city's grant that was applied for and the city was unsuccessful in being awarded. She referenced SLUR Funds.

The city's water woes were discussed among the Mayor and Council. Attorney Luke R. Moses stated the city's lines are old and from what he has learned it will take a lot a money to fix the problem. He referenced the City of Ludowici and their water problems. They are financing their water improvements through bonds. He stated it has been a lengthy process. Mayor Pro Hayes stated that the city's water lines were installed in phases. City Clerk Moss stated again about the city's ARPA Funds that the Mayor and Council had allocated in September 2021 to install the aerator and to loop the lines on Well 3.

IX. **Executive Session:** was conducted earlier in the meeting for minutes.

X. **Council Reports**

Councilmembers

Fire Department

(Absent) Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Chief Gary Fairchild reported that the city's ISO Rating is a 5. He also reported the project at the Fire Department was almost complete. The renovations have been performed in house and he invited everyone to please come and look at the project. He stated the call volume is still steady and they have answered more calls this year than last year at this time.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes

Reported that Saturday March 26th would be one of four food drives that the city will sponsor. She has plenty of volunteers for this event. It will be held from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at City Hall in the parking lot

Public Works**Councilman James Hendry**

Reported that Public Works is doing well. He stated the city has received three bids on a building for Public Works. The bids for a 40 x 70 building are as follows:

Bid 1 \$ 82,450.00

Bid 2 \$ 77,232.00

Bid 3 \$ 86,125.00.

The bids include restrooms and doors. Councilwoman Lovette stated the building will need several bathrooms with difference designations, male and female. She further stated this is a public health issue and we don't want it to be said, that we are more concerned about vehicles and not the people. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she has researched this topic and for every 18 persons there must be 2 toilets and this does not include urinals.

Water Department**Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly**

Reported that she did not have no report. The report is generated by the City Hall Team and the system went down.

Parks and Recreation**Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette**

Reported that she has obtained quotes for the bleachers that she wants at Johnnie Frasier Park. She has several quotes with and without the cage. For 3 rows without a cage the price is \$ 2,568.00 and for 3 rows with a cage the cost is \$ 5,217.00. She also reported that the cameras need to be repaired. She further stated that cars are driving into the park and donuts in the grass that are caused by vehicles, and this is damaging the park. Attorney Moses stated perhaps the vehicles need to be ticketed. Councilwoman Lovette further stated that mulch is needed at the park and what does she need to do? Mayor Baker stated since she has expressed that mulch is needed the city can accommodate.

Police Department**Mayor Larry D. Baker**

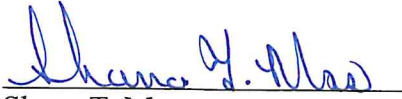
Chief Alfonza Hagan stated the department is running smooth. They have had two domestic violence cases. Chief Hagan state that Captain Chris Reed had recently attended domestic violence training and would be giving a class to the other officers. He stated that April 2nd was the Autism Awareness Event and that city funds were not being used to host this event.

Office of the Mayor**Mayor Larry D. Baker**

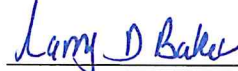
Thanked all departments for their hard work. Councilwoman Lovette stated that she wanted to Thank Public Works Employees, McKesson Stafford and Ernest Sapp for working the Women's History Month Event. She further stated that the event was not as well attended as she and Councilwoman Kelly would have liked.

XI. **Executive Session:** was conducted earlier.

XII. **Adjournment:** At 7:04 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Lovette.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was present.

- III. Invocation was given by Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes:
 - March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes-The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 3-2: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette and Councilman Anderson.
 - March 22, 2022 Executive Session Minutes-The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.
Vote: 3-2: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette and Councilman Anderson.
- VII. Presentations: None
- VIII. Agenda Items:

- 1. USDA Mrs. Karen Jameson
The City of Walthourville applied for grants for the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments in 2021. The city has been awarded grants for all departments. Ms. Jameson presented the Letters of Condition and pertinent paperwork for each grant and presented the resolution for the Mayor and Council to accept. Mrs. Jameson presented each grant individually.

The Fire Department was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant. The motion to accept the resolution and Letter of Condition was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

The Police Department was awarded a \$76,900.00 grant. The motion to accept the resolution and Letter of Condition was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

The Public Works Department was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant. The motion to accept the resolution and Letter of Condition was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

Public Hearing Rezoning

2. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a petition to rezone 1.08 acres of land, more or less, from AR-1 (Agricultural District) to R-2A (Single Family, Two-Family and Mobile Homes Residential District) was submitted by Dustin L. Curtis. The applicant was requesting to place an additional manufactured home on the property. The property is located at 441 Arnall Drive in Walthourville and is further described as LCTM-Parcel 041D-034. This property will be located at the intersection of Freight Connector (Bypass) and Arnall Drive.

At 6:51 PM a motion to enter a public hearing was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

There were no comments in favor of or opposing the rezoning. At 6:52 PM a motion to exit the Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the Rezoning Petition LCTM-Parcel 041D-034 was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License for Finao Creations, LLC. The owner is Mr. Jermaine T. Williams, II. The business will be located at 4981 W. Oglethorpe Highway. The property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial District). The business will be providing custom apparel, accessories and cosmetics products. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

4. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License request for Betta Taste Kitchen, which is a Jamaican Restaurant that will be located at 4981 West Oglethorpe Highway. This property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial District). Ms. Parks stated there will be no frying and no major grease. The Walthourville Fire Department has inspected this site. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

5. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License request for a Home-Based Cleaning Business. The applicant is Ms. Rene McLendon and the name of the business is Real Clean by Rene. The property is zoned R-4 (Mobile home and Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park Residential Districts). The applicant has an authorization letter from the mobile home park owner granting permission to operate the business from her residence. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

6. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License request for a Mobile Shaved Ice Trailer. The applicants name is Mrs. Amanda Wilcox and the business name is SnoBiz. She is requesting to set up and operate in the commercial areas of Walthourville. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

7. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License request for Medallion Styles LLC. The business will be located at 4981 West Oglethorpe Highway in Suite 5. The business will be occupied by a hair stylist who will be braiding hair. Ms. Parks stated that she will be the only hairstylist in the suite. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

8. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License request for a Home Based Flooring Business. The business name is Precision Cleaning Service, LLC-Floor Cleaning, waxing and stripping for commercial use. The owner of the business is Ms. Rashon Bethea and will be located at Nita Lane. The property is zoned R2-A (Single Family, Two Family and Mobile Home Residential District). The applicant has a signed authorization letter from the property owner giving her permission to operate the business for the home. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked where would hazardous materials be kept? Ms. Bethea stated they would be stored securely at the residence. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette.
Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

9. City of Walthourville Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Stated the city has seen an increase in the dry trash/landfill fees. The current cost for residents is \$1.75 for dry trash and \$1.25 for the landfill fee. More trips are having to be made to the landfill and this is driving the cost up for the city. Councilwoman Kelly provided images of trash that was at one residence which was comprised of about 15 bags of trash. She also spoke with Liberty County Solid Waste who informed her that the city's tonnage has increased tremendously. She stated the city needs to increase the fee's to combat the rising landfill fee's. Councilwoman Lovette stated the fee's need to be substantial because the city does not need to nickel and dime their residents. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated the fee's need to be raised because the city is making too many trips to the landfill and the city needs to identify what will be picked up. She proposed that leaves needs to be bagged. Police Chief Al Hagan stated he has observed the Public Works employees having to navigate picking up trash that has been left on the ground. This affects the productivity of the employee and the route. Councilman Hendry said he opposed the increase because this will affect the senior citizens who are on a fixed income. The council discussed the effective date of the increase and Councilwoman Lovette proposed making the increase effective July 1st, 2022. City Clerk, Shana T. Moss stated that City Hall will compile a letter to send to all residents informing them of the increase. The motion to increase the dry trash and landfill fee to \$2.50 apiece and that all leaves must be bagged was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 4-1 Motion Carried.

Opposed: Councilman Hendry.

IX. Council Reports

Fire Department

Chief Fairchild reported that the renovation project at the Fire Department is complete. The department will be having an Open House on Tuesday April 26th, 2022 immediately after the Mayor and Council Meeting for the elected officials to take a tour. He further stated that several fire fighters stay at the department nightly to expedite the call response time in the event a call is received at night.

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Economic Development

Reported the food drive went well, she had 32 volunteers and the citizens are very grateful. She attended LOST Training (Local Option Sales Tax) in Savannah and attended GMA's 12th District Listening Session in Statesboro. Earth Day is Friday April 22nd, 2022 she will attend to represent the city. She is still in communications with VC3 about renovations and upgrades to the council chamber. The laptops that the councilmembers requested are in and they can sign for their laptops. ADDENDUM: Mayor Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and Councilman Hendry were the only elected officials who signed for and took their laptops. The remaining councilmembers: Charlie L. Anderson, Sr., Bridgette Kelly and Luciria L. Lovette stated they were not taking the laptops because they did not request them. In 2021 Council meetings the elected officials stated they needed laptops.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Public Works Councilman James Hendry
Reported that several trucks are inoperable. The older knuckle boom truck is in the shop.
He is awaiting additional bids for the public works building.

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Reported the statistical report that is generated by City Hall.

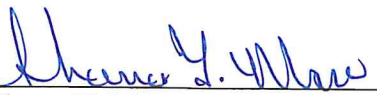
Parks and Recreation Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette
Stated she is still awaiting a call from Alpha Kappa Alpha about the installation of the rock
garden at Johnnie Frasier Park. She further stated that the park needs upgrades and since
the various departments have received grants she would like to use the additional money
for the park. Councilman Hendry stated he needs all his department allocated budget funds.

Police Department Mayor Larry D. Baker
Chief Hagan reported that they had received only one domestic violence call. There were
Three accidents and they assisted Georgia State Patrol. The Police Departments Citizens
Academy begins on May 5th, 2022. Captain Chris Reed will be spearheading the instruction
and there will be various law enforcement professional who will be engaging the citizens.
He expressed his gratitude over the department receiving the USDA Grant. He thanked the
city's grant writer, Dr. Bonnie Kelly, USDA Representative Karen Jameson and City Clerk
Moss for their work on behalf of the city.

Chief Hagan introduced two new officers and gave them the Public Oath of Office. They
had been sworn in previously. The officers were Anthony Hooker and Scott Heck. Officer
Hooker brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department. Mr. Heck is
Currently completing his curriculum at the Police Academy.

Office of the Mayor Mayor Larry D. Baker
Stated for everyone to be safe. He appreciates the hard work of the department heads and
city employees.

- X. Executive Session Attorney Luke R. Moses
- XI. Adjournment: At 8:02 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the
second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
April 26th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman James Hendry
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Member Absent: Mayor Pro Tem, Sarah B. Hayes.

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

III. Invocation was given by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to adopt the agenda was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve the April 12th, 2022 minutes was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette.

VII. Presentation: None

VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Rezoning Petition 2022-009-W. Request by Dryden Enterprises to rezone 67.66 acres of land more or less, from I-1 (Industrial District) to PUD (Planned United Development) for a single-family residential subdivision located both in the City of Walthourville and the Long County.

Ms. Parks stated the proposed subdivision will be constructed along Highway 84 and Hardman Road, with the main entrance on Airport and Hardman Road. The subdivision

will have 207 lots within the City of Walthourville and 237 lots in Long County. Ms. Parks stated LCPC has performed all the Zoning Analysis and the property has met their specifications. Ms. Parks further referenced the DRI Summary on page 4 of the Mayor and Council's handout that listed the DRI Summary. The summary states the estimated build out is \$75 million and the estimated annual tax revenue for the project is \$ 975,000.00

At 6:08 PM a motion to enter a public hearing was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. (Vote: 4-0) Motion Carried.

Favorable for the Rezoning Petition:

1. Mr. Trent Long of TRLong Engineering presented on behalf of Dryden Enterprises. He stated there is an awareness of the traffic hardship that it poses on Hardman Road and that a second entrance will be constructed on Highway 84 to coincide with the Liberty County Bypass. The second entrance will be built but the sole entrance will be Hardman Road until the new entrance (Highway 84) is constructed. Mr. Long said the City of Walthourville will provide water and sewer to the new development and that the construction is designed so that none of the homes will both sit in Walthourville or Long County. Mr. Long stated the estimated tax revenue for the city will roughly be \$975,000.00.

Opposing the Rezoning Petition:

1. Lloyd Busby stated he is a resident of Long County, and he opposes the rezoning request because the roads in the area are already bad and to have more traffic will make them worse. He stated that sometimes the buses cannot go down the roads and this includes Dorsey Road. He stated the intersection of Hardman and Airport Road is very dangerous, there are accidents that happen weekly. He also stated he feels the standing water will be a problem due to the city's drainage issues.
2. Becky Busby also a Long County resident opposes the rezoning due to the adverse impact this will have on the school system. She stated having this subdivision will increase class sizes. She teaches at Frank Long Elementary in Liberty County and she already has an excessive class size. This subdivision will increase the class sizes and impact learning. She invited the Mayor and Council to visit her cramped classroom. She further stated that LCPC nor the engineering firm sought input from the Liberty County Board of Education on this project. She further stated she is concerned about the public safety aspect. Will there be enough police and fire protection personnel? She referenced the water problems and stated there isn't anyone overseeing the city's water department that is already strained and having an addition 200 homes will be catastrophic.
3. Melinda Meyers is a business owner in Walthourville. She is the owner of Stratosphere Trampoline Space, which is located on Hardman and Airport Road (close to the city's public works building). She referenced the intersection and said

people cannot cross without being in an accident. She states it impacts her business because the students arrive late to class due to accidents in the area. She stated currently there might be one accident a week. With the additional 200 plus homes it will be challenging and will have a major impact on my business. "My students arrive around 4:30 PM and this is peak time for accidents." She also expressed concern about the heavy equipment that will be on the road (mainly Hardman) because of the one entrance and possibly the equipment blocking her business.

Rebuttal:

1. Engineer, Trent Long stated the developer had a plan. Should the rezoning pass, they would work expeditiously to pull the necessary designs and permits to begin construction on the second entrance along Highway 84 to avoid having the influx of traffic on Hardman Road. Mr. Long said there would be a retention pond and the subdivision will have a homeowners association with strict covenant rules to enforce and maintain the aesthetics of the subdivision. The City of Walthourville would not be responsible for the streetlights in the subdivision that cost will be incurred by the homeowners association.
2. Luke Dryden of Dryden Enterprises stated his family loves Walthourville and would like to bring a subdivision of this caliber to the city. He stated by zoning the area PUD, setting up a Homeowners Association is a must. He stated the covenants would have to be enforced and this would keep the neighborhood looking good.

Councilmember Comments:

1. Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr., stated, "he isn't against progress but that the city have current water issues that they are still addressing." Perhaps, the city needs to have some questions answered before they move forward.
2. Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette, stated the city does have water and drainage problems, especially after heavy rain. She also stated she heard what the citizens said about the school system and the crowded classrooms. She asked if there would be a deceleration lane on Highway 84? Mr. Long stated, yes.
3. Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly stated she has concerns also about the water. She said the city still experiences smelly water, low water pressure and sometimes discolored water. She has a lot of questions before she can make a decision.

City Attorney Comments:

Attorney Luke R. Moses said he has an authorization letter to pump from G. Ben Turnipseed Engineering that states the city has the pumping capacity to pump water to the subdivision. There is a water tower on Hardman Road that will supply water. He responded to the comment made by Becky Busby that there is no one overseeing the water department. He informed her that the city has an engineer, G. Ben Turnipseed Engineering and Woodrow Sapp that oversees the city's water systems.

The city's water must pass EPD requirements and regulations. He further stated the development would benefit the city with more growth and revenue. He told the council that he listens to the ideas that have to improve the city and with the added revenue that will be able to implement the ideas. He further gave his accolades to educators for the job that they do and said he has a lot of respect and admiration, but the growth will create the need for the county to build bigger schools. He was asked by Becky Busby, where did he reside? He informed her, he resided in Chatham County just as she resided in Long County. He stated, "both of us are not residents of the City of Walthourville, but I don't have a vested interest in the city because I am their legal representation."

At 7:01 PM a motion to exit the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.

A motion to take no action and wait until the council had more time for their questions to be answered was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: Councilman Hendry.

2. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
For Mayor and Council to approve a Home-Based Trucking Business. Mont Trucking LLC. The owner is Mr. Keith R. Kelley and the business will be located at 56 Walker Lane, Allenhurst, Georgia. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
For Mayor and Council to approve a Business License for Ms. Aleshia Sanchez of No. 1 China Restaurant. Ms. Sanchez wishes to buy containers that are unclaimed and sell the items in the store that are from Amazon Returns. The motion to approve as made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

4. GIRMA Mrs. Meghan Murray
For Mayor and Council to approve the 2022-2023 Property and Liability Insurance Agreement. The city uses Georgia Interlock Risk Management Agency. Mrs. Murray addressed the Mayor and Council by phone. She stated the annual renewal rate was \$ 88,321.00 which is a 5% exposure increase from \$ 83,815.00 last year. Mrs. Murray stated several factors for the increase which was inflation and the city being down several police officers. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Chief Fairchild gave the report and stated that calls to date are 243. The station renovations are complete, and he would like to invite the Mayor and Council to come over tonight and look at the renovations. The labor was free, the firefighters performed the work themselves. Deputy Chief John Pittman was instrumental in getting the work done.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Absent

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Stated Public Works is doing well. No issues.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Gave the department statistics and stated she was experiencing low water pressure in her kitchen.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Reported that Nu Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc planted the rock garden at Johnnie Frasier Park.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Chief Hagan stated the Citizens Academy will begin on May 5th at the Police Department. Participants must be citizens of the City of Walthourville. The Police Department is looking to hire some additional officers. Hiring of the additional officers will help the city's insurance, as this was one of the factors cited in the insurance renewal. He also referenced Section 3.31 of the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Parking of trucks and trailers. The section states: *Within any Residential district, no trucks, trailers, or wagons in excess of one ton capacity shall be parked for storage purposes, including overnight, on any public right-of-way or on private property except within a completely enclosed garage. Trailers of less than one ton capacity, including pleasure boat trailers, collapsible camping trailers, and cargo trailers, may be parked on private property in any district provided that such trailers are parked only within areas in which the principal building, accessory building, or the parking of vehicles is permitted.* Chief Hagan stated the approval of Mont Trucking will fall under this category. He reminded the council to be mindful of this ordinance when approving trucking businesses.

Office of the Mayor

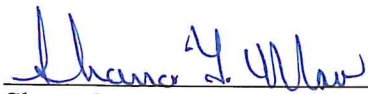
Mayor Larry D. Baker

Thanked all the department heads.

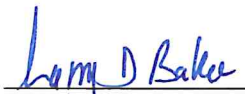
X. Executive Session

None

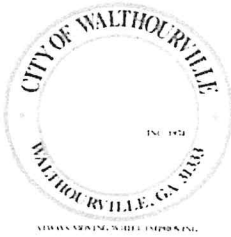
XI. Adjournment: At 7:37 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	

Member absent at Roll Call: Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

- III. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes stated she would like to amend the agenda to include a discussion about the city's LOST/SPLOST that is slated for renewal with Liberty County. She stated the Mayor and Council need to compile a wish list of items and this topic needs to be addressed by the elected body. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette entered the meeting at 6:08 PM and requested to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session for a personnel issue. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

Citizens Patricia Green and Alma Wells expressed an interest in speaking at the meeting. The motion to amend the agenda for citizens comments was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

- VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes. The motion to approve the April 26th, 2022 minutes was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried. Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette

VII. Presentation/Citizens Comments: Each citizen was allotted 3 minutes.

Patricia Green of 727 Carter Road stated she has an issue with the water and roads. She said the water in her kitchen and bathroom smells horrible. She has called City Hall many times and she is instructed to run her water. She doesn't want to run her water, because this is increasing her bill. She has experienced black water and also low water pressure and she is tired of the water problems; she addressed her problems to Mayor Baker. Mr. Baker, asked Ms. Green, "was she a previous elected official and how many years did she serve on the council?" She replied she served 36 years. Mayor Baker stated the water problems did not just start. He inherited the water problems that the city has been experiencing and these problems were occurring when she was a councilmember. He stated that the city was in the process of fixing the water problem with looping the water lines and installing an aerator pump. She addressed the roads and said that placing crush and run is a waste of money.

Alma Wells of 84 Jones Court stated she has lived in the city for 35 years, but the water is the worst she has seen it. She has black water and "I read in the paper that you were thinking about putting another subdivision in the city." You can't maintain what you have. It's time the city stops looking for quantity and start looking at quality. We are not getting quality services for what we are paying.

Attorney Luke R. Moses stated he had in his possession a letter from the city's engineering firm, G. Ben Turnipseed Engineering regarding the question posed about the new development. Attorney Moses read the letter in its entirety which reads:

February 24, 2022

*Mayor Larry Baker
City of Walthourville
P.O Box K
Walthourville, GA 31333*

*Re: City of Walthourville, Georgia
Miscellaneous Services
Project No. 280548*

Dear Mayor Baker:

We understand that City has been requested by a local developer to determine if the City has adequate water and sewer capacity to serve 250 additional single-family residences. The 250 single-family residences will have water and sewer average demands of 50,000 gallons per day.

The monthly water withdrawal rate for 2021 from the Upper Floridan wells is 38,683 gallons per day and from the Miocene aquifer is 502,285 gallons. Based on the withdrawal permits of 150,000 and 700,000 gallons per day, respectively, the City has available water capacity of 309,032 gallons per day.

Based on the monthly billing records from the City of Hinesville, the average daily wastewater billed is 72,593 gallons per day. The City has purchased capacity of 300,000 gallons per day of sewage transport and treatment from the City of Hinesville. Remaining capacity based on Hinesville billing records is 227,407 gallons per day.

In summary based on metered and billing records, the City has adequate water and sewer capacity to serve the proposed development. If you need additional assistance or have any questions regarding the above, please call us.

Yours truly,

G. Ben Turnipseed
G. Ben Turnipseed, P.E.

GBT:ac

cc: Ms. Shana Moss, City Clerk

Attorney Moses further stated the city does value the importance of the water and employs the services of Turnipseed Engineering and Woodrow Sapp for water improvements and maintenance. He said the added revenue from the proposed development would enhance the city's opportunities to do upgrades.

Mayor Baker reported that Mr. Turnipseed visited the city on May 3rd, 2022 and stated the plans for looping the lines and installing the aerator are 95% complete. The plans have been submitted to CSX and EPD for approval. Upon approval from these agencies the work will begin on eradicating the smelly, discolored water.

VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks Presented a Business License request from Juan T. Luckey. The business name is KO Warrior Promotions. The business will be located at 380 Wilder Road and the property owners are Luciria L. Lovette and Jason Luckey. The applicant requests a license for hospitality services, boxing, E-Commerce and Pro Boxing Events and Management. Ms. Parks stated the property is zone AR-1 which promotes E-Commerce. There will be no traffic at the residence. Mr. Luckey stated he is trying to establish himself as a business owner in the city. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette was reclused from the vote because the applicant is her nephew, and she is the property owner.

2. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License request from Dyneekha McNair for a Mobile Ice Cream Truck. The name of the business is Dee's Lickshush Ice, LLC. Ms. McNair would like to go to the subdivisions and mobile home parks. Ms. Parks stated she will not need a food permit, she has checked with Liberty County Health Department. Councilman Hendry asked, "where will she operate?" Ms. McNair said, Dunlevie Road. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked, will there be any selling out of her home?" Ms. McNair stated, no. Ms. McNair stated her hours of operation would be 11:00 AM-7:00 PM. Councilwoman Lovette asked, what if she stays open longer during the summer months. Attorney Moses stated, there would be no additional stipulations. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Fire Chief Gary Fairchild gave the report. He stated the Fire Department was operating smoothly. The department would be building a ramp for a house bound citizen on Saturday, May 14th with donated supplies from Ace Hardware. The citizen is David Perkins of Long County. Mr. Perkins has become immobile and often calls the Fire Department to assist him in navigating to and from his home. Year to date the department has answered 269 calls. He stated COVID is increasing, and Hurricane Season is quickly approaching. It is predicted that this will be a busy hurricane season. He encouraged everyone to devise a plan and to have adequate water supply handy. He also distributed information to Mayor and Council

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Mayor Pro Tem reported that the city participated in the Keep Liberty Beautiful Recycle Fair. She thanked City Hall, Public Works, Fire and Police Departments for their participation. She reported due to a food shortage the food drive for May was cancelled. She further stated the June food drive might be canceled, also. She attended a SPLOST meeting with Mayor Baker and Chief Hagan.

She spoke about the amended item to the agenda, the SPLOST Renewal for the city. She stated the county is working on SPLOST Funding and requested the city compile a wish list. She read her list which included Public Works Building renovations and upgrades, park fencing, solar lighting, concrete pads, public safety vehicles and equipment, including a fire department vehicle and an engine. She asked councilmembers if they had additional information. Mayor Baker added road improvements were on his list.

Councilwoman Lovette stated the city needed to invest some money in Johnnie Frasier Park improvements. She further stated with the grants the city received from USDA, she would like to see the money that is now available from the budget be routed to the park. She added that if the city doesn't do a better job of allocating funds for the sake of the children, the city loses. Chief Hagan stated the city always ensures that there are activities for the children with no cost to the city. The events are funded with private donations, he has spent his personal money along with Mrs. Barbara, Ms. Natalie and the City Hall Team.

Chief Fairchild stated the grants were not included in the budget. He stated his budget is a net zero budget meaning the exact money he receives is the same amount he expends. He said the grant only allowed the department to purchase items he would not have been able to purchase from the budget cycle. Chief Fairchild further stated, "we are all hurting in the city when it comes to the budgets because we don't have a funding source. He said no one likes to hear the word, "tax/taxes but we need to figure out a way to sustain its department or things could get worse."

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated that if councilmembers are not going to be present for budget meetings, then they should not complain. She added, "the bottom line, is we were elected to take care of the citizens and their needs, not our needs." When we hold meetings, councilmembers need to come to these meetings. The city cannot move forward with this infighting. One member doesn't like this member; therefore, they will not support what could be good for the city." She said this isn't fair to the citizens. She further added that she understood there is a need to fund programs for the youth, but park funding was never discussed at the budget meeting because no one was present that represents the park. She stated major issues needs to be prioritized, such as the city's water problems.

Police Chief Al Hagan also spoke about his budget. He stated his budge is just enough to cover his department. He further added that the USDA grant money received by the city is earmarked for specific use and to violate that is a federal crime. He added his years of working with the GBI he as investigated many entities for this type of crime.

Councilwoman Lovette further stated the city had an opportunity for millions of dollars in grant funds, but they expired. She stated the grant was for renovations at the Police Department. Chief Hagan stated that would have been a waste of grant funds because to renovate that building was not going to give his department the additional space and technology upgrade that is needed. Chief Hagan added, "look at this room, we cannot have chairs in here for a meeting, it is too small." "What good are renovations if we still can't fit?" We don't have room in here to have a meeting or anything."

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry Reported the bulk trash truck was in the shop and the trash collection was behind. The truck is operable and bulk collection has resumed. The department is picking up trash. Councilwoman Lovette stated the trucks (equipment) is always breaking down. What is the problem? Councilman Hendry stated the wear and tear on the equipment, a new

truck can break down. She asked if the drivers were qualified. He added the drivers had CDL credentials.

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson exited the meeting at 6: 50 PM.

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Stated she agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Hayes about everyone attending meetings. She recommended that the Mayor and Council convene for a work session; therefore, a lot of the questions that arises during the meetings would have been answered. She added the way the city conducts budget preparations is incorrect. She works with million dollar budgets. Disconnects were performed on May 9th and there were 84.

Parks and Recreation Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette
Stated she had spoken earlier about her request for the park.

Police Department Mayor Larry D. Baker
Chief Hagan stated the department is operating seamlessly. Captain Reed is in Executive Leadership Training. Cadet Scott Heck is in the academy. The officers are patrolling streets and subdivisions. They have answered calls for 2 accidents, and one domestic violence call. The department will be having License Plate Reader installed in all the vehicles on May 23rd, 2022. He added the department will sponsor a Kids Summer Splash Day on June 11th, 2022 at Johnnie Frasier park. He stated the department will continue to serve the kids and do what has to be done to ensure the kids have events. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked Chief Hagan is she could discuss a plan with him for senior citizens that are food comprised.

Office of the Mayor Mayor Larry D. Baker
Stated for everyone to be mindful and be careful. COVID numbers are increasing.

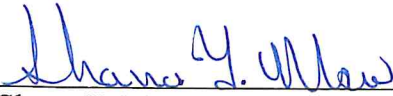
- X. Executive Session: At 7:15 PM a motion to enter Executive Session for a personnel matter was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilwoman Lovette. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

At 7:23 a motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter into Regular Session was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.


No action was taken from the Executive Session. A question arose about the agenda and who can place and remove items from the agenda. City Clerk, Shana T. Moss, stated and wanted it reflected that per the city's charter the Mayor has authority over the agenda. Therefore, she does not add or remove items from the agenda. Councilman Hendry addressed Councilwoman Lovette that the council is disrespectful to one another and that she thinks she knows everything. Councilwoman Lovette asked him, "what was he talking about?" He said, "everything." She has been on council for years and thinks she knows everything and don't know nothing; you talk to people crazy all

the time". At this time Attorney Moses stated, "he thinks the meeting should be adjourned."

- XI. Adjournment: At 7:33 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

II. Roll Call: The roll was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette	

Member Absent at the time of Roll Call: Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly. She entered the meeting at 6:17 P.M. via zoom.

III. Invocation was rendered by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes from May 10, 2022

Regular Minutes: the motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.

Executive Session Minutes: the motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 2-2: Tie.

Councilmembers opposing were: Anderson and Lovette. Mayor Baker cast the deciding Vote in favor of the minutes.

Vote: 3-2: Motion Carried.

VII. Presentation

T. R. Long Engineering

Mr. Trent Long

Water Tower Improvements. Mr. Long stated he has been communicating with City Engineer Mr. Ben Turnipseed. He is aware the city has been experiencing problems with Discolored and odorous water. He is aware that Turnipseed Engineering is in the process of installing an aerator pump and looping the water lines. He stated this will eliminate the rotten egg smell. Turnipseed Engineering have completed the plans and are awaiting approval from EPD to proceed.

He further stated he has spoken to Woodrow Sapp out of Brunswick, GA about pulling the pump at Well 2 to see if the city can start pumping some water from Well 2 to alleviate the pumping of Well 3. Mr. Long stated he was the city's engineer with the former engineer, Paul Simonton in the late 1990's, and early 2000's and they

encountered a problem on Hardman Road with the water tower, some of the valves were turned off. He stated that could be the problem with the reported low water pressure in that area.

Councilwoman Kelly entered the meeting via zoom at 6:17 pm.

Councilwoman Lovette asked if the tower could be raised. Mr. Long stated he doesn't think raising the tower would be a solution. He thinks the plumbing under and around the tower could be the culprit and that his firm could review the plumbing and conduct an analysis of the tower.

Mr. Long stated he felt the city was headed in the right direction with the installation of the aeroator and line looping. He added that he felt going under the road and checking the valves on the pump. His office knew the layout of the area and could explore and possible fix the problem. Mr. Long states he will provide periodic updates to the Mayor and Council of his findings

The motion to hire T.R. Long Engineering for Hardman Road Water Tower improvements was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

VIII. Agenda Items.

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

This item was initially presented on April 26 2022. NO action was taken by Mayor and Council.

Rezoning Petition 2022-009-W. Request by Dryden Enterprises, Inc. applicant to rezone 67.66 acres of land, more or less, from I-1 (Industrial District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for a single-family residential subdivision located both in the City of Walthourville and Long County. 207 lots will be located in the City of Walthourville and 237 lots in Long County.

Mr. Trent Long was present representing Dryden Enterprises.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes, asked Mr. Long a series of questions which are:

1. "Where will the entrances and exits be placed?" Mr. Long stated the initial entrance will be on Hardman Road and that another entrance will be constructed on Highway 84. He added that the preliminary plans are currently with LCPC and the new proposed entrance is on that plat.

2. Will there be a traffic light erected at Hardman Road? Mr. Long stated the current plans does not propose placing a traffic light because DOT states that a traffic light is warranted. He stated a traffic light will be erected on the Highway 84 connector once the bypass is completed.

3. She asked how many accidents have occurred this year at that intersection? Police Chief Al Hagan supplied the data and there have been only three (3) accidents since January 2022. Mayor Pro Tem stated she was happy to know there were not daily nor weekly accidents, because safety was her top concern.

4. She asked about the duties of the Homeowner's Association and what will they be responsible for as opposed to the responsibilities of the city? Mr. Long stated the homeowner's association will have a covenant. The homeowners must keep the grass mowed; the city will only be responsible for the city's right of ways. A playground and walking trail is being proposed for the subdivision.

Councilwoman Lovette asked about installing a traffic light at airport road and if DOT has conducted a study? Mr. Long stated there are currently no plans for a light at that intersection. DOT has stated based on their guidelines there is not enough traffic on the road daily. There are peak times that traffic is heavy, basically in the mornings and in the afternoons. Mr. Long added that his office did a traffic control study.

Mr. Long addressed the economic impact for the city, and the city's tap-in fees for water and sewer. Attorney Moses asked City Clerk Moss about the cost of the tap in fees. Ms. Moss stated each sewer tap is \$ 4570.00 and the water tap is \$ 850.00 for a total of \$ 5,420.00 for each tap. Attorney Moses stated \$ 5420.00 x 207 homes = \$ 1,121,940.00.

Councilwoman Kelly asked, "will the city be doing the tap-ins? Mr. Long stated the tap ins are performed by the developer. The city only provides the meter. He added that a pump station will have to be built, which is the responsibility of the developer.

Councilman Anderson stated he knew Brent Blocker with DOT and he (Blocker) has said there will be a light on Highway 84. Mr. Long stated he met with Brent Blocker yesterday, along with DOT Commissioner, Ann Purcell and County Administrator Joey Brown and there will definitely be a signal. County Manager Brown is adamant about demanding a traffic signal. Anderson stated that he wasn't opposed to growth. The water problems are an issue and promises about getting the water fixed have been made and he would like to see some action on the water.

The motion to again, table the rezoning was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks Presented a business license request for Pure Pressure Extreme Cleaning. The owner is Ryveal McIver and is located at 105 Hunters Branch. The property is zoned R2 (Residential) and is a pressure washing and cleaning business. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a business license request for Lauren Campbell. The name of the business is For Lovely Reflections (Salon) located at 4981 West Oglethorpe Highway, Suite 2. The property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial District) and will specialize in permanent make-up, microblading and microshading. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

4. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Variance Request 2022-036-W. A petition was submitted by Rainol Martinez and Ana M. Morel, owners for a rear yard building setback variance. The property is located at 5715 West Oglethorpe Highway and is further described as LCTM-Parcel 050C-006. The owner is requesting to have a 30 ft. x 37 ft addition to the rear of the existing building for a walk-in cooler at the Walthourville Meat Market. The building would encroach by about 11 ft into the rear yard building setback at the western corner of the addition. LCPC Executive Director, Mr. Jeff Ricketson stated this item was presented to the board and there are three questions that must meet the criteria for approval. This item does not meet those requirements which are:

- Extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography. *No*
- The application of the appendix to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship. *No*
- Relief, if granted would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of the ordinance; provided, however, that no variance may be granted for a use of land or building or structure that is prohibited by the appendix. *No*

Mr. Ricketson stated disapproval was recommended only because of the criteria of the questions above. Attorney Moses informed the Mayor and Council that they could approve if they desired. No precedence would be set if they approved and any other variance with the same connotation could be evaluated individually.

Mrs. Nicole Deleon who operates the Walthourville Meat Market along with her husband Ronald Deleon and her father-in-law, applicant Rainol Martinez informed Mayor and Council that they are only seeking to add a space for an additional cooler to be placed on the property. The motion to approve the variance was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L Anderson, Sr.

Fire Chief, Gary M. Fairchild gave his report stating the fire department has experienced a 12% increase in calls over last year, currently they have ran 300 calls this year. The department needs a new fire engine. Effective in June the department will begin staffing the station with 2 people 24 hours a day with no cost to the city. Hurricane season is upon us, this is the time to have your preparations intact.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Reported the city had an impromptu food drive. She received notification from 2nd Harvest that they had food available and wanted to ensure she received it for the city. It was a great success. On May 21, 2022, the city sponsored the Great American Cleanup, the group was small but they picked up trash in the city. Keep Liberty Beautiful Executive Director, Dr. Karen Bell expressed her Thanks to the Group. The next food drive will be held in August.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported the department if down one truck. The department is operating well. Councilwoman Lovette asked, when will mosquito control begin? Mayor Baker stated in June, they are awaiting the chemicals.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Had no report.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Stated she had inquired about mulch being placed at the park and canopy's for the slides. Councilman Hendry stated there is specific mulch that has to be placed at the park. He will speak with Mr. Martin about getting the mulch.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Police Chief, Alfonza Hagan gave his department's report. He is proud of the officers and the work that they are doing, During this period the department had 5 accidents, 3 domestic violence cases, they issued 63 traffic citations and 46 reports were generated. The citizen's academy is in full effect. The Summer Splash event for the children will be held on Saturday June 11, 2022 at Johnnie Frasier Park from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. This event is at no cost to the city. He stated the LPR's have been installed in the vehicles and this is another added safety for the city, officers and the citizens. This will allow the officers to check for tags that are expired, and no insurance. Councilwoman Lovette asked what does the acronym LPR stand for? Chief Hagan replied, "License Plate Reader."

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Reported the sidewalks on Busbee Road are nearing completion. He reiterated that these sidewalks are being provided at no cost to the city, the sidewalk installation is a result of a Liberty Transit Grant. He Thanked all City Departments for their hard work.

X. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment: At 7:46 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Official Minutes
June 14, 2022
6:00 PM-Walthourville Police Department

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette	

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Member Absent: Councilman James Hendry.

City Attorney, Mr. Luke R. Moses was in attendance via Zoom.

III. Invocation was given by Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve the May 24, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.

Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette

VII. Presentation(s): None

VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Zoning Permit request for 200 Middleton Road Parcel-0525-027, off Tibet Road. The request was to place a double wide, 1992 Fleetwood Eagle Mobile Home on the property. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a resolution to expand the water service delivery area, as an Amendment to the Water Service Area Map. Ms. Parks stated Liberty County is proposing to expand its water service delivery area in two separate locations and for the reasons below:

- Between Flemington and McIntosh Mountain-to be able to service a new residential development.
- In the Lewis Frasier Road area-to include areas that are able to be served with existing infrastructure and a few improvements.
- On April 6th, 2022 the Liberty Regional Water Resources Council (LRWRC) Technical Advisory Committee met and voted to recommend approval of this amendment.
- At the May 11th, 2022 LRWRC voted to approve the amendment. However, before the changed can be officially adopted they must be approved by each municipality in the county.

Councilwoman Lovette asked Ms. Parks, how will this affect the proposed subdivision in Walthourville (Hardman Road)? Ms. Parks stated, it will have no effect on it. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried Unanimously

IX. Council Comments: Councilmembers

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Fire Chief, Gary Fairchild gave the report. He stated he was pleased with the overall performance of the fire department. The firefighters are very dedicated and passionate about the department. The department needs an engine. All vehicles are operating, and all being maintained with servicing. Staffing is a huge concern, and he is looking to add several firefighters. In June the station will be staffed with 2 firefighters 24 hours a day. The leadership at the fire department has volunteered to stay at the station overnight to ensure that calls are answered. Hurricane season is upon us and this is the time of year to make your preparations.

Economic Development Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Reported she attended the KLB Volunteer Banquet, the theme was the Roaring 20's and all volunteers had a great time. KLB host city cleanups, shred it and recycle events and she accepted the award on behalf of the city. She reported the city had a food drive in May and she cancelled the food drive in June. The next food drive will be in August.

Public Works Councilman James Hendry
Absent

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Reported that the hydrants are still being flushed. Turnipseed Engineering are finalizing the plans for the aerator and looping the lines.

Parks & Recreation Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Stated she has requested that mulch be placed at Johnnie Frasier and this has not happened. Mayor Baker and all council informed Councilwoman Lovette that the mulch was down and had been placed at the park over a week ago. She also, stated to Mayor Baker that, “he told someone she was responsible for canceling the Summer Water Day at Johnnie Frasier.” Mayor Baker stated he did not tell anyone that information. Councilwoman Lovette stated, “Mr. Tank,” (local businessperson) told her that Mayor Baker gave him that information. Police Chief Hagan asked if he could address the issue, since his department hosted the event. Chief Hagan stated and asked, “if anyone is unsure or has heard any information to please be professional and come and see or call him for verification. He stated he understood the water issue that are ongoing in the city and he is concerned. The event was planned and his department along with City Hall and the Fire Department made the necessary adjustment to ensure the children of this community had a fun day. He reported the event was a success and it did not cost the city any money. He funneled his own money, Mrs. Barbara Cauley, Ms. Natalie Lopez and Ms. Moss contributed money and items to make this event a success and to provide enjoyment for the children.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Reported the Police Department is doing well. He gave accolades for the Cops-n-Cones event that was held on June 11, 2022. He stated his department operates with the highest level of professionalism and transparency. He is proud of the new camera system that the offices are using, and it is a protective measure for both the citizens and the officers. Chief Hagan stated he can log-in and watch the officers traffic stop in real time. He also distributed a picture of trash from a home that had unbagged trash strewn all over the road. Chief Hagan added that as he rides the city he notices these incidents and it is not fair to the sanitation department to have to pick up trash that is not bagged. He asked council to adopt an ordinance that would make this illegal as this could pose a safety hazard to the sanitation workers.

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Stated he wanted to read a document and asked that it becomes an official part of the minutes.

Dear Citizens of Walthourville:

Greetings! I want to take a moment to address issues and concerns within the city that are related to our water system issues. The city’s water system is over 30 years old and nothing significant has been done to upgrade it.

This is a problem that I inherited from my first day in office and I have been working to improve the water system. The water issues have plagued the city for years. Councilmembers Charlie L. Anderson Sr., and Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette are also aware of the problems because both have served as members of council for 22 and 20 years, respectively.

Citizens, I understand, and I hear your frustrations; but, I ask for your patience and understanding a little longer. I am doing everything possible to improve our water system.

In September of 2021 the Council approved water improvements. The plans had to be built by our city engineer and currently I have the plans in my hands. We are awaiting approval from EPD before we can begin work.

The water improvements will consist of:

- *Looping lines and installing an aerator pump-this will eliminate the smelly water*
- *The water tower located on Hardman Road is being evaluated to address low water pressure*
- *The city received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds and these funds were approved by Council*

During the first two years of my term, the city was affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic that crippled our world. This pandemic limited by ability to achieve my goad of repairing the water system.

However, I am proud that we have accomplished and managed the following repairs:

- *City Hall's Roof*
- *Sidewalks along Busbee Road with no cost to the city.*
- *Repaired the handicapped ramps at both City Hall and the Post Office*
- *Resurfaced Shaw Road*
- *Resurfaced a portion of Davis Road that was within the city limits of Walthourville*
- *Resurfaced a portion of Griffin Road*
- *Resurfaced milling on several dirt roads in the community*
- *Enhanced and Improved Public Safety resulting in:*
 1. *Equipment-Vehicles*
 2. *Personnel-hiring highly qualified personnel to expand the hours of operation to a 24-hour department.*
- *Encouraged developers to increase growth within the city*
- *We completed the Wilder Pond Subdivision complete with sidewalks*
- *Received 3 USDA Grants for each department, Fire, Police and Public Works. These grants will Provide the city with vehicles and equipment that the city's annual budget cannot sustain.*
- *Focused on Community Events Bridging the gap between law enforcement, community leaders and the citizens of Walthourville through the following events:*
 1. *Back to School Event*
 2. *Halloween Party*
 3. *Christmas Movie Night*
 4. *Autism Awareness Event*
 5. *Summer Splash/Cop and Cones*

These events have been sponsored and provided with no city funds.

Larry D. Baker, Mayor

X. Executive Session

None

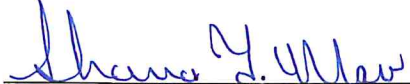
XI. Adjournment

Councilmembers

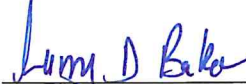
The motion to adjourn was made by 7:00 PM by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried Unanimously

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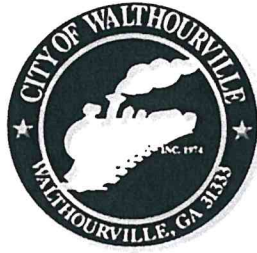


Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor

City of Walthourville
June 28, 2022 Meeting Cancelled



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022
6:00 PM @ Walthourville Police Department

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Member Absent: Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Member Absent at time of Roll Call: Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette. She entered the meeting at 6:06 PM.

City Attorney, Mr. Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

III. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of the City Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve the June 14, 2022 minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem and the second was added by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

The June 28th, 2022 meeting was cancelled.

VII. Presentations: None

VIII. Agenda Items:
Councilwoman Lovette entered the meeting at 6:06 PM.

1. Liberty County Attorney Kelly Davis
SPLOST 7 Expenditures for Mayor and Council to approve the resolution. Attorney Davis presented the proposed allocation for the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to the city. The city is slated to received \$1.13 million. Councilwoman Lovette asked about Recreation Funds. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated,"Councilwoman Lovette did not give any input when council asked for suggestions what they (elected officials) wanted Mayor and I to take back to the

County Commissioners SPLOST Meeting.” Mayor Pro Tem stated, “when she and Mayor Baker attended the SPLOST Meetings, they felt it was necessary to include Recreational Funds in the SPLOST allocation, since she did not request any funds for the budget nor the SPLOST allocations. They knew that Johnnie Frasier Park needed some upgrades. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Henry.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Zoning Permit for Mr. Melvin Blake at 142 Thompson Road for a used 1996 Destiny Peachtree 16 x 80 mobile home. Ms. Parks stated Mr. Blake withdrew his petition on the evening of July 12, 2022.

3. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License Request for Ms. Shannon Adams at 178 Strickland Road. This request is for an online Logistics Business/Raw Hill Logistics, LLC. The property is zoned AR-1. Ms. Parks stated this is a Freight Broker business. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.
Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

4. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License Request for Ms. Alyssa Payne at 4981 W. Oglethorpe Highway. This request is for a full-service hair salon, providing hair and beauty related services. The property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial District). The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

5. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License Request for Ms. Anna Williams and Mr. Brianna Barbee for an online shopping store, AmBri Shop. The property is zoned R2-A) (Single Family, Two-Family and Mobile Home Residential District). The business will be located at 163 Sabreena Circle. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was approved by Councilman Hendry.
Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Chief Gary Fairchild reported that the Fire Department was doing well. He added that calls are still increasing. He added that staffing was becoming an issue at the station. He said, “we are losing people, our personnel are becoming more certified and are moving on to other counties and other places. Chief Fairchild said the department is down to 12 and nine are in certified positions. The state requires a minimum of six certified positions to maintain a department. He stated he wanted

to present a five year plan at a future meeting and this plan will allow the department to grow and for adequate funding for the city's growth.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Reported that she attended the GMA Annual Conference in Savannah, GA. The training was great, and she had good classes. The food drive that was scheduled for August has been moved to September. The Recycle Fair will be held on Saturday August 13, 2022, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at City Hall.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported that Public Works is doing well. No problems.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Was absent due to illness.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Councilwoman Lovette stated she had also attended the GMA Conference in Savannah. She learned at the conference that there is a grant for the park. She stated the city need to find a grant writer since the current grant writer only writes for public safety. Councilwoman Lovette asked, "why would the city hire a grant writer that did not write for all grants?" City Attorney Moses stated the city voted unanimously despite being told by the grant writer (Dr. Bonnie Kelly) that she only writes for specific grants (ex: Public Safety). Police Chief Al Hagan stated when he was hired as the Interim Chief, he knew he needed funds that the city did not have due to the city having no property taxes. He recommended hiring the grant writer since he knew she wrote and was successful with public safety grants. Both Attorney Moses and Chief Hagan stated the grant writer had been successful and pointed to the checks on the wall illustrating \$277,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes shared that she took an online grant writing class, and she was willing to assist but would not write a grant for the city as an elected official due to the legal liability. Councilwoman Lovette thanked everyone who submitted letters on her behalf for her induction in the GMA Hall of Fame.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Police Chief Al Hagan stated that the department is being vigilant. Domestic cases have increased. He introduced 4 new officers, 2 of which were recent graduates of the Police Academy. The officers introduced were Officer Terrance Johnson, Officer James Fulwood, Officer LaPeria Carter and Office Scott Heck. He stated with the addition of these officers the department is staffed 24 hours a day, the first since the department's existence.

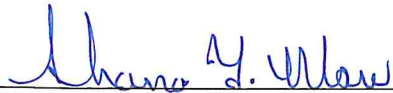
Chief Hagan further stated that the department had recently graduated the first class of Citizens Academy graduates. He stated that Mayor Baker and Mrs. Brenda Baker were graduates of the first class. He encouraged elected officials and citizens to

participate in this great learning experience. He praised the class instructors Captain Chris Reed and Officer Anthony Hooker.

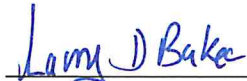
Office of the Mayor
Mayor Larry D. Baker
Reported that the city is moving closer to fixing the water problems. The bid for the installation of the aerator pump was placed in the Coastal Courier on 06-29-2022 and the bids will be opened on July 22, 2022 at the Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem stated she knew that City Hall and the Water Department have been working diligently on the water problems and she asked City Clerk, Shana T. Moss to address the steps they have taken to solve the problems.

Ms. Moss stated the city continued having water issues, and City Hall and the Water Department felt it was time to move in a different direction to see if the city would have a different response. They researched EOM Operations out of Richmond Hill, and they came highly recommended. They are an inclusive company and will work with the city for maintenance on the lift stations, wells, emergency water issues, and low water pressure. The city does not have the equipment to perform the low water pressure. EOM has been working with the city and has resolved three low water pressure issues since being in the city the first of July. EOM has a much quicker response time because they are closer in proximity to Walthourville and they are cheaper and the city will have one company performing all services.

- X. Executive Session None
- XI. Adjournment: At 7:13 PM the motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman Bridgette Kelly

Members Absent: Councilman James Hendry and Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette.

The attendance of the council constitutes a quorum.

Also present was Attorney Luke R. Moses.

- III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Pastor Doug Weisel of Walthourville Baptist Church.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.
Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.
Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.
- VII. Presentation None
- VIII. Agenda Items

- 1. Turnipseed Engineering Mr. Al Lawson
Presented the Water Systems Improvements Project Number 212484 which consisted of the Division Two certified bid for the Aerator Installation on Well 3. Mr. Lawson stated the City advertised this bid and received one bid for Division Two and no bids were submitted for Division 1 (line looping). The sole certified bid of \$ 818,263.00 was submitted by Southern Civil, LLC from Townsend Georgia. Mr. Lawson added that these improvements were suggested by the 2011 Mayor and Council and no action was taken and the city is experiencing problems from the no action taken on Well 3. He recommended the Mayor and Council to accept the bid. He added that the city should re-advertise the Division I project

(looping the lines). He stated that Southern Civil will have 270 days to complete the project. Upon the Mayor and Council's acceptance the contractor will compile a completion packet to the city. The motion to accept the Aerator Installation on Well 3 (Carter Road) for Division 2 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License Request for Mrs. Brenda Mitchell for a Mobile Shaved Ice Trailer/Shaving Cravins. The business will be located at 86 Martin Court. Ms. Parks stated this is a two-part approval. Ms. Mitchell has a mobile commissary that she uses for her business (which will be stationery); therefore, zoning will have to be approved for this equipment. The property is zoned R-1 and meets the zoning requirements. Ms. Mitchell's equipment will be housed in a shed. The motion to approve the zoning was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

Ms. Parks stated Ms. Mitchell has obtained her business license in Hinesville. However, to comply with setting up her mobile business in Walthourville she needed a license. The motion to approve the business license was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was added by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License Request for Ms. Margaret Caresquero. Ms. Caresquero is requesting to transport patients to doctors appointments, urgent care and etc.,. The name of the business is Keep Pushing Forward. The business will be located at 1005 Dunlevie Road at the intersection of Dunlevie and Barnard Pray. This property is zoned AR-1. Ms. Caresquero will operate a van holding between six and eight passengers. She has experience as she has been a school bus driver. She will be the only employee. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

4. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a business License Request for Mr. Zebedee B. McKinney to operate a food truck in the commercial areas of Walthourville. The name of the business is Food for Your Spirit, LLC and will be located at 5879 West Oglethorpe Highway (Clyde's Convenience Store). The property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial District). Ms. Parks stated that he is permitted through Wayne County. Mr. McKinney stated he will have staggered hours meaning he will adjust his hours for peak times. He might be in Walthourville a few hours and go to another location and return. Clyde's has given him permission. He also added that his food truck is being wrapped. The motion to approve the Business License was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department
No report, Chief Fairchild was absent.

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Economic Development
Reported the Quarterly Recycle Fair will be held on Saturday August 13 at City Hall's Parking Lot from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. They will also be accepting gently used clothing. The city's food drive will be held on September 24th and the base of the food drive will be in the Parking Lot of City Hall and there will be additional locations around the city. More information will be forthcoming.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Public Works
Absent due to illness.

Councilman James Hendry

Water Department
Reported the Water Department is doing well. There were only 83 disconnections on August 8th. There have been no reports of smelly water. The Mayor and Council approved the resolution authorizing accepting the bid so work could begin on Well 3, the installation of the Aerator.

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Parks and Recreation
No report, Councilwoman Lovette was absent.

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Police Department
Police Chief Al Hagan reported that the city's Back to School Bash on July 30th was a great success. The city gave away over 300 bookbags which were donated. He stated the city's funds were not used. Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Cauley and Public Information Officer, Ms. Natalie Lopez worked hard and donated their personal funds for this event. He added that the department was operating well the officers are constantly patrolling and that adding additional officers have helped their visibility. Chief Hagan added that the best crime deterrent is visibility. As always, he stated he is happy to serve such a great department.

Mayor Larry D. Baker

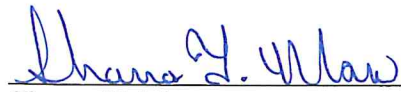
Office of the Mayor
Stated the Council had requested that he contact DOT for a traffic study at the intersection of Hardman and Airport Road. He received the report and DOT will place a flashing light at the intersection. He added that DOT did not give a time frame, because they were trying to obtain material like the rest of the county. He Thanked all Departments.

Mayor Larry D. Baker

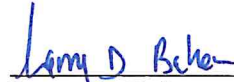
X. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment: The motion to adjourn at 6:37 PM was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilwoman Kelly.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022
6:00 PM-Walthourville Police Department

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

II. Roll Call: The roll was taken with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman James Hendry	Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette	

Member Absent: Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was present via telephone.

III. Invocation was given by Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: Councilmembers
The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: Councilmembers
The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried Unanimously.
Councilwoman Lovette abstained from voting, her reasoning she was not present for the August 9th, 2022 meeting.

VII. Presentation Mayor Larry D. Baker
Presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Nicole Deleon of the Walthourville Meat Market. Mr. and Mrs. Deleon are huge supporters of the city and Liberty County. On August 3rd, they provided after school meals for the entire children in the county. Mayor Baker, Thanked the couple and read the plaque which stated:

In Appreciation to Walthourville Meat Market-Presented to Ronald and Nicole Deleon

Your continuous generosity and desire to this city, the community and Liberty County is admirable. You have left an indelible mark that can never be erased.

The City of Walthourville appreciates and acknowledges your service to mankind. Thank You for making this city a brighter place for all of us.

You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

John Bunyant

Mayor Baker and all Councilmembers names were listed on the bottom of the plaque.

Mr. Deleon stated, 'he was so appreciative and grateful to receive this award. He has been in Walthourville since 2004 serving the community. He loves this city and is so grateful to be a part of it and he is always willing to help.'

VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License Request for Mr. Antonio Ricks for a Barbershop. The name of the Barbershop is Love, Peace and Hair Grease. The business will be located at 4981 West Oglethorpe Highway. Mr. Ricks will be operating a full-service barbershop. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Passed Unanimously.

2. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License Request for Ms. Robert Singleton for a Mobile Ice Cream Truck. The name of the business is Suga Daddy Treats, and he is requesting to go into the subdivisions, mobile home parks and commercial zoned areas of the city. Mr. Singleton stated he is from Beaufort, SC and he moved to the area three years ago. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Passed Unanimously.

3. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Business License Request for Ms. DeJoi N. Phillips. She is requesting to operate an Online Apparel Store. The name of the business is Philthy 13 Apparel. The business will be located at 38 Sylvia Lane and the property owner is Ms. Bridgette Kelly. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette.

Vote: 3-0: Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly is the owner of the property; therefore, she abstained from voting.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Chief Gary Fairchild gave the report. He stated the Fire Department is functioning well. However, the department is hurting in manpower. He stated he wanted to address the Mayor and Council of a dire situation. He stated since January of 2021 the department (firefighters) have donated 9800 hours to the department so that the city will have fire coverage. The department does not have firefighters on duty and night and when calls come in (fire or medical) there is no one to answer the calls. He added that the citizens of this community deserve better. He further added that on August 10th, one of his Captains had to seek employment somewhere else, because there are not enough hours to sustain his family and him. He added a medical call came into the city and Walthourville was not available, the call reverted to Liberty County. Liberty County is preparing to charge the city for having to answer the call if it continues. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and Councilwoman Kelly, asked about the city's IGA with Liberty County. Chief Fairchild stated the IGA is intact; however, the IGA does not allow for general calls, the IGA is in place in the case of an emergency in the city.

Chief Fairchild added that he is certain every elected official wants optimal fire service, and he has presented a funding plan to each of them. Attorney Moses stated that everyone involved wants to see the Fire Department progress; however, he thinks there should be a meeting with the Fire Chief, City Attorney, City Clerk and CPA, Mr. Matthew Caines before a decision is made. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she thought this would be a topic for the next budget year. Councilwoman Lovette asked, "What is the estimated dollar amount needed for the department to operate? Attorney Moses stated, he would prefer to have a discussion with the Chief before any figures were discussed.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Reported the cities recycle fair went well. The shred truck was located at City Hall and citizens came from Savannah to take advantage of the truck. She thanked the volunteers from City Hall, Public Works and the Water Department who came out to help. She added that her free adult computer classes will begin on September 13th, 2022. The classes will begin at noon and will conclude at 2:00 PM.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported he has been out sick but is feeling better and will have a report for the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she's glad that he is feeling better. Councilwoman Lovette added, citizens are saying the knuckle boom is digging holes in the yard when they are collecting the waste. Councilman Hendry stated he would talk to Mr. Martin.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Reported the city has only received one smelly water call. A start date for the aerator project has not been established yet. The city is awaiting the bond from the contractor, upon receiving the bond a meeting will be held with the contractor for a start date.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Stated she is still soliciting funds for the park. The equipment needs to be upgraded because it could be outdated due to the rules and regulations of the National Park Standards.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Chief Alfonza (Al) Hagan gave the report. He stated he is always proud to serve. He Thanked Captain Reed for his leadership, he was on vacation and the department continued to operate. The officers are patrolling the subdivisions. The department is doing well, the officers are visible and they are monitoring the traffic since school is back in session.

Office of the Mayor


Mayor Larry D. Baker

Thanked all city departments for their hard work. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes had accolades for Captain Chris Reed and Officer Anthony Hooker for a job well done with the Citizens Police Academy.

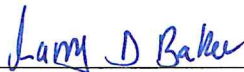
X. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment: At 6:52 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was added by Councilwoman Lovette.



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

- III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilman Anderson.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson.
Vote: 4-0 Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes from August 23rd, 2022. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.
Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.
Councilman Anderson states he was not present at August 23rd, 2022 Council Meeting and was not opposed.
- VII. Presentation: Mayor Larry D. Baker
Appointment and Oath of Office for Interim Police Chief Christopher Reed. Mayor Larry D. Baker administered the Interim Police Chief Oath of Office with Interim Police Chief Christopher Reed's wife and son flanked alongside him.

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette arrived at 6:08 pm.

Remarks were given by Former Police Chief Alfonza Hagan. He stated that it has been a pleasure to serve as Police Chief for the City of Walthourville. He further stated that it is our purpose to serve people and not ourselves and that he is only a phone call away.

Mayor Larry D. Baker recognized dignitaries such as Commissioner Marion Stevens, Major Jerry Blash, Liberty County Investigator James Ascott, County Coroner, Reginald Pierce, , Wayne County Police Chief Perry Morgan and other city and county

employees from Liberty and surrounding counties. Mayor Larry D. Baker also reminded visitors we are still under Covid 19 guidelines.

Interim Police Chief Christopher Reed gave the promotional oath of office to Anthony Hooker for the position of Lieutenant. The pinning ceremony was conducted by Lieutenant Hooker's father. He was congratulated by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
For Mayor and Council to approve or disapprove a zoning permit for a double wide manufactured home to be placed at 139 Emily Cook Lane Parcel 052B-038 off Wilder Road. The property is zoned AR-1 which allows double wide and vinyl skirting. The survey shows 2.38 acres of usable uplands and approximate wetland boundary in the rear of the property. Mobile Home owner Luciano Rodriguez was present. The council presented no questions. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
For Mayor and Council to approve or disapprove a business license for a full care lawn business for Mr. Bobby R. Johnson. The business will be located at 600 Nashview Trail in Allenhurst, GA. The name of the business is Da Lawn Barber and the property is zoned R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District). Business owner Bobby R. Johnson was present. No customers will be coming to the home and equipment will be stored in a building behind the home. Mayor Larry D. Baker emphasized that the city will not be responsible for trash, leaves, grass clipping etc. to which Bobby Johnson did agree. Councilman Anderson asked where will the items be stored? Bobby Johnson stated the items will be stored in a 17 foot trailer behind the home. Councilwoman Lovette asked if the trailer is an enclosed trailer to which the applicant stated yes. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

3. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
For Mayor and Council to approve or disapprove a business license for a mobile shaved ice trailer for Mrs. Harmony Scott. The business name is Chill Vibe Water Ice. The business owner would like to set up at the Walthourville Meat Market where the property is zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Community). Mrs. Harmony Scott had a letter of permission from Rainol Martinez, business owner of Walthourville Meat Market. Mrs. Harmony Scott was present. Mayor Larry D. Baker asked that due to overflowing traffic at the Meat Market will she be in a gated area to which she answered yes. Councilman Anderson asked if there will be any problems with parking due to it being

a congested area to which she stated no. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

IX. Council Comments

Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Interim Chief Gary Fairchild was not in attendance. No report was available.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Reported that KLB will sponsor a state park cleanup on September 24th at Ft. Morris. On October 22nd, 2022 the annual Rivers Alive Cleanup. On November 19th, 2022 there will be a recycle fair held at various locations including Walthourville City Hall. The shred it truck will be at the Midway Location. Luke Moses asked which River will be cleaned to which Mayor Pro Tem stated she was unsure. Councilwoman Kelly asked what event is being held on September 24th, 2022 to which she responded State Park Day. Councilwoman Lovette asked if that is the same day citizens can go to the parks for free to which Mayor Pro Tem responded yes.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported that with the recycle and trash trucks repairs being completed the schedule is back on track. Councilwoman Lovette asked if the schedule included the lawnmowers to which Councilman Hendry responded yes. Mayor Larry D. Baker stated the city has new lawnmowers and their have been cutbacks. Mayor Larry D. Baker also stated that some citizens have complained about not being able to see stop signs and states he will contact the county for help.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette L. Kelly

States she received a call regarding smelly water over the Labor Day weekend. States she got in touch with the on-call worker and mayor and informed the customer that we are still flushing hydrants. Councilwoman Kelly states she also informed the customer that the city has applied for an additional water grant. Mayor Larry D. Baker asked Clerk Kara Jackson if she had any statements from city hall about the water to which she responded no.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

States she was made aware on September 13th, 2022 that there is a Brownfield Grant which could be used to clear debris at Johnny Frasier Park. States this is an EPA Solicitation Brownfield Grant. Lovette also stated there is also a housing grant for necessary home repairs. Stated that on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 9 to 11 am there will be a meet and greet at Country Inn and Suites. On October 1st, 2022 at Bradwell Park there will be a Domestic Violence candlelight Vigil at 7 P.M. sponsored by The Safe Shelter. Jail and Bail will held on October 19th, 2022. Mayor Larry D. Baker stated he did not have information regarding the grant. Lovette stated she wanted the office (City Hall) to take that project over that came from GMA.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Interim Police Chief Reed stated the department had 10 incidents. There was 1 accident on West Oglethorpe. There have been 2 arrests with one being domestic violence. There have been 3 domestic violence incidents, 4 miscellaneous reports, 28 traffic stops with 28 citations issued, 9 warnings, 16 reports generated and over 2096 miles driven.

Mayor Larry D. Baker states he wants the police department to move forward and not backward and once again welcomed him aboard. Interim Police Chief Reed thanked the Mayor for entrusting him in this position. Reed stated he would like to sit down with each council member within the next 30 days and invited the council members to join the citizen's academy. Reed also thanked Former Chief Hagan for bringing transparency to the city. Reed stated there will be a breast cancer breakfast from 9:00 AM to 11 AM on October 1st, 2022. Mayor Larry D. Baker thanked Reed for Coffee, Cops and Conversation to which Reed responded the event was planned by Barbara Cauley and Natalie Lopez.

Office of the Mayor

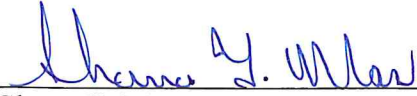
Mayor Larry D. Baker

Baker reminded the council they have a training on September 22nd and 23rd at King of Prince. Mayor gave thanks to former Chief Hagan. All councilmembers gave their congratulations. Councilman Hendry asked if his number has changed to which Hagan states no. Hagan stated that they are in good hands with Captain Reed. Councilwoman Lovette thanked Hagan for what he has done for the citizens of Walthourville and wished him well and that Presiding Elder McFadden said to tell him hello. Hagan stated she always keep him on his toes. Councilman Anderson stated thank you for the services he has done and that we hope Reed will keep it going. Councilwoman Kelly stated "ditto" and congratulations. Former Chief Hagan states there is a complaint system in place. Mayor Pro Tem stated thank you and that she has seen it grow through the years as well as the growth he brought and congratulations on the new position. Hayes also stated that she knows Sheriff Bowman and crew are proud to have Hagan. Mayor Larry D. Baker asked Ms. Jackson if she had any comments to which she responded, "Thank you for your services." City Attorney Luke Moses jokingly stated he was unsure whether to be mad at Sheriff Bowman or Former Chief Hagan for taking the position. Moses also stated that Hagan made his job a lot easier and that it was a pleasure working with him. Hagan stated he has met Moses' Father and Uncle and what a small world it is. Anderson asked if he will be on the road or behind the desk. Hagan stated he always tries to get out. Hagan stated he appreciated Lady Baker for all her help as well. Hagan states he will make sure the City of Walthourville gets the assistance they need. Mayor Larry D. Baker states he did not want him to go. Interim Chief Reed stated Thank you for your guidance to Former Chief Hagan.

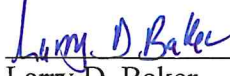
- X. Adjournment: Mayor Larry D. Baker states an invitation has been given for Friday, September 16th, 2022 to the council members and city attorney at the Career Academy

from 6: 00 PM to 9:00 PM for a farewell celebration for Hagan. A citizen, Cadelius Johnson, stood to speak and stated that she needs a trash can at her residence in Lambert Plantation and called several months prior. Johnson stated this was for a 3rd trash can. Mayor Larry D. Baker stated she would have one delivered in the morning. Johnson also states someone drove in her yard and damaged a meter box in June and it still has not been taken care of. Interim Chief Reed stated there was a report done regarding the meter. Mayor Baker stated her residence would be the first stop in the morning.

The motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor

City of Walthourville
Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by City Attorney Luke Moses with the following members present.

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson Sr.

Councilman James Hendry

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum.
City Attorney Luke Moses was present.

Councilwoman Lovette entered the meeting at 6:03 (was not present for roll call)

Member Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

- III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Larry D. Baker

- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

- V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly and the second was provided by Councilman James Hendry.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried

- VI: Adoption of City Council Minutes from September 13, 2022. The motion was made by Councilman Charlie Anderson and second was provided by Councilman James Hendry.

Vote: 4-0 Motion Carried

- VII. Presentation: None given

- VIII: Agenda Items:

- 1. Liberty County Board of Commissioners: Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Distribution Percentage: City Attorney Luke R. Moses presented the distribution percentage The motion to approve was provided by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was given by Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly to accept the 5.174% as associated with O.C.G.A. 48-8-89.

Vote: 4-0 Motion Carried

2. LCPC: Mrs. Mardee Sanchez presented information only for 18 lots on Talmadge Road between Arnall Drive and Carter Road and 6 lots on Arnall Drive. Councilwoman Lovette asked about sidewalks being constructed.
3. LCPC: Mrs. Mardee Sanchez presented information only pertaining to Shaw Road Duplexes. There will be 2 duplex buildings on Shaw Road on the opposite side of Kevin Road. Councilman Hendry suggested a fence and lighting was also suggested.
4. LCPC: Zoning Permit for Mobile Home. Mrs. Lori Parks presented a zoning permit for a Mobile Park (Parcel -051A-070) off Hillary Lane. A single wide home will be placed on Lot 3. The property owners are Chad Schnabel and Tina Dasher (Consultant for the property). The motion to approve was made by Councilman James Hendry and the second was provided by Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.
5. LCPC: Mrs. Lori Parks presented a Business License Request for a Barber Shop named Elegance Styles. The property owner is Cristian Delgado, located at 4981 West Oglethorpe Highway. The property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial District). The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette with the condition of Mr. Delgado obtaining his barber License in the State of Georgia and the second was provided by Councilman James Hendry. Vote: 4-0 Motion Carried.
6. LCPC: Business License for Audrey McCray Gauden. For an Online Freight Company/ Righteous Hauling, LLC. The owner is Audrey McCray and the business will be located at 135 Gregory Court. The business will consist of hauling freights and merchandise. A dually truck with a trailer will be used. There will be no semi-trucks, this is solely an online business. Councilman Bridgette Kelly asked if there would only be one truck. Mayor Baker asked about stockpiling and Mrs. Parks stated there would be no stock piling. The Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

IX: Council Comments:

Councilmembers

Fire Department:

Interim Chief Gary Fairchild was not in attendance. No report was available.

Economic Development:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sarah B. Hayes was not present. No report was available.

Public Works:

Councilman James Hendry

Reported that everything is going well. He stated to Councilwoman Lovette that the grass near her house and Emily Cooke Road isn't being cur because it is near a ditch and holds water. Councilwoman Lovette stated that the ditch is no longer there.

Water Department:

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Reported that she has not received any complaints about the water. Reported that the Contractor will start on the water project. Reported that some supplies and materials are on back order. Mayor Baker also stated that some supplies and materials cost more than what they used to cost.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilwoman Lovette

Councilwoman Lovette asked about the grant that she mentioned at the last meeting. Mayor Baker stated that currently nothing can be done pertaining to that grant. He asked her about the grant and she stated that she gave that information at the last meeting. Mayor Baker stated that he will have City Hall investigate the grant tomorrow (Wednesday).

Police Department:

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Interim Chief Reed showed the council the new safety vest that the department received. He gave the statistical report.

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Councilwoman Lovette thanked the city of allowing the council to attend the county wide workshop. She mentioned that she was made aware that Mayor Baker is on the Fort Stewart Water Committee. Mayor Baker stated that he wasn't aware the he was on that committee. She mentioned a grant to improve water systems that that committee mentioned and that we should apply.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly and Attorney Luke R. Moses.

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

I. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.

Councilman Anderson requested and made a motion for the Mayor and Council to have an Executive Session for personnel. The second was added by Councilwoman Lovette.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

II. Roll Call: The roll was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette	

Member Absent: Councilman James Hendry.

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum.

Attorney Luke R. Moses was in attendance.

III. Invocation: A moment of silence was observed in memory of Longtime City Employee Jimmy Thomas who transitioned on October 9th, 2022.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

V. Adoption of City Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes: The motion to approve the September 27, 2022 minutes was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried. Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette.

VII. Presentation None

VIII. Agenda Items None

IX. City Reports **Councilmembers/Department Heads**

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Deputy Chief John Pittman gave the Fire Department Report and began a passionate plea to the Mayor and Council for assistance. He stated the Fire Department was unable to answer calls due to the declining number of firefighters. He added that he needed a minimum of 3 firefighters per shift. The call volume within the last two weeks increased to 35 and calls. He stressed that the department might have to close because the firefighters are not able to work for \$ 10.50 an hour per call. He stated the department is volunteer only and

they are in competition with other departments who are paying more money. Deputy Chief Pittman added that the department's personnel are dedicated but they cannot provide for the families with the salaries they are making. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked, "how many firefighters are needed when they are dispatched to a fire?" He responded with 3 and they are having a hard time having three. He needs one running command and one in and one out (going into a home). Councilwoman Lovette, asked if that the State's requirement?" Deputy Chief Pittman stated three.

Mayor Baker asked the staffing hours and Deputy Chief stated, the department is staffed from 8 AM-5PM, and there is no night crew, just volunteers. Councilman Anderson stated the city needs the fire department and he would like the city to see what can be done to retain the department and help the firefighters.

Councilwoman Kelly stated this topic has been revisited several time and Former Chief Fairchild presented a Fire Tax fee and the city need to make a decision.

Lieutenant Riley Hernandez addressed the Mayor and Council. She said this was her first station and it breaks her heart that this station might have to close. She worked 70 hours in a two week period and made about \$600.00. She added that this community needs the fire department and the community appreciates the work that they do.

Senior Engineer Gary Taylor spoke and stated he has been with the department for five years. He began working when Chief Anthony Burns was at the helm. He loves this department and he lives in Walthourville. He stated that he works with men and women (firefighters) every day that he can depend on and he trust them with his life. He added that he would put 4 Walthourville Firefighters up against 8 County Firefighters any day. Walthourville Firefighters are well trained and dedicated and they are passionate about the department.

Deputy Chief Pittman gave the department statistics. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she was near when the City experienced a gas leak and they Fire Department handled the call professionally, quickly and the department worked well together. Councilwoman Lovette added you all are to be commended for the job that you do. Senior Engineer Taylor, further stated that the department receives compliments all the time. EMS enjoy working with them and years ago it wasn't like that.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Stated on September 24th, the city's food drive was held and 320 families were fed. People came from Glennville, Brunswick, Savannah and as far away as South Carolina. On October 29th, she is sponsoring a COVID Clinic at the Fire Department from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Absent.

Water Department

Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Reported that Southern Civil LLC is in the city and they are gradually moving in equipment to begin work on the aerator. The city has been flushing hydrants and there has been no reported calls of smelly water.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Reported that she has a quote for the playground equipment for Johnnie Frasier. The quote does not include the swings nor does it include ADA qualifications. This information was needed for the grant the city is trying to obtain. She added that the park has toxic material that must be addressed. Attorney Luke R. Moses, asked did the city have accurate knowledge that there are toxic material on the site? He stated that EPD would most likely have to conduct a study for the grant and the city would be able to have a definite answer. Attorney

Moses further added that the city should apply for everything they wanted and perhaps they would be able to obtain some if not all or the items that are needed for the park.

Councilwoman Lovette stated the park needed sanitization stations, playground equipment and bleachers. City Clerk, Shana T. Moss added that the sanitization stations could be purchased with the city's CARES Funds. Councilwoman Lovette had initially submitted the information to order the stations but when they arrived they were not conducive for the outside weather and they had to be returned. Ms. Moss stated that as soon as Councilwoman Lovette sent the updated sanitization information the stations would be ordered. Since the city is working with Dr. Bonnie Kelly and her team who will be writing the grant the city will have to send information because the grant application deadline is November 18th. Ms. Moss asked if a definitive date could be set to have all pictures and price quotes submitted. Councilwoman Kelly added that she will be working with Councilwoman Lovette on this project and that all information would be sent to Ms. Moss by 5:00 PM on Friday October 14, 2022.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Lieutenant Anthony Hooker gave the department report for Interim Chief Reed who was in school. He stated the department is doing well. More officers are being hired to replace the ones that are gone. He added that a Code Enforcement citation has been issued to Melvin Blake on Thompson Road and this citizen has been before Judge Pirkle, prior. Tri County's Jail and Bail will be held on October 19, 2022 and Interim Chief Reed will be a participant. He urged everyone to please donate to keep the Interim Chief out of jail. He stated the Breast Cancer Breakfast that was held on October 8th, was a great success. The city will host a Halloween Event, "Walt-t-Ween on October 28th from 6:00 PM-8:30 PM and candy donations are being accepted. The Citizens Academy Second Graduating class will be held on October 12th at 6:00 PM at the Police Department. Lieutenant Hooker encouraged coming out and being a part of the academy and learning the clear view of law enforcement. Lastly, he stated the speed limit on Shaw Road had changed and that citations would start after 30 days.

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Larry D. Baker

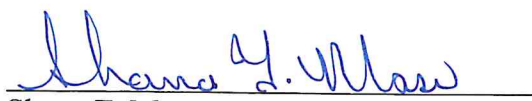
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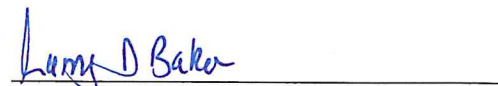
- X. Executive Session: at 6:44 PM a motion to enter Executive Session for personnel was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the motion was made by Councilman Anderson with the second being added by Councilwoman Lovette to appoint Deputy Chief John Pittman to the role of Interim Fire Chief. Interim Chief Pittman, Thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity and he Stated he was excited to lead such a fine group of dedicated men and women. He looks forward to Working with the Mayor and Council to obtain a resolution for the Fire Department.

- XI. Adjournment: Mayor Baker stated the city would discuss the Fire Tax for the 2023 Budget Year. He will reach out to City CPA, Mr. Matthew Caines for date availability for a Budget Meeting. It was decided upon that the time allotment for the meeting would be 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Visitation and Funeral Arrangements were given for Mr. Jimmy Thomas. The visitation is scheduled for Thursday October 13th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home and the Funeral will be held on Friday October 14th at 1:00 PM at the same location. The family has requested the city be apart of the processional. Mayor Baker stated the City would be closing at 11:00 AM on Friday October 14th and the processional lineup will be leaving City Hall at 11:30 AM. The motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette.


Shana T. Moss
City Clerk


Larry D. Baker
Mayor

City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Baker at 6:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette	

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Member Absent: Councilman James Hendry.

Attorney Luke Moses was absent.

- III. The Invocation was given by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of the City Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Councilwoman Lovette.
Vote:4-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of the City Council Regular Minutes from the October 11, 2022 Meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Anderson.
Vote: 3-1: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette
- VII. Presentation: None
- VIII. Agenda Items:

1. LCPC

Ms. Lori Parks

Presented a Zoning Permit for 314 Arnall Drive in Allenhurst, GA. The parcel is identified as 041D-038 at the corner of Arnall Drive and Griffin Road for a single wide manufactured home. The property owner is Ms. Louella Wallace and the applicant is Mr. Blake Patterson with Clayton Homes. Ms. Parks stated Ms. Wallace has relocated from Florida due to being displaced by Hurricane Ian. The property has been in the family and a mobile home is on the property; however, she is replacing the trailer with a newer mobile home. AR-1 allows for both single and double wide.

Councilwoman Lovette questioned whether there was a septic tank or would the city supply water? Ms. Parks stated that Ms. Wallace was currently residing in a hotel due to her displacement. Councilwoman Lovette asked, can we allow someone to move in while we await information from the Health Department regarding the septic tank inspection? Ms. Parks stated that could be done and would provide great relief to Ms. Wallace. The motion to allow Ms. Wallace to move into the mobile home with the exception that the Health Department is notified was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Councilman Anderson. Vote:4-0: Motion Carried.

2. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Presented a Business License Request for a Handy Man Business named All American Restoration. The business is owned by Mr. Roscoe Stanley of 200 Shelia Drive. Ms. Parks stated no customers will be coming to the residence. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was approved by Councilwoman Kelly. Vote:4-0: Motion Carried.

IX. City Reports Councilmembers/ Department Heads

Fire Department Councilman Charlie L. Anderson Sr.
Interim Fire Chief, John Pittman gave the report. Interim Chief stated the department has had to remove Engine 1 from service. Engine 1 is a 1994 model and it is too dangerous for the firefighters to be on the Engine. The City has only one Engine in service which is a 2011 model. He reported the call volume is still increasing. Since the last meeting on October 11th, the department has answered 37 calls. Interim Chief Pittman stated he and the firefighters have been researching engines. City Clerk Moss asked, “due to the homes being constructed in the city, was the department considering a ladder truck?” IC Pittman stated a ladder truck would be nice with the number of two story homes that are being constructed and would be beneficial for future growth.

Economic Development Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Reported that the city will be having a COVID Vaccination Clinic on Saturday October 29, 2022 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Fire Department. Vaccinations will be available for both adults and children.

Public Works Councilman James Hendry
Absent.

Water Department Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly
Reported the pump for the lift station at Glen Brook Mobile Home Park has been installed. The Aerator Project at Well 3 is moving along. Southern Civil, LLC are awaiting procurement from Florida, one of their major suppliers are in Tampa and was directly affected by Hurricane Ian. The bid opening for the readvertisement for the looping of the city’s water line will be Thursday November 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Police Department.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

Reported that she has been looking for Park Equipment. She has researched a water fountain for people and pets. She stated so many citizens walk their dog that frequent the park. Councilwoman Kelly stated she thought the park was pet free. Councilman Lovette stated yes it is, but the fountain for pets can be placed on the outside. She also stated the Boys and Girls Club of Liberty County will be opening soon and she has applications. Also, she stated she has been collecting information for the grant that the city has spoken about. City Clerk, Shana T. Moss stated she disseminated emails to Councilwoman Lovette asking about her submission. Due to no response the city missed out on the grant application. The deadline that the grant writer, Dr. Bonnie Kelly gave the city to have the information submitted was November 1st. Today is October 25th and the city does not have any information prepared.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Interim Police Chief Reed gave the report. He stated the Fire and Police Department would be sponsoring Walt-hour-ween on Friday October 28th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. He stated the Police Department has been invited to Lyman Hall for Career Day. Also, the Police Department is exploring a Self-Defense Class for Women. The instructor will be Officer Lino Vega. He showed the fall/winter jacket for the officers.

He further reported that 142 Thompson Road has been cleaned. The department issued a citation for this residence earlier in the month. Mayor Baker stated that Barbara Cauley and Natalie Lopez painted the Police Department and they used their own funds. Ms. Cauley's husband had surgery, he asked everyone to keep him in prayer. He stated pictures of the Mayor and Council will be hung on the wall in the Police Department and the Police Department has created their own website which will be www.walthourvillepolicedepartment.org.

Shaw Road speed limit change is in effect. The speed was changed and signage was posted on September 16th to inform the citizens. 6 speed limit signs are posted on Shaw Road indicating the 35 mph limit. Citations are being given for speeding violations.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes asked Interim Chief Reed about the historical pictures of the First Mayor and Council and the building. Interim Chief Reed stated he wasn't aware of the pictures but he would look into it. Mayor Pro Tem, asked if they would be replaced back in the Council Chamber? Interim Chief Reed, said yes.

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Thanked the Police Department for their hard work and gave accolades to Barbara Cauley and Natalie Lopez for their hard work on the Halloween Event.


Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated when CPA, Mr. Matthew Caines was hired he stated Council would get a Financial Report. He has produced no report and she would like a report.

Councilwoman Kelly asked about the cancellation of the budget meeting that was slated to be held on Monday October 24. She asked Mayor Baker about the cancellation; he replied it was cancelled.


Councilwoman Lovette addressed City Clerk/HR Administrator, Shana T. Moss how she could receive the hourly salary of each employee. Ms. Moss informed her it could be sent to her, Councilwoman Kelly had requested the same information and it was given to her also.

Lastly, Mayor Baker stated he would contact Mr. Caines to reschedule the 2023 Budget Meeting and would inform the council of the available date(s).

- X. Executive Session None
- XI. Adjournment: At 6:48 PM the motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lovette with the second being added by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.



Shana T. Moss
City Clerk



Larry D. Baker
Mayor

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the City Clerk with the following members present.

Mayor Larry D. Baker	Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.	Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly	

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Member Absent at the time of roll call: Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette. She entered the meeting at 6:04 PM.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was present.

- III. Invocation was given by Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
- IV. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Kelly and the second was added by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.
- VI. Adoption of City Council Minutes from the October 25, 2022 Regular meeting was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.
- VII. Presentation:
Water System Improvements: Southern Civil Engineering, LLC. Mr. Steven Parley updated the Mayor and Council on the city's water improvements to Well 3 (Carter Road) and looping of the city's water lines. Mr. Parley stated the improvements are continuing. He is getting products in to work with and the city should begin seeing equipment move in in January 2023. Councilwoman Kelly asked would this improve the water quality? Mr. Parley stated, "yes, because the Miocene well uses refurbished water and this will gradually improve the water pressure and quality because of the lines being looped on a lot of the dead end roads in the city. Councilman Anderson asked, "will the lines be looped?" Mr. Parley stated yes, and they would be using 6-to-8-inch lines.

VIII. Agenda Items

1. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Zoning Request Permit for a Mobile Home located at 40 Martin Court in the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. Parcel-051A-070 adjacent to Hillary Lane. Ms. Parks stated the mobile home will connect to city water and sewer. The applicant seeks to remove the old mobile home and put it a new mobile home. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was added by Mayor Pro Hayes. Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Councilwoman Lovette
2. LCPC Ms. Lori Parks
Business License Request for an Online Trucking Transport Business named George Slater Transport, LLC. The owner is Mr. Bobby George and the business will be located at 1608

Talmadge Road in Walthourville. Mrs. Glenda W. George is the property owner and it is zoned R-1. Mr. George will be leasing his truck to other companies for transport. Councilwoman Lovette asked, "where are the vehicles going to be parked?" Mr. George stated they will never be parked at the residence because he is hopeful that they will always be on the road. Attorney Moses stated if the applicant has trouble leasing the vehicles, they cannot be parked at the residence. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was added by Councilwoman Lovette.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.

Ms. Parks provided an update to the Mayor and Council on an agenda item that was heard on October 25, 2022. She stated the Mobile Home is on hold due to a civil matter regarding the family on the Long County side.

IX. Council Reports

Councilmembers/Department Heads

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Reported that the Fire Departments Presentation will be later.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes

Reported the city would be conducting a COVID Clinic on November 12, 2022, at the Fire Department. Vaccines will be available for adults and children. On November 17, 2022 the city will host KLB for the Recycle Fair. The event will be held at City Hall from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. The Shred-It Truck will be located in Midway.

Public Works

Councilman James Hendry

Reported that Public Works is doing well. He needs three employees.

Water Department

Councilwoman Kelly

Reported the Mayor and Council just received an update from Southern Civil. There has been no reported calls of smelly water.

Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Lovette

Stated that she has submitted her request for the park for the 2023 Budget.

Police Department

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Interim Chief, Chris Reed gave the department statistics. He stated the department was having major issues with 4 Wheelers. They are illegal to ride on highways and roads in Georgia and citizens often ride without helmets. He gave the non-emergency number for citizens to call which is 912-368-3911. He added that he contacted the city's grant writer, Dr. Bonnie Kelly regarding a First Responder's Grant.

He introduced Officer James Fulwood to the Mayor and Council and announced that he would be promoting him to Sergeant. He stated his brings a wealth of experience to the department. Interim Chief Reed pinned Sgt. Fulwood. Sgt. Fulwood stated he is happy to be in this position and with the department and he will never bring discredit to the organization.

Fire Department

Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

Interim Chief Pittman gave the department's statistics. He said the department's call have increased from 2021. Last year they averaged 70 calls a month, this year they are averaging 80. Interim Chief Pittman referenced a fire at Houston's Junkyard that they responded to. He stated he did not have the desired staff, two firefighters responded to the call and one of the city's firefighters had to have medical attention because she got in distress. She was fighting the fire 20 minutes by herself, because the other firefighter was monitoring the truck. While enroute to the fire, Engine 2

had a malfunction (the horn) and should have been taken out of service. That would have left the city with no engine. Interim Chief Pittman stated this is dangerous for our firefighters and puts the city in liability. The fire lasted 6 hours and mutual aid from Hinesville, Midway, and Liberty County had to assist.

Chief Pittman stated he definitely needs the third shift with around the clock coverage. The city is missing a lot of calls because no one is at the station, the firefighters have to come from their residence and get to the station. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes, stated this is a huge liability for the city and she is very concerned about the city's personnel. She was informed the firefighter that was injured is still having some medical difficulties and we cannot be risking someone's life." Councilman Anderson stated, "let's do what we can to help the department operate." We cannot obtain any more grants and our ISO rating is in jeopardy as well as the department being closed by the State.

Chief Pittman stated the city's ISO rating is a 5. If the city gets to a 7, we will be closed. Engine 1 is completely out of service and Engine 2 has a malfunction. The city needs a new engine. He stated he has researched engines and the city could lease one and that would defray the cost. Another option would be to find a refurbished truck and have twenty-two upgrades to it. The Mayor and Council gave Interim Chief Pittman the authorization to proceed and look for a truck.

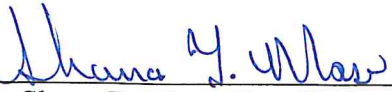
Office of the Mayor

Mayor Larry D. Baker

Attorney Luke R. Moses stated the city received CARES Funding in 2020 for the COVID-19 Pandemic. The period covered March 1st-December 31st, 2020 and received \$ 215,410.73 of which Public Safety salaries were used to qualify the city for funding as authorized and advised by DCA (Department of Community Affairs). Attorney Moses stated he obtained figures from CPA, Mr. Matthew Caines who informed him the city spent \$350,000.00 on salaries. This figure entailed the Fire and Police Department salaries. Attorney Moses stated currently there is \$90,000 in the CARES account. This money should have been spent because it was initially allocated to CARES and should be placed in the General Fund. Councilwoman Kelly made the motion to transfer the CARES Funds to the general fund stating, "the remaining \$90,000 of CARES Funds should be transferred to the General Fund to cover the cost of Public Safety Salaries that have already been allocated. The second was added by Councilman Hendry.

Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried Unanimously.

- X. Executive Session: At 7:34 PM a motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was provided by Councilwoman Kelly for Real Estate. At 7:49 PM a motion to re-enter regular session was made by Councilman Anderson and the second was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes.
- XI. Adjournment: At 7:50 PM a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Councilman Hendry and the second was added by Councilwoman Lovette.


Shana T. Moss, City Clerk


Larry D. Baker, Mayor



City of Walthourville Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting Minutes
FY Budget Adoption
December 22, 2022 @ 5:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baler.
- II. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman James Hendry

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette entered the meeting at 5:02 PM, she was not present when the roll was called.

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Member Absent: Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.

City Attorney Luke R. Moses was present.

- III. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes.

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

- V. City of Walthourville FY 2023 Budget Adoption Mayor and Council

Mayor Baker stated, we are here to approve the FY 2023 Balanced Budgets for the General and Water Funds. The General Funds Budget is \$ 2,160,220 and the Water Fund Budget is \$1,544,000.' Is there a motion to approve?"

The motion to approve was made by Councilman Hendry, with no added second and the motion died. He stated he did not understand why there was no approval, there were three meetings to discuss the budget.

Councilwoman Kelly stated she had several questions about the budget. She referenced Line 35 which is the Mayor's vehicle and she added that the Fire Department was in need of equipment and if there was any money all departments should give it to the Fire Department. She also added that each department is equally important and when the police department was in need, funds were given to them. Also, on December 19th, 2022 the Mayor and Council convened for a Special Called Meeting to give the Firefighters a raise from \$ 10.50 hourly to \$ 13.50 and she questioned if that amount was included in the budget. Line 104 Fire Department Salaries.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes questioned Line 35 and stated she also was in agreement about the approved salaries of the Fire Department being calculated into the budget. She stated the Fire Department needed to have the opportunity to flourish just like other departments. She added it is sad that the firefighters cannot live off their meager salary and have to leave the department or work two and three jobs to support their families. She would like to ensure that City CPA, Matthew Caines have had an opportunity to calculate the raise into the budget. She added that she is in agreement to pass the budget but she needs additional information.

Councilwoman Lovette added she understand that the Mayor and Council are suppose to pass the budget, but if they cannot come to a consensus, then the city reverts to the current budget (2022) that is intact. She also had questions about the Fire Department and the raises being calculated into the budget.

Attorney Luke R. Moses passionately stated that passing a budget is the most essential task that a Mayor and Council has. He added that they took an oath to pass an annual budget. The city's charter requires that a budget be passed. He asked the council if they were willing to schedule another meeting. Mr. Caines could answer any questions that they have, and they could fulfill their obligation as elected officials. He asked all councilmembers if they were willing to have another meeting. Councilman Hendry stated, 'no,' he was not coming back to another meeting, the city has had several meetings. Councilwoman Lovette stated she would not. Councilwoman Kelly stated she would be out of town, but she could attend virtually. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she was in favor of another meeting.

Mayor Baker added that the council needed to pass this budget. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she needed questions answered from Mr. Caines. She also asked, "why is the council prohibited from contacting Mr. Caines directly." Mayor Baker stated every time a question is asked it cost the city and if several of them ask the same question it cost. Attorney Moses stated, perhaps the council can send their questions for Mr. Caines to Shana. City Clerk Moss stated it would be beneficial for them to email him directly; therefore, there would be no confusion as to what they needed from him.

Attorney Moses also, stated they could pass the budget and amend it later. All councilmembers except for Councilman Hendry opposed.

Mayor Baker asked if there was a motion on the floor to schedule another meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes, stated she makes a motion to take no action, reschedule a meeting, and email all questions to Mr. Caines. The second was added by Councilwoman Kelly.

Vote: 2-2: Motion Failed.

Opposed: Councilman Hendry & Councilwoman Lovette

Attorney Moses stated, he wanted the minutes to reflect," the motion failed and this council failed to pass a budget and several of them didn't want to schedule another meeting to reconvene and pass the budget.



City of Walthourville
Special Called Meeting # 2 for FY 2023 Budget Adoption
December 29, 2022 @ 5:00 PM
Walthourville Police Department

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Larry D. Baker
- II. Roll Call: The roll was called by the City Clerk with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly (via telephone)

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah B. Hayes
Councilman James Hendry
Councilwoman Luciria L. Lovette

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum.

Attorney Luke R. Moses was present.

- III. Invocation was given by Councilman Charlie L. Anderson.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Lovette and the second was added by Councilman Hendry.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- VI. City of Walthourville 2023 Budget Adoption.
For the Mayor and Council to adopt the 2023 Balanced Budget for the General and Water Funds. The General Fund's Budget is \$2,160,220 and the Water Fund's Budget is \$1,544.00.

Addendum:

At a Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council on December 22, 2022 the Balanced Budgets failed to pass. On December 23, 2022 Mayor Baker contacted City Clerk, Shana T. Moss and requested she inform the Council that he was calling a Special Called Meeting for December 29, 2022 for the FY 2023 Budget Adoption.

Attorney Luke R. Moses sent a response to the original email that was sent by City Clerk Moss. Attorney Moses requested that his email becomes a part of the minutes which is:

Mayor and Council: Pursuant to Section 2-4(1) of the City's charter, the Mayor had the power to call a special meeting, provided that gives twelve (12) hours' notice to the Council. I was incorrect on Thursday when I said that Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes' motion calling for a special meeting failed. While regular quorum rules remain in place for a special meeting, Section 2-4 also states that a special meeting can be called by two (2) councilmembers. Because Mayor Pro-Tem Hayes and Councilwoman Kelly both voted for a special meeting to be held on December 29 at 5 p.m., their motion passed, not failed as I had originally stated. I will ask Ms. Moss to include the contents of my e-mail as an addendum to this minute in an effort to avoid making the mistake in the future.

Agenda Item:

Mayor Baker began the meeting and informed the Mayor and Council that this meeting was called to approve the FY 2023 Balanced Budgets. Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and Councilwoman Kelly stated they still had some questions.

Attorney Moses stated the last meeting was held on December 22nd, when the budgets failed to pass. Councilmembers were given an opportunity to send questions to Mr. Matthew Caines and as of last night (December 28th) Mr. Caines stated he had not heard from any councilmember about questions or concerns. He further added, once again he would like to reiterate that the Mayor and Council are required to pass a Balanced Budget annually. We have had several meetings and opportunities to ask questions and here we are, December 29th, without a budget for the new fiscal year. Attorney Moses stated he spoke with Mr. Caines and he started the budget he prepared (for the December 22nd meeting) included the raises for the Fire Department. He also added Mr. Caines stated at a November 2022 Budget Meeting the Mayor and Council were interested in passing a Fire Fee. Attorney Moses stated during his conversation with Mr. Caines, Mr. Caines informed the Mayor and Council they had to figure out a way to generate revenue for the city. The city is growing, and the expenses are increasing. He stated the budget was prepared and balanced with the Fire Fee to generate the revenue to balance the budget. Attorney Moses stated they could pass both the budget and the fire fee if they preferred.

Councilwoman Lovette stated she detected hostility, and the Mayor and Council does not have to approve a budget if they are unclear. She stated she was opposed to the Fire Fee. Attorney Moses stated, it's not hostility, I want all of you to understand the consequences of your actions if a budget isn't passed.' He stated State Law states a City must pass a balanced budget, that is the obligation of the council. He stated to Councilwoman Lovette that she opposed on December 22nd coming back to even try and work on passing the budget. Mr. Caines had been available and willing to answer any questions she might have had, and he spoke with Mr. Caines and Councilwoman Lovette did not take send him an email about any questions. Councilwoman Lovette added, "she admits she did not email Mr. Caines."

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated she had her question answered by Interim Fire Chief John Pittman. However, she emailed Mr. Caines to inform him that she had her answers. She asked Interim Chief Pittman to come forward and explain Line Item # 117 in the budget. Interim Chief Pittman stated in the budget it was allocated for the Fire Department to receive \$118,400. He would like to move \$78,000 from Line 117 (Communications-Radio to Line 104 (Salaries). Interim Chief Pittman stated this would allow him to hire 3 people and each person will cost \$25,000 annually. $\$ 25,000 \times 3 = \$75,000$ and he would have an additional \$ 3,000. He added that there is \$ 161,841 listed in Line 130 Capital Outlay, he asked for those funds to remain because he will need to outfit the new fire engine that will be arriving.

Councilwoman Kelly voiced concerns over the Fire Fee. She stated it was not fair to the citizens for the Mayor and Council to place this on the citizens without what she deemed as ample notice. She added that she was unaware that Mr, Caines had been instructed to place a Fire Fee in the budget, although they did discuss it with him at the Budget Workshops. She stated, "she would not vote to approve the 2023 Budget unless the Fire Fee Revenue was removed." Mayor Pro Tem stated it was important that the Mayor and Council are transparent and accountable to the citizens.

Councilman Anderson stated he agreed that the Funds be moved to help the Fire Department because the department is important, and the firefighters need this raise.

Mayor Pro Tem Hayes voiced her concern over Line 35 Capital Lease Mayor's Vehicle and the amount of the cost. She stated the council did not vote on this expense and she asked Mayor Baker was he turning his vehicle back in. The Mayor replied, "no."

Councilwoman Lovette stated with the Mayors vehicle, she wonders what else is in the budget that is not being detected. She stated the Fire Fee is in the budget and that was not approved.

Councilwoman Kelly and Mayor Pro Tem Hayes stated they were willing to pass the budget with some modifications, but they would not approve it with the Fire Fee Revenue included.

Mayor Baker stated, "Councilmembers, you have heard the information and questions have been answered, "what is your pleasure?"

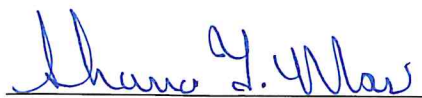
Mayor Pro Tem made the motion to approve with the following modifications. Page 2 Line # 35 will be revisited in January and to move \$78,000 from Line 117(Communications-Radio) to Line Item 104 (Salaries) and for the Fire Fee to be removed entirely from the 2023 Budget. The Council stated they would not pass the budget on the recommendation of CPA Mr. Caines. Mr. Caines prepared the budget and input the fire fee to provide the revenue for the city's revenue and expenditures to be balanced. The Council stated they would revisit the budget in 2023 to remove expenses for the Fire Fee Revenue that is being removed. This will result in the City's 2023 Budget being unbalanced and non-complaint with Georgia Law that each city must have a balanced budget to begin the year. The second was added by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.


Members voting in favor: Mayor Pro Tem Hayes, Councilwoman Kelly and Councilmen Anderson and Hendry.

Councilwoman Lovette abstained and did not vote. A vote of abstention equals a yes vote, Therefore, per Georgia Law, Councilwoman Lovette voted yes making the final vote. 5-0 unanimous. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried Unanimously

Adjournment: At 5:38 a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hayes and the second was added by Councilman Hendry. Vote:5-0: Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:


Shana T. Moss, City Clerk


Larry D. Baker, Mayor