Council Meeting

April 21, 2025

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Celestine Hayes and Jody Greene.

Others Present: Mark Barber, Sonya Philpot, Tim Tanner, members of staff and the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman Terry McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Greg Paige.

Approval of Minutes (4/7/2025): Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2025, as presented: Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Ord. #25-02: Rezoning Request – South Elm Street - Second Reading:

The property requested to be rezoned is located at South Elm Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets (Map-A003 Parcel 068). Currently the parcel is zoned (R-8). And the applicant Francisco Trejo is requesting (WLI) – Wholesale Light Industrial designation. The rezoning is requested to operate a storage location for utility trailers manufactured at another location. Mayor Duke read Ordinance No. 25-02. After reading the ordinance, Councilman Paige made a motion to deny the rezoning request. Councilwoman Hayes 2nd the motion. Councilman McClain asked if the location where the trailers were being manufactured was zoned General Business? Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that he was not sure what the zoning was. Councilman McClain then rephrased the question asking if the trailers could be manufactured in General Business, why was the zoning to (WLI) required to store the trailers. Councilman Greene asked at what time could restrictions be added to the rezoning request. Tim Tanner, City Attorney, stated that it depended on the outcome of the vote for the motion on the table. If the motion to deny passed, there would be no need for further discussion. Councilman McClain asked if there was any other way for Mr. Trejo to be able to store the trailers without rezoning. Mark Barber stated that the property would have to be rezoned in order for him to store the trailers on site. Mayor Duke called for a vote for the motion on the table. Those voting in favor of denying the rezoning request were Councils McClain, Paige, Cowart, and Hayes. Councilman Greene voted in opposition of the motion. Motion for the rezoning denial passed 4-1.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Barber reminded the Mayor and Council of the Zoning class to be held on April 22nd at the Airport from 9-4. Mr. Barber also informed the Mayor and Council of the activities this week for GA Cities Week. An invitation was extended to the Mayor and Council to join the employees for lunch on the lawn for an employee appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Mr. Barber also asked everyone to please keep Jeff Parker’s family in your thoughts and prayers.

Councilman Paige made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Sonya B. Philpot, Human Resources Director Luther L. Duke III, Mayor