

Council Meeting
April 1, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Celeste Hayes, Jody Greene. Councilman Terry McClain was present by teleconference due to being out of town.

Others Present: Mark Barber, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, members of staff and the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman Duke

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor.

Public Hearing: Councilman Greene made a motion to enter into public hearing to gain input on the rezoning application filed by Jeronia and Ollie D. Jones, Sr. Councilman Paige seconded. There were no opposing votes. The application requests that property located at 732 N. Pine Street (Map A001A Parcel 016) be rezoned from R-10 to R-8M. The rezoning is requested for a mobile home to be placed on the parcel. Appropriate protocol has been followed regarding advertising the request and the Greater Cook County Planning Advisory Commission met on March 28, 2024 and approved the rezoning request with a unanimous vote. Altheia Paige spoke on behalf of the application stating there is a mobile home sitting south of there and they went in and cleaned a vacant lot across from the ball field so they could make it a little bit nicer. That's what they're asking is for the mobile home to be allowed to go there. The other mobile home that was there had already been grandfathered in. Councilwoman Hayes asked for the difference in R10 and R8, if they were both residential? She was advised those numbers represented the difference in the square footage of the lot. R10 is a 10,000 square foot lot and R8 is an 8,000 square foot lot. There was no one further to speak either for or against the application and then public hearing was declared closed.

Ord. #24-02: This ordinance, rezoning property located at 732 N. Pine Street from R10 to R8M, was read for the first time.

Georgia DOT Agreement (Res. #24-02): The council was advised that the roundabout at the intersection of Hwy 37/76 was discussed at the last meeting concerning the water relocation. The electric department also has some power poles that need to be relocated. The DOT has agreed to pay \$17,881.89, which is 100% of the costs. Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve the resolution so the necessary agreement could be executed. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor.

MEAG Trust Signatories (Res. #24-03): The Municipal Competitive Trust was established in 1999 to assist MEAG participants in managing their long-term financial security. Two signatures are required to make changes to the City's accounts. The current signatures are the Mayor and City Manager. The Mayor's signature expired on December 31, 2023. A resolution must be approved by

Mayor and Council designating the Mayor's signature valid until December 31, 2027. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Cowart seconded. All were in favor.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes – Councilwoman Hayes asked about the possibility of having a discussion to change the day of the council meetings, maybe even with the County. She noted that she would like to attend both the city and county meetings but could not since they are both held on the same day, one at 5:30 and one at 6:00. Mr. Barber stated he could place this on a future agenda. He's not had any conversation with the county manager but could do that as well.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
