

**CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Rodney Hammond, Scott Lee, Chip McDaniel, Bob Smith, Rebecca Spitler

City Officials: Tom Rozier - City Administrator, Leigh Threadgill - Deputy City Administrator,

Constance Hughes – Deputy City Clerk, Richard Carothers – Attorney

Members of the Public: 0

Members of the Press: 0

WORK SESSION

The mayor and council reviewed the meeting agenda and materials with staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM via conference call. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

Salter: Our meeting is being held tonight by public conference call due to COVID-19 virus social distancing requirements. The council members and I are participating in the call with video capabilities in case anyone wonders how I am interpreting their voting tonight. In order to ensure that members of the public have access to this meeting, a notice was placed in the Gwinnett Daily Post, at the front door of city hall and a link was placed on the city website regarding the meeting. All of which included instructions for dialing into the meeting via telephone.

AGENDA

Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

Spitler suggested the addition of New Business item ‘a’ to include an extension of the moratorium on certain sign-related enforcement.

Spitler made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Smith seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) O-20-237 Proposed Budget for 2021

Salter solicited comments regarding O-20-237.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of October 15, 2020 Council Meeting
- b) Financial Reports: September 2020, Unaudited
- c) 2020 Audit Engagement Letter: J Terry Gordon & Company
- d) Human Resources: Policy – Issued Vehicles

Hammond made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) O-20-236 Consideration of Amendment to Chapter 26, Article III, Noise Control

Lee made a motion to place O-20-236, an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 – Article III, Noise Control, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on third read and to adopt the amendment. McDaniel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- b) O-20-237 Proposed Budget for 2021

Rozier: O-20-237 is the proposed budget for 2021. The measure as presented anticipates no increase in the real property tax millage rate for 2021 over the rollback rate for 2020. The measure is presented for second read consideration.

Spitler made a motion to place O-20-237, an ordinance to establish the budget for the year 2021, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Extension of Moratorium on Certain Sign-related Enforcement

Spitler made a motion to extend a moratorium on enforcement of section 62-5(i) regarding the posting of private signs on the right of way. In the interim, private signs shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from the public street as provided for in section 62-8(b). This moratorium shall be effective until January 15, 2020 unless sooner repealed. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, McDaniel moved to adjourn. Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by:

Tom Rozier
City Clerk