

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2004 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, David Walker, Betty Wells, Betty Mack, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Henry Maynard, Chief George Morris, Parikh Subhash, Louise Grimes, Deacon Capers, George Kinsey and Nicholas Sikes.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Councilman Sandifer gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present.

The agenda was approved to include the amendments under New Business item 4 to discuss a request from Troop 17 and under Old Business an executive session to discuss negotiations incident to a contractual matter.

Mayor McCollum began the public hearing to decide if Mr. Subhash should have his business license revoked for operating a social hall which had been considered a public nuisance by the Police Department.

Mr. Subhash informed Council he wanted to cooperate with the City and have no further problems. He explained that he wanted to be allowed to rent his building for private parties such as birthday parties and wedding receptions.

License Administrator Watson explained that Mr. Subhash would now need a separate license to operate the old Ziggy's Restaurant Building as a social hall since it had a separate 911 address. He said it would be up to Council to decide if he could issue the license and that Council could set restrictions as what could be held at the social hall from that point on since it had been declared a public nuisance.

Chief Morris explained that the business conducted at the Ziggy's Social Hall had become a nightclub with beer and alcohol being sold without a proper license accompanied with fights and disorderly conduct.

Mayor McCollum said he wanted to be sure the building met fire code. He wanted the Fire Marshall involved in order to give Council a report on the building.

Councilperson Wells asked if alcohol would be served.

Mr. Subhash replied no but said future renters would be responsible for any illegal activities.

Councilperson Johnson said she was for issuing the license if the building was used only for birthday parties and wedding receptions.

Councilman Sandifer said he was for issuing the license but said input needed to come from Chief Morris.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to issue a business license for a social hall to Mr. Subhash with restrictions. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum instructed Chief Morris to meet with Mr. Subhash to set the restrictions and then to report them to Council.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2004 meeting once they were amended to read that Councilperson Mack had attended the festival in Olar by herself. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilman Walker made the motion to approve the Budget & Finance Reports as presented. All Approved. The motion carried.

Clerk Watson explained that the report showed the City had received their two quarterly payments from the County for the fire contract, and that a police car had been purchased. He said the report showed that the Sanitation Dept. had spent a large amount of money repairing their equipment this year. Clerk Watson once again made Council aware that the professional services expense line item would well exceed the budgeted amount due to the special projects Council was involved with.

Under Commission Reports.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the Barber Shop Building was now ready to be sold.

Clerk Watson said Attorney Hiers was trying to get the buyer to decide on what name he want the deed in so he could go ahead and prepare the deed in order to transfer the property.

Chief Morris reported to Council that the new officer was now at the academy and that the new police car had been purchased.

Councilperson Foster asked if everything was on computer.

Chief Morris informed Council that the office was now where it needed to be. He praised Karen Proveaux for the great computer work she was doing.

Councilman Walker asked Clerk Watson if the hydrant work in the Wren Street area had been completed.

Clerk Watson explained that three new hydrants were put in the area by the BPW and that the project was completed.

Councilman Walker thanked Mrs. Wells and the Sanitation Department for addressing the problem areas he had mentioned at the last Council meeting.

Councilperson Wells reported that the Sanitation Department was running well.

Councilperson Foster reported that business license collections were ahead of the game.

Under New Business.

After Chief Morris explained the need for a curfew ordinance, a drug paraphernalia ordinance and a public urination ordinance, Council decided to set the limits on the curfew ordinance to 11:00 p.m. during weekdays and to 12:00 a.m. during weekends and holidays. Council then made and approved the necessary motions to have Clerk Watson draw up the ordinances to adopt all the proposed ordinances.

Councilperson Foster voiced that she wanted the young people in Bamberg to be good but to also have a good time.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-08 amending Section 23-1 providing the month in which regular elections will be held. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Once Council had heard a detailed report and received a thank you from Deacon Capers for contributing to the scouting programs, Councilperson Johnson made the motion to donate \$500.00 each to Troop 24, Crew 24, and Pack 441 this year. Councilperson Foster made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilman Walker made the motion to donate \$500.00 to Troop 17 this year. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilman Sandifer asked that Clerk Watson explain to Mr. Crowley why the City could only donate \$500.00 although he had requested \$1,000.00 for Troop 17.

Council decided to postpone discussing an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals until the next meeting when Councilmembers had more time to think about who they wanted to recommend.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations incident to a contractual matter. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to come out of the executive session. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson asked if the new fire hydrants were now connected to a water source and ready for service.

Mayor McCollum assured her they were now ready for service.

With no further business, Councilperson Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mack made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor