

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 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: Chief George Morris, Phyllis Overstreet, Cindy Nichols, Jason Hightower, Larry Drawdy, Jeanette McDonald, Al Herbert and Buddy Kinard.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Mrs. Johnson gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda as received. Mr. Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum began the public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 02-15 to rezone property of Al Herbert from R-3 to HC.

Mrs. Jeannette McDonald told Council that she wanted to go on record as opposing the rezoning.

Mr. Jason Hightower said he wanted to go on record to say he opposed the rezoning.

Mr. Larry Drawdy also informed Council that he opposed the rezoning.

With no further comments, Mayor McCollum closed the public hearing.

Mayor McCollum then began the public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 02-16 to rezone properties of Kathryn Kinard from R-3 to HC.

Mrs. Jeannette McDonald informed Council that her property joins Mrs. Kinard's property and said she was opposed to the rezoning.

Mr. Jason Hightower and Larry Drawdy both said they opposed the rezoning since they bordered her property.

With no further comments, the public hearing was brought to a close.

Mrs. Wells made the motion to approve minutes of the August 12, 2002 meeting as received. Mrs. Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2002 meeting as received. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to approve the Budget and Finance Reports as presented. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Commission Reports:

Mr. Sandifer reported that the Fall Football League directed by Kirk Morrell was going well. He said the program had 65 youths participating this year.

Mr. Sandifer informed Council that the three flag poles from the USA Enterprise Building would be sandblasted and placed at the Ness Complex.

Mr. Sandifer told Council that renovation work has been done in the police Department and that the Fire Department had received a new coat of paint.

Mr. Sandifer informed Council that groundbreaking for the new shopping mall would be held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. He said the new mall would be named Heritage Center and would include a Piggly Wiggly Store and some other retail stores. Mr. Sandifer said a lot of work had gone into the project.

Mayor McCollum asked Mr. Sandifer to please look at painting the restrooms in City Hall.

Chief Morris reported to Council that a new police officer has been hired and that he would begin work on September 16th.

Mr. Walker informed Council that he had attended the Fire Department's district meeting the other night. He also praised the great job of painting that was done in the department.

Mr. Walker informed Council that specifications have been drawn up by a representative of a fire truck company for a new pumper tanker at a cost of around \$150,000.00. He explained that the new truck would haul 1,450 gallons of water and could also be used as a pumper. He told Council that the new pumper tanker would be necessary in order to provide good equipment that could save lives. Mr. Walker informed Council that sixteen payments are still due on the last truck that was purchased.

After some discussion, Mr. Sandifer made the motion to go out for proposals for a new pumper tanker not to exceed \$150,000.00. Mrs. Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Wells informed Council that the summer youth workers had returned to school. She told Council that the Sanitation Department was ready to handle the trash pickup for the festival.

Mrs. Mack informed Council that the City had received notice from SCMIT that beginning January 2003 inmates would no longer be covered under the City's worker's compensation policy.

Mayor McCollum told Council that the City should not use any inmates and would need to think about using anyone who has been sentenced to do public service work.

Mrs. Foster informed Council that 32% of the business licenses have been received and that it would be the end of September before the enforcement of delinquent licenses would begin.

Under New Business:

Council received the recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt proposed Ordinance 02-16 to rezone properties of Kathryn Kinard from R-3 to HC.

Mr. Sandifer told Council that he knows some people are opposing the rezoning ordinances but that these properties were the only section along Highway 301 that wasn't presently zoned HC. He said no one would ever rebuild a residential home on these properties since they would be on a major highway. He said the properties needed to be rezoned to commercial.

Buddy Kinard informed Council that he owns two homes on his mothers' property and if they were torn down that they would not be rebuilt on Highway 301.

Mrs. Foster asked Mr. Kinard if his property was going to be sold.

Mr. Kinard said he could no rent the existing commercial buildings or sell the property for commercial use due to the present zoning ordinance.

Mr. Sandifer asked Mrs. McDonald if she felt the rezoning would devalue her property.

Mrs. McDonald said she felt it would devalue her property.

Mr. Sandifer said the rezoning may even increase the value of her property.

Mrs. Foster asked if the rezoning would include the Beaver's property.

Clerk Watson explained it would not.

Mrs. Johnson informed Council that the Planning Commission had already studied the rezonings and made their recommendations to Council. She said she felt the whole block needed to be rezoned.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-15 to rezone the property of Al Herbert from R-3 to HC. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-16 to rezone the properties of Kathryn Kinard from R-3 to HC. All approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Sandifer made the motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mrs. Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

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

During the announcements, Mr. Sandifer reminded Council about the Bamberg County Chamber of Commerce Memorial Service that would be held on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. honoring the emergency services that took action in the September 11th tragedy.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor of Bamberg