

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CALLED MEETING WORK SESSION
MARCH 16, 2015
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor W. James Grogan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor James Grogan, Councilmember Mike Sosebee, Councilmember Jason Power, Councilmember Angie Smith, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Dana Miles, City Clerk Bonnie Warne, Public Works Director Gary Barr and Roads Dept. Trampas Hansard.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation and pledge was led by Mike Sosebee.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda as presented by: A. Smith/J. Power. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS:

Commit Money to Fireworks for July 4th: Mayor Grogan spoke on the July 4th Fireworks Display hosted at the Atlanta Motorsports Park by the DDA. The Mayor asked for a commitment of \$7500. Motion to approve by: J. Power/C. Phillips. Motion carried unanimously in favor. Motion to amend the budget from General Fund Reserve to DDA by: M. Sosebee/J. Power. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

Update on the Trail Grant: Mayor Grogan stated that he spoke to Heather Feldman, GMRC, on the Main Street Park Trail Grant, which is up to \$100,000 with an 80/20 match. The grant applications have been scored and DNR will grant final approval on March 25th.

Update on Revitalization Plan: Mayor Grogan spoke on the \$50,000 Gateway Grant by GDOT. Todd Long of GDOT requested a field survey on the plan which Mayor Grogan submitted.

Update on Edmunds Software: Bonnie Warne gave an update on the new software Edmunds MCSJ approved in Sep 2014 and went LIVE on Feb 2nd with online payments active Feb 23rd and the first billing processed with a few bumps on March 4th and all accounts reconciled and are in balance. On March 11th Bonnie attended the Edmunds Users Conference presented by Bob Edmunds, President which highlighted the new features. We are working on the interface with the hand-held meter readers and the software and start on the budget prep module training.

Street Openings: Gary Barr stated that they are looking into opening some of the City streets downtown and make them one way with extra parking on the other side, which goes along with the revitalization plan of downtown. A survey will need done to start the project.

Ice Storm 2015: Gary Barr spoke on the ice storm which knocked out the power and generators had to be run to keep the water on and the treatment plant operating. There was a critical issue to get the water and sewer operating when the power went off. GA Power worked with the City to get the systems running to prevent having to boil water for safety. Russ, Jacob, Trampas and Justin worked a lot of extra hours and did an exceptional job with the pump stations, wells and roads.

Clean-up of Roadways: Trampas Hansard stated that with the snow and ice they went through 2 blades scraping snow to keep at least one lane clear. There were a lot of trees down, blocking the

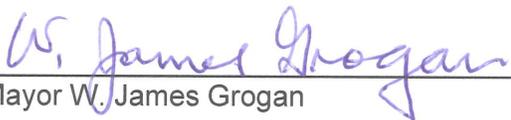
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roads and sidewalks, especially in the Stegall and Gold Creek areas that had to be cleared. The power was out about a day and a half, more in some areas. They are working on cleaning the well, sprayfields and water tank areas. With all of this they were reading meters too.

REPORTS: Angie Smith stated there is a Family Connection meeting next week and Jason a Health Board meeting April 7.

Gary Barr reported he has been with the City 25 years and Bonnie Warne stated she has been with the City 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to attend to the meeting closed and adjourned at 4:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously in favor: J. Power/ A. Smith.



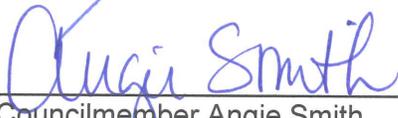
Mayor W. James Grogan



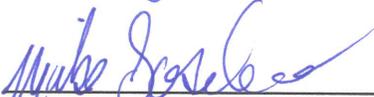
Appointed Councilmember Caleb Phillips



Councilmember Jason Power



Councilmember Angie Smith



Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Attested: 

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk