



**CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES– COUNCIL MEETING
Monday December 4, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:39 pm. Councilmember Wynn was not present during roll call. Councilmember Wynn arrived at 5:44 pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard to approve the agenda for the December 4, 2023 council meeting. Councilmember Honore seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. October 2, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion – made by Councilmember Inman to approve the October 2, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. For Decision – SPLOST II Bonds – Bond Attorney Ed Wall

Chief Dejarnette and Bond Attorney Ed Wall gave a presentation and explanation of bonds and the terms and conditions associated with the City of Lithonia taking out a bond with incoming SPLOST funds. Ed Wall explained that he would return to the city council with update on term sheets and the bid process as well as all loan offers with interest rates.

Motion – made by Councilmember Honore to approve Piper Sandler to request bids and terms of a bond for the City of Lithonia. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. For Decision – Entertainment District – Chief Dejarnette

Chief DeJarnette explained that he is working with the City Attorney to draft ordinances pertaining to the establishment of the Entertainment district in the City of Lithonia. He explained the boundaries that would be established and the rules of the entertainment district. There was much discussion about the boundaries that would be established and how they would be identified by visitors in the city. Chief DeJarnette did not ask for a vote on the item and stated that he would come back before City Council with the Ordinances once the City Attorney's office completed them.

c. For Decision – City Hall Lights – Chief DeJarnette

Chief DeJarnette explained that there are several lights out surrounding the city hall building. He stated that he received a quote to have the out of service lights replaced and even though it did not meet the criteria to ask for a vote because it was lower than needed, he would like to have city council's approval.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard to approve the light replacement around the City Hall building. Councilmember Inman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. For Decision – Police Vehicles – Chief DeJarnette

Chief DeJarnette requested that Council approve the request to purchase new police vehicles.

Motion- made by Councilmember Inman to approve the purchase of new police vehicles. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Updates and Reports

a. Police Department Update

Major Kyle Jones gave a police department update of significant recent events. He also recognized Officer Brittany Camp and Sargent Brandon Warren for outstanding work.

b. City Administrator Update

No update given.

c. Mayor's Update

Mayor Reynolds announced the Inauguration event to be held January 2, 2024 and the City Council meeting to be held Thursday, January 4th.

d. Councilmember Updates

Councilmember Inman announced that her Round Table will be held December 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard asked Chief Dejarnette if there were any updates on the old Citizen's Trust Bank located in the city and if they had any plans to continue to utilize it. Chief Dejarnette explained he has been in talks with Citizen's Trust about their plans for that location and the upkeep of it as it is deteriorating. He stated he will bring back an update once he has more information.

IX. Executive Session (If Necessary)

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard to enter Executive Session for personnel. Councilmember Inman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Howard to exit Executive Session. Councilmember Inman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion- made by councilmember Inman to approve a raise for the City Administrator and Chief of Police Donald Dejarnette. Councilmember Howard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Inman to approve Christmas bonuses for all Councilmembers and all fulltime employees. Mayor Pro Tem Sheppard seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Shepard to approve the hiring of an administrative assistant. Councilmember Inman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.


X. Adjournment

Motion- made by Councilmember Howard to adjourn. Councilmember Inman seconded.

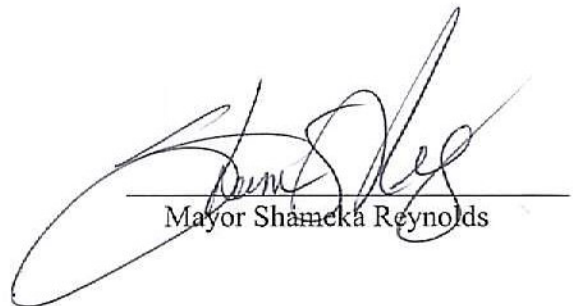
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7:51 pm.

Attest:



City Clerk, Ashley Waters



Mayor Shamecka Reynolds