



**COUNCIL MEETING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

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

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator, Richard Carothers – Attorney

Members of the Public: 6

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 8:04 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

AGENDA

Hammond made a motion to accept the agenda. Lee seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

a) O-21-241 – Proposed Budget for 2022

Salter solicited comments from the public regarding the proposed 2022 budget.

Rachel Clark, 115 Little Ridge, asked about a \$450,000 line item for operating and whether there is a break-out of that.

Threadgill clarified that the question was regarding the \$546,565 General Government line item under expenses.

Clark asked for the line-item detail in writing.

Salter suggested Clark meet with Threadgill to go over the line-item detail.

Sptiler noted that we have a finance committee that reviews and makes a recommendation on the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Minutes of October 21, 2021 Council Meeting
- b) Financial Reports for September 2021, Unaudited

McDaniel 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

- b) O-21-240 – Amendment to Chapter 34-19, Insurance License Fees

Threadgill: *O-21-240 is an amendment to the flat fee that state law allows cities to charge insurers conducting business in the city. With the city population now exceeding 2,000 based on the 2020 census, the City can charge \$40, versus the current \$25 rate, beginning January 1, 2022.*

Spitler made a motion to place O-21-240, an ordinance to amend Chapter 34-19, Insurance License Fees, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read and adopt. McDaniel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- c) O-21-241 – Proposed Budget for 2022

Threadgill: *O-21-241 is the proposed budget for 2022. The measure as presented anticipates no increase in the real property tax millage rate for 2022 over the rollback rate for 2021. The measure is presented for second read consideration.*

Spitler made a motion to place O-21-241, an ordinance to establish the budget for the year 2022, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Planning & Zoning Commission By-Laws Amendment

Threadgill: *The Planning & Zoning Commission requested this change to allow the chair to have the same voting capability as any other commissioner. The commission reviewed the proposed amendment at their November 9, 2021 meeting and made a recommendation to approve it as submitted.*

McDaniel moved to table this item. Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

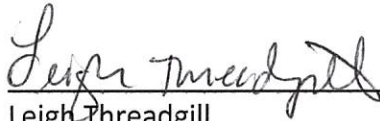
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.



Leigh Threadgill
City Clerk

