



**SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2023**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

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

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator

Dick Carothers – City Attorney

Members of the Public: 0

Members of the Press: 0

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

AGENDA

Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Minutes of November 16, 2023, Council Meeting
- b) Financial Statements of October 2023 – Unaudited
- c) Corners Outreach Contract for Roadside and Grounds Maintenance
- d) James Whitaker Audit Engagement Letter

Lee made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. McDaniel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) O-23-249 – Proposed 2024 Budget

Threadgill: O-23-249 is the proposed budget for 2024. This measure as presented anticipates no increase in the real property tax millage rate for 2024 over the rollback rate for 2023. The measure is presented for adoption.

Smith made a motion to adopt O-23-249, an ordinance to establish the budget for the year 2024, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- b) O-23-250 – Proposed Amendment to Sections 14-20 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt water efficiency standards as an amendment to the state plumbing code as required by the North George Metropolitan Water District.

Threadgill: O-23-250 is a proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 20 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Standards adopted. The specific amendment is to the minimum state plumbing code as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The Metro Water District provided the changes in a red-line document, along with a Model Findings Resolution. In August the council adopted the findings resolution which directed staff to send the proposed amendment to the Department of Community Affairs for review and comment. I have received confirmation that the Department of Community Affairs received the state plumbing code amendment incorporating the water efficiency standards and has no objection. The standards are required to be adopted by January 1, 2024, and they are presented here tonight for second read consideration and adoption.

McDaniel made a motion to place O-23-250, an ordinance to amend Section 14-20 (Standards adopted), to adopt regulations pertaining to water efficiency standards prepared by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District as an amendment to the Georgia state minimum plumbing code, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read and adopt the amendment using the model adoption resolution R-23-07. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to consider.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Salter adjourned the meeting at 5:11 PM.

Submitted by:


Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk

