**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

Attendees – Mayor Bobby Blalock, Councilmen Joe Walter, William Thomas, David Woods, Dewey Yarbrough City Administrator Larry Mitcham, City Clerk Amanda Lollis, and City Attorneys Rob and Tom Morton.

1. Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Prayer/Pledge – The prayer and pledge was led by City Attorney Tom Morton.
2. Adoption of Agenda *– Motion/Second to adopt agenda, as amended, was made by Thomas/Walter and passed 4-0.*
3. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting 01/09/2018 - *Motion/second to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting was made by Woods/Yarbrough and carried 4-0*
4. Public Comment – Mr. Rufus Clemmons addressed council regarding a proclamation recognizing the first Thursday of every February as Optimist Day in the City of Zebulon. *Motion/second to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting was made by Yarbrough/Thomas and carried 4-0*
5. Departmental Reports
   1. Administrative/Finance – Larry Mitcham, City Administrator
6. Chief Jonathan Hemphill

i. Police Statistics for January 2018

ii. Outside Employment Policy - Council discussed the merits of an outside employment policy in which City of Zebulon police officers would be allowed to utilize City of Zebulon police vehicles as part of the off duty detail. Mr. Bill Booth, Mrs. Sandy Blalock, Mrs. Chris Curry, Mr. Jeff Sawyer and Mr. Joe Hudson all commented on the proposal. *Motion/Second to approve the first reading of the Outside Employment Policy was made by Woods/Thomas and it passed 4-0.*

1. Financial Report for January 2018 – City Administrator Mitcham addressed council regarding the Financial Report for the month of January 2018. *A motion/second to approve the financial report for January 2018 was made by Yarbrough/Woods and carried 4-0.*
2. Mayor Comments – **Mayor Blalock** – No comments at this time
3. Council Comments –

**Councilman Walter** - Councilman Walter updated council on the Streetscape III project as well as the ongoing efforts regarding the rehabilitation of the Old Zebulon School Building.

**Councilman Woods** – No comments at this time.

**Councilman Thomas -** No comments at this time.

**Councilman Yarbrough** - No comments at this time.

1. Old Business - None at this time.
2. New Business
   1. First reading of an ordinance to increase water rates– *Motion/second to approve the first reading of an ordinance to increase water rates was made by Walter/Thomas* and carried 4-0.
   2. Approval of settlement amount from Allstate regarding the totaled police vehicle.

*Motion/Second to make the following council appointments was made by Thomas/Yarbrough and carried 4-*

* 1. Authorization to finance new police vehicle with United Bank at 5.14% for 48 months.

*Motion/Second to authorize the financing of the new police vehicle with United Bank @ 5.14% for 48 months was made by Thomas/Woods and carried 4-0.*

*4.* Discussion concerning an existing ordinance regarding peddling (related to selling

doughnuts on the square). Council discussed the enforcement of the current ordinance related to peddling.

5. Possible moratorium on cell towers. Council discussed the possibility of enacting a

moratorium on cell tower construction within the city limits of Zebulon until further

research can be done on the subject.

*Motion/second to approve possible moratorium on cell tower construction was made by Walter/Woods and passed 4-0.*

IX. *Motion/second to enter executive session was made by Woods/Thomas. Motion carried 4-0. Entered executive session at 8:00 p.m.*

*Motion/second to exit executive session was made by Walter/Thomas. Motion carried 4-0. Exited executive session at 8:25 p.m.*

1. *Motion/Second by Yarbrough/Walter to increase the hourly pay rate by .19 per hour for Rochelle Smith and assign the title of Deputy City Clerk and it passed 4-0. An additional motion/second to increase the hourly rate for Corporal Matt Polk by .32 per hour was made by Thomas/Yarbrough and it passed 4-0.*
2. Adjournment – *Motion/Second to adjourn was made by Thomas/Yarbrough and carried 4-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Bobby Blalock, Mayor Amanda Lollis, City Clerk