



CITY OF THOMSON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2024

6:00PM

Thomson-McDuffie Government Center

Present:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Keryl Corley, Councilmember
Elaine Johnson, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Scott Whittle, Councilmember
Benji Cranford, Mayor-Elect

John Waller, City Administrator
Lucretia Ferguson, City Clerk
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney

Also Present:

Interim Chief Chris Mullis, TPD
Karen Fioretti, McDuffie Progress
66 Interested Citizens

WELCOME:

At 6:00pm, Mayor Usry welcomed all to the installation of elected officials. He called on Charles Reese to give the invocation, followed by Mayor Usry leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Mayor Usry asked that all Councilmembers come forward to take their Oaths of Office, given by Probate Judge Valerie Burley. Mayor-Elect Cranford came forward to take his Oaths of Office, also administered by Judge Burley, after which the gavel of office was passed from Ken Usry to Mayor Cranford.

All newly installed officials took their seats at the dais.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The motion was made by Councilmember Whittle and seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve the agenda as written. A vote of 5-0 in favor was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting, December 14, 2023 and Called Council Meeting December 29, 2023 were presented to the Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Smalley and seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve the minutes. A vote of 5-0 in favor was taken.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

BUSINESS:

2023 Budget Amendments: CA Waller explained that twice a year the City has amendments to address shortfalls and overages in the current budget. The end of year budget amendments totaled \$80,977.00. He presented an overview to the Council of these amendments. A motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Corley, passed with a vote of 5-0.

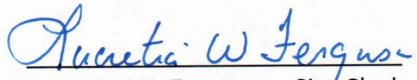
DISCUSSION ITEMS:


There were no Discussion Items from the City Administrator, the Mayor or Councilmembers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Having no other business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was tendered by Councilmember Whittle and seconded by Councilmember Johnson. A vote of 5-0 ended the meeting at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucretia W. Ferguson, City Clerk


Benjamin C. Cranford, Jr., Mayor

