WELCOME: Mayor Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION: David Dunbar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:
Council present - Vernon Dunbar, David Dunbar, Sr., Ron Reynolds, Sammie McDuffie III, Eartha Rogers, Crystal Bing-Smith
Others present – Zorayda El, Mike Kellens (Fire Department Chief), Alesia Parks (Chief of Police), Faye Durham, Joshua Duval, Daryl Smith, Marian Parks, Geraldine Bradham, Roger Leduc (City Administrator)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:
*Faye Durham- (Planning Commission)- Elements 7&9 are being worked; LSCOG meeting planned for the end of May. Planning Commission reached out to First Citizens to find out what businesses may be eligible to purchase the empty First Citizens building in the city. They responded that a financial institution cannot come in for five years after purchase. A letter of concern was sent to Planning Committee from First Citizens and they will not make any changes to current purchase agreement stipulations, but they may entertain different options presented by a serious buyer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES
February 18, 2020- Regular Meeting
Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds
2nd to the motion: Eartha Rogers
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Update on Sewer Survey/Inspection
*Roger Leduc- COVID-19 has delayed completion-mapping will be completed in June and the full job should be completed by the end of summer.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. 1st Reading of 2020-2021 Budget
Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie III
2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. 1st Reading of 2020-2021 Millage Rate
Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds
2nd to the motion: Eartha Rogers
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

3. Approval of Waste Management Agreement- Tabled
Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds
2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to table until June meeting

4. Approval of Election Date-July 14th, 2020
Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III
2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for July 14th, 2020 election date.

5. Discussion of New Local Option Sales Tax Projects
*Roger to meet with individual committees to finalize projects.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:
*MAYOR VERNON DUNBAR- Aiken Co-op/DHEC free screenings will extend availability and have plans to have a mobile testing site stationed in the city. The date will be determined by Aiken Co-op/DHEC at a later time. ACTS would like to do a food drive in the city. The date will be determined at a later time.
*SAMMIE McDUFFIE, III- Asked that the city look into doing virtual meetings amid COVID-19 pandemic.
*CHIEF AESLIA PARKS- CHIEF HAS COMPLETED THE BA PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE- Sergeant Mitchell was in accident with high speed vehicle and sustained damages to truck, but he is personally well. May 29th there is a parade planned to commemorate NEMS 8th grade graduates. Everyone will meet at Bi-Lo and be escorted through Main St.
*CHIEF MIKE KELLEMS- Firestation 4 is almost complete; minor cosmetic issues. 60-70% of site work completed. Salary projected in budget is increased due to the growth in the area. Station has been able to have full-time hours Monday through Friday 8-5pm and Saturday through Sunday 8-4pm.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers

2nd to the motion: Sammie McDuffie, III
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

City Clerk Signature/Date  Mayor/Date