

Council Meeting
February 19, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Walter Cowart, Celestine Hayes and Jody Greene. Councilman Greg Paige was present by teleconference due to illness.

Others Present: Mark Barber, Rhonda Rowe, members of staff and citizens. Attorney Tim Tanner was in attendance through teleconference due to illness.

Invocation was given by Reverend Lewis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Ord #24-01: This ordinance, rezoning property located on S. Elm Street between W. Sixth and W. Seventh Streets from General Business (GB) to Residential (R-8), was read for the second time. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Electric Dept. Quotes (Utility Pole Inventory Replacement): In an effort to maintain an adequate inventory of power poles, the electric department obtained quotes for various sizes of poles. The results of the quotes were as follows:

Irby	\$9,038.00
Ace Pole Company	\$9,270.00

After a review of the quotes, staff recommended the purchase from Irby. Councilwoman Hayes asked for the total number of poles being purchased to which she was advised there would be a total of 36. She asked if any of these would be used for the sirens and was advised, yes. City Manager Mark Barber further added that according to the county manager, they are waiting for an authorization from the federal signal organization to begin installation of the sirens. Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve the purchase of the poles from Irby. Councilman McClain seconded. All were in favor.

Jr. Chamber Board Member: Mayor Duke recognized Raj Patel who was in attendance representing the Jr. Chamber of Commerce Board.

Staff Comments:

Mark Barber - Reminded the council of the Fireman of the Year Banquet to be held on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Advised the council we have been notified by the Georgia City/County Management Association that the City of Adel will be recognized at their March meeting for the Storybook Park. Adel was the recipient of the Small Government Category, which includes populations for up to 25,000.

Work Session – Reminded the council of the work session to begin Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 2:30 pm.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes – Asked for an update on the Lavind Way paving. Mr. Barber advised that it is still too wet. There are two specific spots that have to be dry before they begin. In response to a question concerning piping, he stated that piping will not be installed; however, the ditches would be at an angle so yards will not be flooded. He further added that W. 5th Street and Bear Creek were able to be completed because those were resurfacing projects only. It is a very different process when you are doing new paving, going from dirt to pavement.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
