**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 8, 2022**

**Edward B. Pope Conference Center**

**6:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held the regular monthly meeting on Monday August 8, 2022, at 6:15 P.M. at the Edward B. Pope Conference Center. All Council Members were present.

Mayor William DeGolian presided.

Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member Edwin (Andy) Anderson.

Invocation by Council Member Mahoney

Approval of the Meeting Agenda motioned by Mayor DeGolian and Seconded by Council Member Anderson. **Unanimously approved by the council members. Agenda approved.**

Approval of minutes was tabled until next session due to changes being requested by Council Member Mahoney and Mayor DeGolian wanted the wording changed regarding the dedication of Robert Toombs to MLK Memorial Drive

Mayor and Council Members approved to go into executive session for discussion of legal and personal issues.

**MAYOR'S DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. Recommendation to approve energy supply agreement with CleanSpark

**ADMINISTRATOR TOPICS**

1. Recommendation to maintain current millage rate
2. Recommendation to amend City Charter re: Utility Lien
3. Vote on MEAG resolution re: Vogtle Unit 3
4. Resolution to Amend 2021 Budget
5. Recommendation to approve Garrett Paving bid for CDBG project

**ADMINISTRATOR ACTION TOPICS**

1. The millage rate was tabled until next council meeting as Council Member Wagner states that the property digest has went up by $50,000 and needs to be addressed first.
2. Motion was brought by Mayor DeGolian and seconded by Councilmen Anderson to amend the City Charter regarding Utility Liens. All those in favor were: Councilmen Denard, Wagner, Mahoney, and Anderson. All those opposed were Council Member Hill-**Vote Approved 5-1**
3. Motion was brought by Council Member Cullars Sr. and seconded by Council Member Wagner to vote on the MEAG resolution regarding Vogtle 3. **The Vote was Unanimous in saying NO to exercising the tender option.**
4. Motion was brought by Mayor DeGolian and seconded by Council Member Anderson to vote on amending the 2021 City Budget. **The Vote as Unanimous in Amending the City Budget**.
5. Motion was brought by Council Member Cullars Sr. seconded by Mahoney to approve the Bid from Garrett Paving for the CDBG project. **The Vote passed Unanimously for approval.**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. Council Member Denard
   1. Parks & Recreation status update
2. Council Member Mahoney
   1. Open Records complaint with State Attorney General’s office
   2. Decriminalization of Marijuana

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS:**

1. Moton was brought by Denard and seconded by Cullars Sr to return to Regular session for any votes that need to occur. **Vote was passed Unanimously**
2. Motion to give authority to the Mayor to sign the contract with CleanSpark for power sales as approved by the City Attorney and to sign the settlement agreement for the power bill dispute with WAHA for $2,000,000 as approved by the City Attorney. Motion brought by Council Member Cullars S. and seconded by Council Member Denard.**The Vote passed Unanimously for approval.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn for executive session to discuss a legal matters & personnel matters by Council Member Cullars Sr. and seconded by Council Member Denard a unanimous vote. Executive session began at 7:45 pm and executive session ended at 9:15 pm. Council returned from Executive Session, and the Mayor asked for a motion which was given by Council Member Denard to end regular council meeting that was seconded by Mahoney. Unanimously approved to end meeting at 9:30 pm.

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City Clerk Lesley Crawford