

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, in the Ball Room at the Edward Pope Conference Center at 6:00 P.M. Mayor William deGolian presided.

Present were Mayor deGolian and council members Armour, Cullars, Denard, Hill, Mahoney and Wagner. Also present were City Administrator deBin, Assistant Administrator Dill, City Clerk Evans and City Attorney Fleming.

Visitors present Kendra Dill, Debra Denard, Joel Eisler, Kelli Eisler, Timothy Parks, Greg Fanning, Andy Anderson, Judy Anderson, Tonya Binns, M.V. Booker, Roxann Cobb, 4-E Youth Organization, Amethyst D. Wynn, A. Arnold, and Sparky Newsome from Washington News-Reporter.

Call to order by Mayor deGolian. Council Member Hill opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Cullars.

MINUTES APPROVED: After Mayor deGolian brought to attention of a correction on April 30th Special Call Meeting Minutes on page 2, item number IV, to modify and change statement of “permanent closing of Booker Pool to temporarily close Booker Pool for this season, this year. After correction of the Minutes, On motion by Council Member Armour, second by Council Member Denard. Corrected Minutes Approved 6-0.

AGENDA APPROVED: On motion by Council Member Armour, and second by Council Member Denard. Approved Unanimous 6-0.

Topics:

A. On motion by Council Member Wagner and Second by Armour to approve Boards and Commissions appointments. Approved 5 – 1(Council Member Mahoney voted NO).

B. Community Partners Spotlight:

Wilkes County Community Partnership Director Amethyst Wynn explained the dynamics of this organization and advised that that her mission is to “improve conditions for children, youth and families in Washington-Wilkes.

Kelli Eisler Director of Kids Hope presentation explained the mentoring program which is a national church-based program. Mrs. Eisler stated that the mission is to “form caring and life-changing relationships, one at a time.”

Love Washington was introduced by Love Washington Pastor Kevin Madden of the First Baptist Church of Washington. Love Washington is a community gathering which usually takes place during the Fall of the year. It is described as a kindness explosion.

C. Andrew Warner, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, presented his idea of a 4H Community Garden. The Council advised Mr. Warner to touch base with Assistant City Administrator Dill

because Dill was the overseer of the City of Washington Community Garden over at the old high school's football field on Gordon Street.

- D. Mayor deGolian will meet with the ISO (Insurance Services Office) to ask questions about how the ISO works and how do they determine the ISO ratings.
- E. Motion Approved of a local ordinance to permit restaurants to sell alcoholic beverages with takeout orders. On motion by Council Member Hill, second by Council Member Armour. This resolution is active for 30 days. Council Member Denard had questions about the legality of having these containers in an automobile. Attorney Fleming advised that containers would have to remain closed while in the automobile. Resolution Approved 5 – 1 (Council Member Wagner voted NO)

COUNCIL MEMBER TOPICS:

- A. Council Member Mahoney discussion pertained to his concern with City Budget that we are still not meeting our cuts, he is not in agreement with the electric policies changes, and he feels as if Mainstreet reached out to all small businesses assistance during shut down for Covid-19.
- B. Council Member Cullars emphasized adding Assistant Administrator Dill name to the City of Washington's letterhead. Mayor deGolian and Administrator deBin advised that they had researched this matter with GMA and their findings were that normally Assistants are not added to letterheads. Administrator deBin advised that the Council vote on the matter. On motion by Council Member Mahoney and second by Cullars. The vote was tied; Cullars, Hill and Mahoney voted YES – Armour, Denard and Wagner voted NO. Mayor deGolian refrained from breaking the tie and the motion did not pass. Council Member Hill asked that they revisit this issue later after researching and discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Council Member Mahoney, second by Council Member Armour; City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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