## Public Notices



**CITY OF DONALSONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING-**JUNE 15, 2020 **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES/** 

AGENDA SUMMARY Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers present for the meeting included, Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Ed Bond, CP Mitch Blanks, CP Moses James, Jr., CP Flossie Smith, CP Travis Brooks, and CP Lindsay Register. Staff present were City Manager Steve Hicks, City Clerk Christina Corvers, Public Works Superintendent Bert Adams, Fire Chief Dean King, Police Chief Woodrow Blue, Communications Director Jeffrey Hatcher, and City Attorney Billy Grantham.

City Manager Hicks stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input and comments regarding the request to close a section of North Morris Street from 1st Street to the Railroad Crossing. The Council requested written comments from the public regarding this issue. City Manager Hicks stated that no written comments were received.

With there being no discussion regarding the request to close a section of North Morris Street from 1st Street to the Railroad Crossing, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. After which Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr. gave the invocation, then all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Councilmembers present for the meeting included, Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Ed Bond, CP Mitch Blanks, CP Moses James, Jr., CP Flossie Smith, CP Travis Brooks, and CP Lindsay Register. Staff present were City Manager Steve Hicks, City Clerk Christina Corvers, Public Works Superintendent Bert Adams,

Fire Chief Dean King, Police Chief Woodrow Blue, Communications Director Jeffrey Hatcher, and City Attorney Billy Grantham.

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to approve the Agenda, with CP Smith seconding. Motion passed. Next, the approval of the minutes from the Teleconference Council Meeting held on May 5, 2020. CP Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the May Teleconference Council Meeting, with CP Register seconding. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES: Virginia Harrison gave an update on the Downtown Development Authority and stated that the Authority was recently awarded a USDA Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. This will allow the Downtown Development Authority to purchase another building at 120 East 2nd Street, renovate the building and rent it out to a local business that needs additional space. Virginia Harrison also stated that with assistance from Three Notch Electric, the Downtown Development Authority will also be able to purchase the building at 205 East 2nd Street, renovate and rent the building out to the business owner that currently rents the building. Virginia Harrison stated that with the purchase of these additional building, the Authority will own a total of three buildings downtown. Virginia Harrison requested assistance from the City in helping reduce the cost associated with insuring buildings. After some discussion, City Manager Hicks stated he would look into options that might help reduce the cost to insure the buildings for the Downtown Development Authority. Next, Virginia Harrison stated that she was currently working with someone to bring another fair to Donalsonville. After some discussion, City Manager

directed the fair owner to contact the City to discuss terms for use of the property. Lastly, Virginia Harrison informed the Council that the annual BBO Festival has been rescheduled to October 31, 2020.

Next, Sarah Avery gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce. Sarah Avery first congratulated newly elected Mayor Ron Johnson, Jr. and requested a meeting with him at his convenience. Sarah Avery then gave an update on the new Rural Zone Application that the Chamber of Commerce will be submitting this summer, which will include a newly developed Downtown Strategic Plan. City Manager Hicks stated that once the application is ready, he will submit it to the Council for review. Next, Sarah Avery informed the Council of a local Merchant that is interested in placing a sign on the State Highway to promote the local businesses. Lastly, Sarah Avery gave an update on the Harvest Festival to be held October 17, 2020. The Chamber Board members will be making a final decision on the postponed Rodeo, as well as the upcoming Seminole County Centennial Celebration.

Latoya Williams then requested permission to place a new Double-Wide Mobile Home on lot on Juree Lane. City Manager Hicks stated that the zoning is designated as RB (General Residential District) which is restrictive to mobile homes unless they are in a mobile home park. However, exceptions have been made in this zoning classification. Most of the exceptions have been made where there were existing mobile homes in the area and/or the previous structure was destroyed by fire or storms. City Manager Hicks also stated that the Juree Lane area is a platted subdivision with residential homes of similar composition and construction. There are no mobile homes located in the subdivision. The request is to place the mobile home on a vacant lot. City Manager Hicks gave the recommendation to deny the request. City Manager Hicks stated that if the Council wishes to further consider the request, it would be appropriate to lay the request over for consideration pending public notice and a public hearing at the meeting scheduled for July 7, 2020. This would give the Attorney additional time to determine if there are any recorded covenants applicable to the subdivision. After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to deny the request to place a new Double-Wide Mobile Home on the lot on Juree Lane, with CP James seconding. Motion passed. Shakeria Land then requested permission to place a new Single-Wide Mobile

Home 802 East Plain Street. City Manager Hicks stated that the zoning is designated as RB (General Residential District) which is restrictive to mobile homes unless they are in a mobile home park.

However, exceptions have been made in this zoning classification. Most of the exceptions have been made where there were existing mobile homes in the area and/or the previous structure was destroyed by fire or storms. There are several mobile homes located on Plain Street as the Council has applied the exceptions. City Manager Hicks recommended to lay the request over for consideration pending public notice and a public hearing at the meeting scheduled for July 7, 2020. CP Register made a motion to move forward with the request by Shakeria Land to place a new Single-Wide Mobile Home 802 East Plain Street pending public notice and a public hearing to be held at the meeting scheduled for July 7, 2020, with CP Smith seconding. After some discussion, CP Register receded his motion to move forward with the request by Shakeria Land to place a new Single-

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## **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR A ZONING VARIANCE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AT 605 STERN AVENUE, DONALSONVILLE GA.

A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR A ZONING VARIANCE BECAUSE OF THE POSITIONING OF A DOUBLE WIDE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, WITH SAID STRUCTURE BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE REQUIRED SETBACK DISTANCE.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST BY THE CITY COUNCIL

> DATE: JULY 7, 2020 TIME: 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 127 EAST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET DONALSONVILLE, GA

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