

Town of Moreland

Minutes

November 6, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME VISITORS – David Dupree, Emily Gross, Bobby Vaughn, Greg Gladney

2. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL. QUORUM: Present-Alderman Jeff Burgess, Lisa Washington, James Gipson, Mayor Dick Ford Absent: Alderman George Cole

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA- Alderman Burgess made a motion to accept the agenda as written. **Alderwoman Washington** second, all in favor.

5. APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and COUNCIL MINUTES –**Alderman Burgess** made a motion to accept the minutes and financial statements as written. **Alderwoman Washington** second, all in favor.

6. MAYOR’S REPORT – **Mayor Ford** stated Feyre Battery Co. will begin grading for their warehouse located Bridgeport in the first quarter of the year. Building will not begin until 2025-2026. Fires are the main concern, along with gas release worries. They are working with the county and fire department. Once Bridgeport reaches a certain capacity they will have to four lane from the interstate to Bridgeport. Bottoms Up liquor store at the exit is planning to open Nov. 10th. There is talk of sewer lines being ran to Luthersville from the Bridgeport area. The sewer will be maintained by Coweta Water Authority.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – **Alderwoman Washington** stated the Tinsel Trail has eight companies and individuals signed up. They will start putting their trees in the park the week of Thanksgiving. Santa will be here for pictures on Market Day 12-2-23. The market will be from 3:00-6:30 and Santa will be available for photos from 4:00-6:00. **Alderman Burgess** stated the lights for the tennis courts have been ordered and will be completed this month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. BUDGET FY 2024- A few changes needed to be made to the budget. Garbage collection went up considerably and needs to be \$50,000 for the year. Electric will be increased to \$22,000. In the revenue section Local Option Sales Tax needs to be increased to \$120,000. We received more funds than anticipated for 2023. Our ARPA funds have been allocated for sidewalks, pickleball court, pavilion, refinish floors in Mill, and park improvements such as picnic tables and benches. The public hearing for the FY 2024 budget is set for Nov. 27th, 2023 at 6:00. An ad will be ran in the newspaper.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FLOCK CAMERAS- **Alderman Burgess** made a motion to proceed with the Flock Safety contract for 24 months. The contract amount for 24 months is \$13,300.00. Two cameras will be placed on Hwy

29. The funds will come out of the ARPA account for public safety improvements. **Alderman Gipson** second, all in favor.

- B. **UPDATE ON ANIMAL CONTROL-** **Mark Mitchell** stated he spoke with the county attorney and we have everything in place. Animal Control can pick up animals as long as they are not on private property.
- C. **VICTORIA DR.** –Council will take bids to widen and pave Victoria Dr.

10. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS- **Alderman Burgess** stated his will get another bid to pave the tennis court parking area. Hours for the tennis court are 8:00 am – 10:00 pm. Signs will be made.

11. ADJOURN- **Alderwoman Washington** made a motion to adjourn. **Alderman Gipson** second, all in favor.

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