



CITY OF MCRAE-HELENA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

5:30 PM

202 Eighth Street, McRae Helena, GA 31037

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James McLaughlin	Councilmember	Present	
Mike Young	Mayor	Absent	
Fred Crawford	Council Member	Present	
Ronnie Gay	Council Member	Present	
Kenneth Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Joe Thomas	Councilmember	Present	
Janeen Tokar	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

2. INVOCATION

Councilmember Gay gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

5. APPROVE THE ORDER

A. Approve the Order of the Agenda

Councilmember Gay made the motion to approve the order of the agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kenneth Jones, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

6. APPROVE MINUTES

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 9, 2017 5:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
SECONDER:	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Leaf and Limb Ordinance Draft

Mayor Pro-Tem Tokar briefed the Council and public on two (2) specific houses where leaves and limbs were picked up. Mayor Pro-Tem explained the time and cost it took for collection and disposal. The Council reviewed the draft of the leaf and limb ordinance. The Council defined a load of yard trimmings as one swacar or six cubic yards. Limbs should be trimmed to six feet long and be no more than five inches in diameter. An unscheduled service exceeding a load shall be \$150. The ordinance will be sent to the attorney for review and presented at the April regular council meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Travel to Memorial for Officer Jody Smith

Councilmember Gay made the motion to approve Sergeant Dane Padgett and Chief Giles to travel to Washington DC May 13-15 to attend a memorial ceremony for Officer Jody Smith. The Council has agreed to allow Chief Giles and Dane Padgett to drive Chief Giles vehicle to DC with the City paying for the fuel and Sergeant Padgett's shift. One shift will be all that Sergeant Padgett will be missing. Councilmember Crawford opposed the motion.

RESULT:	ADOPT [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	James McLaughlin, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Gay, Jones, Thomas
NAYS:	Crawford

B. Quotes for Water Extension Tap

Councilmember Gay made the motion to accept the L & L Utilities quote with L & L doing the excavation.

RESULT:	ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

C. Citizen Request for Sewer Extension

Donald McCrimmon was not present at meeting.

D. Civic Ready Proposal

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to accept the Civic Ready Intergovernmental Agreement Proposal for an emergency management notification system.

RESULT:	ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

E. 2017 CDBG Resolution

Councilmember Gay made the motion to adopt a resolution to apply for a FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant for water system improvements.

RESULT:	ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

F. Resolution for Zoning Policies and Procedures

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to adopt a resolution for zoning policies and procedures, the Planning and Zoning Commission.

RESULT:	ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Ed Gresham did not have a report for February 2017.

B. Activity Report February 2017

Chief Hardin presented his activity report for February 2017.

C. Police Monthly Report

Chief Giles presented his activity report for February 2017.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Frank Cray - Boys and Girls Club

Frank Cray and Larry Wells presented to the Council that they are remodeling the old Central Elementary School with the intent to operate a Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Cray cites this as an opportunity for the young generation that will help provide more opportunities for Telfair youth.

2. Melvin Moring

Melvin Moring wanted to thank the City for the progress of the clean up on the City's Lake Drive property. Mr. Moring did suggest that posted signs and regulations be put up so citizens would be aware of requirements.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn

Councilmember Jones made the motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Jones, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas