

City Council Minutes, December 14, 2023

Mayor Sessions called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, December 14, 2023. Those in attendance were, Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, Barry Brown, Jay Burke and Spec Hosti. Also attending were Michelle Owens, Interim City Manager; Bubba Hughes, City Attorney; Tracy O'Connell, City Attorney, and Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council.

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order

Invocation: Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council

Pledge of Allegiance

Consideration of Items for Consent Agenda

- Minutes: City Council Meeting, November 9, 2023
- Historic Preservation Commission: Approval of Marna Lewin to fill vacancy
- Main Street Board Nominations
- Agenda Request: 2024 Alcohol License Renewals
- Agenda Request: Critz Tybee Run Fest 2024-Alcohol License: Beer and Wine-Special Event: February 2-3, 2024
- Resolution: Resolution of Donation of Property and Associated Documents
- Resolution: Loan/Bond/ Bond/Validation materials

Recognitions and Proclamations

- Employee of the Quarter: Cassidi Kendrick | Main Street/ Development Authority Director
- 2023 Parade Winners Recognition
 - 1st River's End Campground
 - 2nd Girl Scout Troop 30107
 - 3rd Tybean Coffee & Art Bar

Mayor Sessions gave a brief outline of the accomplishments of Mayor and Council over the last four (4) year. (attached)

Citizens to be Heard: Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Maximum allowable times of 5 minutes.

- Pat Leiby: MLK Human Rights Organization - Upcoming Events
- David Roberts: Administration of STR Ordinances
- Nick Sears: Invalid and abandoned STR Permits (attached)
- Joe Schmidt: Entertainment License Applications for nuisance businesses (ttached)

Barry Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Public Hearings

Site Plan Review: 1401 Strand Avenue. Petitioner: Linchris Tybee Resort, LLC. **Barry Brown** made a motion to table this request until a Drainage Plan has been completed and submitted. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to table, 6-0.

Variance for setback of 12' instead of required 20'. 5 7th Street, Petitioner: Brent Watts. Barry Brown made a motion to approve. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Consideration of Local Requests & Applications – Funding, Special Events, Alcohol License

Agenda Request: 2024 Entertainment License Renewals. Monty Parks made a motion to approve the entertainment licenses as presented except for Cockspur Grill. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Vote was 6-0 to approve. **Spec Hosti recused. Barry Brown** made a motion to approve Cockspur Grill entertainment license. **Bill Garbett** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter and Jay Burke. Voting against was Barry Brown. Vote to approve, 4-1. Spec Hosti recused.

Agenda Request: Calvin's Dawg House Bar & Grill-Entertainment and Alcohol License Request: Liquor/Beer/Wine-Sunday Sales-for consumption on premises only 725 First St (Formerly Scofflaws of Tybee Island LLC dba Cockspur Grill). Spec Hosti recused. Monty Parks made a motion to approve. **Jay Burke** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

Consideration of Bids, Contracts, Agreements and Expenditures

ITB 2023-776, Tybee Marine Science Center Restrooms: Do not award. Monty Parks made a motion for this item to come back before Mayor and Council with drawings that show revised location, four (4) bathrooms, fenced off, ceramic tile throughout and move forward. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Eastern Excavating Agreement for Jaycee Park and Field Improvements. Monty Parks made a motion to approve. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter and Spec Hosti. Voting against were Barry Brown and Jay Burke. Vote to approve, 4-2.

Flock Camera Agreement: Tybee Island Police Department. Bill Garbett made a motion to approve. **Barry Brown** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, Barry Brown and Jay Burke. Voting against was Spec Hosti. Vote to approve, 5-1.

Infinity Solutions Agreement for IT. Nancy DeVetter made a motion to approve. **Bill Garbett** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Approval of Greenline Architecture Proposal for Design Services for Community Safe Room. Funded by the City's FEMA Grant. Monty Parks made a motion to approve. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter and Spec Hosti. Voting against were Barry Brown and Jay Burke. Vote to approve, 4-2.

Proposed Employee Performance Evaluation and Years of Service Plan. Nancy DeVetter made a motion to approve. **Barry Brown** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Spec Hosti made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Monty Parks made a motion to return to regular session. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve 6-0.

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn. **Barry Brown** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Janet LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council