

City of Lula
Council Meeting
DEPOT / 7:00 P.M.
Monday, May 16, 2022

Present: Mayor Joe Thomas
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Hamby

Council Members Lamb Griffin
Gene Bramlett
Denise Shockley
Garnett Smith

Also Present:

City Manager Dennis Bergin
City Clerk Tangee Puckett
City Attorney Joseph Homans

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, there was a **Public Hearing** item on the agenda. The **Public Hearing** item was for public comment on **Rezoning and Variance Request Property** located at **292 Railroad Ave., Lula, Georgia: Banks County Tax Parcel BD1044**. **Douglas Collins** seeks to **1) re-zone the property from A (Agricultural) to R-III (Multiple Family Residential District) to allow residential use and 2) a variance to allow one manufactured home (mobile home) on the parcel.**

After hearing all comments from the public and council, the Public Hearing was closed by Counsel.

Opening / Welcome Mayor
Invocation was given and the pledge was recited.

Citizen's Comments –

Mordecai Wilson – Thankful for the Mayor and Council. Everyone needs to communicate better. We need to help the homeless, need to become better citizens. Suggest helping the homeless find jobs and housing. Municipalities should have a list of reliable sources for the homeless.

Felton Wood – Asked if he could paint the concession stand and add a hot water heater on his time and his expense. This will be sent to the park and rec committee.

Minutes from April 18th Regular Voting Council Session – a motion to approve the April 18th minutes from the Regular Voting Council Session was made by Matt Hamby and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Yard of the Month - Mayor Thomas announced the YOTM recipients for the month of May for "Blooming in Lula", the recipients will receive a \$100 credit towards their water bill.

Recipients are:

District 1 – Edwin & JoAnn Cash; District 2 – Pearl Addison; District 3 – Wanda Gee
District 4 – Joseph Natividad; and District 5 – Jason Hendrix

Show Us Your Colors – June/July – Citizens will register with City Hall to show their patriotism for the month of June and July and then be chosen by a drawing.

Matt Hamby moved to keep “Blooming in Lula” in June and “Show Us Your Colors” in June and July. Denise Shockley seconded the motion, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Finance – City Manager gave an update on the Cities current finances and noted the city was in the middle of their fiscal year but the bank balances remain consistent.

Lost Negotiations Hall County Tuesday May 24th

Finance Committee Meeting Proposed for Wednesday, May 18th

Budget Work Session / Proposed Thursday, May 19th / Depot, Wednesday, June 8th, Depot

Air Conditioner City Hall / Council Chambers - Everything is good

Trade-In Option Scaggs Mowers – The City replaces the equipment every three years and its time to replace the mowers. We can get 3 for \$24,000. Matt Hamby moved to approve the mower replacement, Gene Bramlett seconded the motion, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Schedule – Budget Schedule

Waste Sewer Current Conditions

Exploratory Well Belton Bridge Outline / Estimated Cost Not to Exceed \$80,000. Matt Hamby moved to approve not to exceed \$65,000, Denise Shockley seconded, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Oconee Well Production – One of four wells is having some issues; we will be ordering a new pump, the cost will be \$12,000

McLeod Lift Station – The pump was replaced

Motive Pump at Wastewater treatment Plant

Manhole overflow weekend / spill minor/ manhole obstruction/ no equipment failure. Property posted for spill 5714 Maiden Lane, Lula / May 16, 2022

City Hall Building Damage – over the weekend someone ran into the front of city hall and damage the building. The person was caught and filing the insurance claim has started.

Veteran’s Park Fountain / Status – needs reprogramming to get it up and running

Council Consideration – 292 Railroad Ave – Rezoning and Variance

PC Commission Recommendation to approve request property located at 292 Railroad Ave, Lula, GA: Banks County Tax Parcel BD1044. Douglas Collins seeks to 10 rezone the property from A (Agricultural) to R-III (Multiple Family Residential District) to allow residential use and 2) a variance to allow a manufactured home (mobile home) on the parcel.

Garnett Smith moved to approve the rezone application for 292 Railroad Ave, Gene Bramlett seconded, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Hamby moved to approve the variance application for 292 Railroad Ave, Gene Bramlett seconded, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Staff recommendation to approve based upon setbacks being met.

6232 Athens St. – 202.22 Acres – Proposed annexation and rezoning from County AG to Planned Residential Development Public Hearings, Planning Commission to be first heard June 7th at the Depot, 6pm an City Council, June 20th at the Depot, 7pm.

Planning Commission - Joshua Addison made application and was appointed to the planning commission.

Resolution Planning Commission Members Adjustment #R041822-A

1. Candidates Appointment
 - a. Term Through 2023
 - b. Term Through 2025
 - c. Term Through 2025

The resolution would change the committee members from three to five members.

Matt Hamby moved to approve the change, Denise Shockley seconded the motion, discussion, 2 denied (Gene Bramlett and Garnet Smith) and one abstained (Lamb Griffin). The motion did not carry.

Proposed Ordinance (updated) Adoption-#032122-A Urban Camping and Prohibiting the Improper Use of Public Places Urban Camping and Homeless Issues

A motion to approve the revised ordinance was made by Denise Shockley and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Reminder of the opportunity to donate to the “Carl Manger Memorial Caboose Remodeling Fund”, \$4,000 has been raised so far. We are seeing a lot of progress on the renovations already, so be a part of this unique opportunity and preserve history.

Lula Belton Historical Society meeting the fourth Monday of the month at the Depot, 7pm, all are invited.

Lula Ladies Meeting May 25th, Lula Depot Lunch or Dinner

Reminder “Memorial Day” Remembrance Ceremony, Monday, May 30th, Lula Veterans Park at 10am.

Schedule Utility Committee Meeting

Citizen Comments

June Vincent – wanted clarification on the money raised for the Carl Manger fund.

Mordecai Wilson – City that believes in growth. Set an example for our future. Create an example of love and compassion to live in Lula.

City Manager – a resident would like to start a men’s group, like the Lula Ladies. This will need to go before the park and rec committee.

Council Comments

Matt Hamby – thanked everyone for coming out.

Denise Shockley - thanked everyone for coming

Gene Bramlett – thanked everyone for coming

Garnett Smith – thanked everyone for coming – nee citizens to attend

Joe Thomas - thanked everyone for coming

A motion was made to go into executive session was made by Matt Hamby and seconded by Garnet Smith. Discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made to come out of executive session by Matt Hamby, seconded by Gene Bramlett, the vote was carried unanimously.

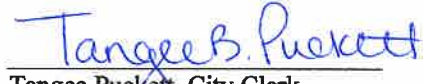
A motion was made by Matt Hamby to adjourn and seconded by Gene Bramlett; the motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes from May 16, 2022



Mayor, Joel Thomas

Approved June 20, 2022



Tangee Puckett, City Clerk