

October 13, 2022

The Eastman City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Buddy Pittman, Raymond Mullis, Sebrina Williams, Jermayne Hamilton, and Ronnie Woodard. Others present were Attorney Rita Llop, City Manager Spencer Barron, City Clerk April Sheffield, Inspector Jack White, Engineer Jesse Bearden, Police Chief Becky Sheffield, and Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Howell. Present from the community were Charlotte Hopkins, Justin Haley, Mark G. Studstill, and Rev. Rick Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Pittman.

Invocation was given by Council Member Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: First item on the agenda is to approve the agenda buy I know that we need to add a #12 Ordinance to annex the property at the airport into the city. Add a #13 that will be the Drug Task Force annual contract. And a #14 for the Dodge County Food Bank report. Council, do y'all need to add anything else? If not, I need a motion to amend the agenda with those 3 items, followed with then approving the amended agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands? Motion carried unanimous.

APPROVE MINUTES:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022, regular meeting. Council, y'all got those in your packets and all. You have had time to look over them. Do you see anything that you have questions about or anything? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022, regular meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor show of hands? Motion carried unanimous.

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

MONTHLY FIRE DEPT REPORT:

ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHNNY HOWELL: For the monthly report, the fire department answered 15 calls inside of the city and 9 outside of the city. On the structure fires, we had 1 in the city and 1 outside the city. Brush fires, we only had 1 and that was outside of the city. Natural gas leaks, we only had 1 and that was inside of the city. Medical calls we had 2. One being inside the city and 1 being outside. With rescue calls and vehicle accident calls, we had a total of 7. Four being inside of the city and 3 being outside the city. For electric alarms, we had a total of 5 of those. Four being inside the city and 1 outside. Lift assist with EMS, we had a total of 3 with 2 being inside the city and 1 being outside the city.

Power lines down, we had a total of 2. One being inside the city and 1 being outside the city. That was for a total of 14 calls inside the city and 9 outside the city.

MONTHLY POLICE DEPT REPORT:

CHIEF BECKY SHEFFIELD: For the month of September, we used 1,006 gallons of gas, answered 1,422 calls, and worked 21 wrecks. If y'all will notice that the case count is real high. And where that came in is we made several arrests where we had some fraudulent stuff done at the Credit Union. You give me your account number and I put a fake check in your account. And then immediately draw out \$250 and then me and you will split the money and be on our way. That is where all of those cases came in. We arrested like probably twenty something people on this for that. That's why my numbers are so high. But what was so bad is that half of them said that they never got any money. But that's where with the fraudulent and fictitious checks you'll see on the back. That is where all of those cases come from. We went back and did an arrest on all of them.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STREET CLOSURE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the First United Methodist Church coming to see about a street closure.

REV RICK HAMILTON: Once again, if anyone is interested in becoming a Methodist, see me afterwards. We need to have, which is Foster Street, between the Dublin Highway and the Soperton Hwy shut down on October 26 for Trunk or Treat that night. That is the street between our parking lot and the building. And actually, we probably need the barrels put up around 4:00 in the afternoon because people will be getting parked in there early. And that is all I am asking.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any other questions? If not, we will set the barrels up about 4 and it will be over when?

REV RICK HAMILTON: It will be over about 8:00 that night. It probably wouldn't hurt to leave them up until the next day. It's not that busy there. I couldn't imagine a lot of traffic right there at night. But we could slide them over and get them out of the way to the ditch.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We will probably have a police officer just slide them out of the way or something to get the street back open when y'all get through.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: And October 26. When is that? On a Thursday? No, that's a Wednesday night. Okie dokie. Council, if y'all don't have any questions, I will entertain a motion to close Foster Street down and close the Methodist Church parking lot for October 26 Trunk or Treat with the church and set the barrels up about 4:00 that afternoon.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

REV RICK HAMILTON: Thank you.

APPROVE MONTHLY BILLS:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is to approve the bills for September 27, 2022 – October 13. Y'all got those in your packs. Do y'all have any questions about them? If not, then I will entertain a motion to approve the bills for September 27 – October 13.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAPPING QUOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next is the infrastructure mapping quote.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Council previously approved us to put out bids for mapping software so we could document our sewer lines, water lines, valves, hydrants, or whatever. We have had no responses to the bids, but we have identified a company that we can all work with. It is called Diamond Maps. I have checked it out, Jesse has looked at it and so has some of the other employees. One of the good things about it is that it is only \$70 a month. We will pay that for unlimited users. And if the company were ever to go out of business, the maps and the database are still ours. That is a condition of the contract. We have asked for permission to go ahead and contract with Diamond Maps and get that process started.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Alright, council do y'all have any other questions? Alright then. Your recommendation is go with the \$70 a month?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Yes Sir. It is the Enterprise program, and we have unlimited users, and we will be able to access this from any mobile device. iPad, cell phones, any mobile device, desktops. We are going to have some in house training to make sure that everybody is up to speed on it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Alright, I will entertain a motion to approve the option #3, the unlimited users for \$70 a month from Diamond Maps.com and we need a motion.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

UPDATING NUISANCE/ABANDONED PROPERTY ORDINANCE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is updating the nuisance/abandoned property ordinance.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: I think Mr. Raymond wants to address some of the problems that he has seen with that.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: I have got 5 of the Housing Authority or whatever you want, the different places in Eastman. They throw out couches and all. We pick them up. We carry them to the dumpsters. We pay for it. Well, when I come by the other day, one of the apartments out there had a whole house of stuff out there. We had to pick it up and pay 3 men or sometimes 4. But we had to pick it up and carry it out to the dump. They charge for that, and I heard it is pretty good.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Some of it is going in the bins at James Avenue and some of it is going to the county. It just kind of depends on the load and what is filled up. But it is costing us a lot of money. There is no doubt about it.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: And I know for a fact, cause my wife use to run Eastman Gardens, that them people and that company is making a killing off of Eastman, Georgia. And they ought to be paying for this stuff that is going out, side of the road. That is what I think.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Just to echo what he is saying, when it is a mattress, we can handle it, or just a piece of furniture. But recently, we have been having entire houses cleaned out and set in the ditches. And you are talking maybe 3 or 4 city workers having to deal with that. And we are not getting the grass cut, and we are not getting the trash picked up. I don't know. We may need to investigate some other options.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: What I would recommend, Mark don't y'all haul those containers to Telfair and Houston County. Why don't y'all get with Mark and see what that cost is and stuff. And get with some of these other cities around us and see if there is some kind of fee. Like I said, we are tying up several hundred dollars, I am sure, easily. I mean that is just for picking up one household. Everybody throwing sofas and chairs.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: They be having TVs and such. I come by the one at the hospital the other day and that beat all that I ever seen. The whole house and they was out there having to pick it up.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: So, what do y'all think about that? Get with other places and see and get with Mark to see what it costs to do that.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: What we would like to do is at least pre-plan. If we are having to pay you or somebody just to put a bin out there to keep our guys from tying up a day loading and moving. We will look and see how other cities have done it and try to figure out how to go from there.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Y'all good with that for the time being?

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: Oh yeah. As long as we are looking into it and seeing. Somebody needs to pay somewhere besides us.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: We will put that under some unfinished business for the time being.

QUOTE FOR CULVERT REPAIR AT 14TH AVE/PAGE STREET:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next is the quote for culvert repair at 14th Ave and Page Street.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: So, this is 14th and Page, otherwise known as the Chester Highway. It's right there before you get to the old Chief's store. The pipe is collapsed. We have tried to fix it a time or two, but it has collapsed to a point where it does not allow water to flow through it anymore. So, during the rainy season, 14th and just stands in water and it deteriorates the street. It is going to cause us to go ahead and have to repave the street too if we don't go ahead and get it fixed. So, it is kind of an unusual area right there. But anyway, we ran it in the paper a couple of weeks ago. It is a 12" culvert of reinforced concrete pipe. I had several people looking at it and calling me. And nobody could find 12" pipe. There is not any 12" pipe in the Middle GA area. So, I said that we could use 15" pipe and there is 15" pipe in the area. Most people fell away from it and don't want to mess with it. But we do have one bid from Otis Simmons Grading and Land Development, LLC. So, you see all of the specifications that they need to have for this job. Anyway, Otis' bid was \$15,250. My recommendation is that we fix this as soon as possible.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any other questions? If not, then I will entertain a motion to approve the \$15,250 bid from Otis Grading and Land Development, LLC to do the culvert repair at 14th Avenue and Page Street.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

GOODMAN AUTO SALES F250:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is Goodman Auto Sales for an F250.

INSPECTOR WHITE: What we are having is vehicle issues. Wastewater is needing a vehicle. They have got one wrecked and they have one that is wore slap out. Without being able to get new vehicles right now, we are looking at good, used trucks. To second that up, the truck that I am wanting y'all to buy is one we could use for double standards. It can be my truck to run around in, plus it can be used to pull

the gooseneck trailer and all for the excavator and all. The truck that I drive currently will go to wastewater. They will solve it and kill 2 birds with one stone.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Alright, you have a quote from Goodman Auto for \$27,317.

INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes Sir. \$27,317.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And that is less than half of what a new one would cost you. Jack, you have been driving it now for several days. It's solid?

INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes Sir. It's a good truck with only 50K miles on it. It is a diesel. It is a stout truck to pull that trailer with and move equipment around or whatever.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any other questions or anything? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve the purchase of the F250 from Goodman Auto Sales.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

T-MOBILE SITE PROPOSAL:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the T-Mobile site proposal.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: So, y'all have the aerial photo in front of you. Currently, we have T-Mobile, Verizon, and AT&T. All 3 corporations have antennas on the South Carolina tank. I know nothing about frequency and communications except what I had in physics back in college. But T-Mobile has approached us. They have concerns with the clutter of all 3 on that tower. So, they have contacted us, and I met with one of the gentlemen yesterday. They would like to rent a space at South Carolina. We own 10 acres of land at the South Carolina well and tank. They want to rent a space. The maximum would be 100 x 100. And build their own antenna and put T-Mobile on this antenna. I told them that of course I needed to bring it before city council before I even discussed it. They are wanting to have a Zoom meeting with Spence and myself next week. But I just wanted to bring the council up to speed. The top of the tank at South Carolina is 202 ft. That's the tallest tank we have in town. There is really no other antenna space in Dodge County except for GA Power. Which GA Power doesn't rent space on their antennas. There is no other space in town for these telecommunications. So, T-Mobile, or actually their division called North Towers. And they are wanting to build a tower so they can put their communications on it. We are in a lease agreement with T-Mobile right now since I think 2009. But they have been a great customer. Between T-Mobile, AT&T, and Verizon, they pay us around \$70K a year to rent that space. They are willing to go into a long-term agreement to build an antenna on our land, pay us rent for that antenna for long term. I have got some questions, but I didn't propose it to them. The first thing that comes to my mind is that when somebody wants to build something that you already got, are you going to compete with us? Are you going to work with us? Which one is it going to be. We are not going to cut off our nose to spite our face just because you need a better antenna or get away from clutter to rent you space or take away our customers. There is a lot of things to be worked out, but I wanted to get y'all's opinion. Is this something that y'all are willing to pursue or just nip it in the bud now and forget about it. I can see it being a money maker, but I can also see the other side of it too, that it could not be.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: My first question that comes to mind is: If we do this, AT&T or Verizon says hmm, we might get better service. Can we build a big tower out there? Can we build another tower instead of all those little pegs up there on the water tank on the catwalk. And that's a crystal ball question. Who knows?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We are really at the preliminary stages. I think we are just looking for a thumbs up to at least investigate it further, if that's okay. We may not be able to negotiate something that is beneficial to the city. We just don't know enough to give you any facts yet.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: I don't know what they pay now, but I know in the past with some people. They rent them little places from them, and they pay huge money. I'm talking \$5,6,7K a month.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: The city has the ability to word some of its' ordinances around this that can also make it beneficial to the city. Maybe to ameliorate or ease some of those concerns without us cutting our own nose off to spite our face so to speak. It may be an ordinance that is put in place so we can say about what tower and what can be used and what the city's financial outcome could be.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: And they are proposing a monopod is what they are saying. It is just a long, slender. It would not be one of the lattices looking towers. It would be more like a large flagpole I guess, instead of a lattice looking type configuration.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Now for me, and council y'all chime in. It's worthwhile talking to him and pursuing it further to see what they are really interested in.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: It is definitely worth talking to him about. You said Verizon is \$70K?

ENGINEER BEARDEN: Well between the three: T-Mobile, Verizon, and AT&T, we get about \$69K, almost \$70K.

CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD: I think T-Mobile is paying \$1800 a month right now.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: So, AT&T and Verizon both have 3, excuse me, 6 antennas and radios on our tank. T-Mobile only has half of that. But yet they pay more than half of the rent that the others do. They have been a good customer. And plus, what I like about T-Mobile's is a 3% increase every year. They value where they are at and they value, you know, this location that the city has for them. There's just not many towers in Dodge County.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: It's definitely worth talking to them further. Or investigating further.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: Alright, thank you.

MUSIC ON MAIN ROAD BLOCKAGE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the Music on Main road blockage.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Paul McCain was going to be here to make the request but had to be out of town. But she is asking to do essentially the same thing we did last year for Music on Main. Which is close down the streets from I believe 3 – 10. Is that right, April?

CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD: From 1 until 10, because they will start setting up then. I think they are going to have arts and crafts and food trucks and stuff. But they want to do 3rd to 5th from 1 to 10. But the Goody's side, they will open up that side at 7:00. I think they usually shut down all of the vendors except maybe the food vendors for the main show.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And we didn't have any problems last year. It went really well. I think everybody enjoyed it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Wasn't that where they put all of the bouncy houses and stuff at?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: That is exactly right. So, when it gets dark, they will shut that down.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: Is that going to be the Methodist trunk or treat?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Your church and others will be doing trunk or treat there. This is an entirely separate event.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: And this is Saturday week? Council, do y'all have any other questions? So pretty much from Roy's down to Mrs. Nash place and the street across in front of Goody's. I will entertain a motion then to approve closing down the street October 22.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

SEWER LINE PIER REPLACEMENT QUOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the sewer line replacement quotes.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: We talked about this in the past. The part of our sewer line that runs between the Soperton Hwy and the Dublin Hwy is elevated. It is not buried in the ground. It is what we call aerial, and it has wooden piers. A lot of these piers on around a 500 ft stretch. Some of these piers have deteriorated over time. Part of our sewer line is laying on the ground. The good thing is, that all of this drains from the Cottondale, Sheldon Street, that area of town going through. And so, it has the elevation to push it through. That's called head. So, it is functioning, but it is functioning at a very low level. When we get hard, heavy rains, then we have the potential to have sewage spills. Fortunately, last winter was a very dry winter and we didn't have any spills. This summer, even with some of the rains we have had, we've still not had any spills. But this needs to be corrected. It's one of the main trunk lines that takes everything from the Cotton Mill to the to the Dublin Hwy to the James Avenue pump station. So, I've got 2 bids. One from Popco, Inc. and one from Pyles Plumbing and Utility. Very close bids. The one from Popco is \$60,254 and Pyles is \$62,500. Popco is working in Abbeville currently. So, they're right across the river from us. Talked to the gentleman yesterday and he talked like he could probably be here within three weeks to do the correction. Pyles has always been our go-to contractor. They just fixed one for us several months back. But I have made numerous phone calls today to see if I can get them scheduled and I've not had a return phone call. Pyles and Popco are extremely busy. Very, high quality contractors. So, any other time I wouldn't walk across the street for the difference because they both are just that good. But, with Popco being right at \$2500 less and being right across the river in Abbeville. And can be here within 3 weeks. My recommendation is that we go with Popco.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Now, looking at this bid. Pyles is basically replacing 12 piers as per conversation. Popco is installing 12 new piers, plus 18-foot of 12-inch pipe replacement. I reckon if it's bad or something, they are going to replace some pipe.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: If we need it. I saw that too. But right now, this is cast iron pipe. I think that we determined that it is 10-inch pipe. I think that was kind of if something happened. But you are right. They are or they will replace up to 18 ft of pipe in this.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: If they don't need to do that, then they are potentially looking at or they are actually \$6K less. Because they were \$60,254 with that \$3800 added in their service. There's \$6100, give or take \$20. Council, do y'all have any other questions? If not, then I will entertain a motion for Mr. Jesse's recommendation to accept the bid from Popco, Inc. to do the sewer line pier replacement project.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Second by Councilman Woodard. All in favor show of hands. Motion approved unanimous.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: Do we need to make that a stipulation, so they know that?

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Well, they have got the price for the 12 piers and if they have to do that, it will be that much more.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: Okay.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the ordinance to annex the property at the airport. I think that we have talked about it a month or a month and a half ago or something for the grad site out there.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Rita has prepared the appropriate documents. I believe the council has voted on it. I believe the commissioners have voted and approved it. So, we are just ready for the first official publication now. Or first official reading, which is probably a better term for it. There will be a second one at the next meeting or is it 30 days out?

ATTORNEY LLOP: Next meeting. It has to be presented at two meetings for it to be effective.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: I reckon I will entertain a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to annex the airport property into the city.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: **So moved.**

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: **Second.**

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous. Now, that is the first reading.

DRUG TASK FORCE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next is the Drug Task Force annual contract.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: They have asked for us to renew the contract. I think Becky has reviewed and I have too. I believe Becky is in favor, but we will let her speak for herself.

POLICE CHIEF SHEFFIELD: They are asking \$8,803 and I highly recommend that we do it. We have gotten more results from the Drug Task Force lately than we ever have. They have done a good job for us. So, I recommend that we do it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any other questions for the Chief? If not, then I will entertain a motion to approve the annual contract with the Drug Task Force for \$8,803.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIS: **So moved.**

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: **Second.**

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. Motion approved unanimous.

DODGE COUNTY FOOD BANK:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is a report from Justin for the Dodge County Food Bank. I think everybody got a copy of it a while ago.

JUSTIN HALEY: For the month of September, we purchased 3,726 pounds through the Middle GA Community Food Bank. We had topped out at 19 cent a pound totaling \$708.85. Midwest Food Bank, which is the free food bank up in Peachtree City, we picked up 1,700 pounds costing zero dollars. Donations were Harvey's gave us 336 pounds that was bakery and meats. It kind of just depends on what they are able to give us at the time. We saw 258 households, 74 with children, totaling 578 people and 175 of those were seniors, 65 and older. So, in the month of September, we distributed 7,740 pounds. Which average 40 pounds per bag to 258 households. The recommended thing that I come in here for the money was for 215 households. So, we saw an influx as much as I can help with Midwest can help us get free food but then to be able to get what we need. But also, there has been a kind of shortage with the hurricane and stuff, as far as what Macon can get like meats and stuff like that. We saw more people with a little bit less per bag, but we were able to save money there through Midwest Food Bank. And then the backpack got started up. We got our numbers and got that rolling. The total

would be 170 students. North Dodge had 45, South Dodge had 50. The middle School had 45, the high school had 12 and PreK had 10, DAC had 8, which totals the 170. We purchased 3,304 pounds costing us \$627.76. We already had some donations coming in from the community. So, we distributed out 4000 pounds total. The beverage is a little bit more than 6 pounds per student. We were going for 8 but we also picked up another 20+ students that we had talked about originally. So, we are feeding more and trying to keep about the same amount of numbers. And when you factor in what we bought plus rent and the utilities for the month, that total would be \$2,654.61 and our allotted spending was around a little over \$4K a month. So, you know, anytime we can help with the Midwest and getting that amount of pounds in and to be able to serve the same amount but not have the cost of having to go buy a ton of food. That's what we are going to try to do. And I know that we had certain goals and really quick on 2 of those. We are getting that site set up with Midwest so we're able to get more food in to be able to help other pantries in other counties to alleviate that problem, so people don't flood in here as much. The second thing would be getting the thrift store in a new building. I think it's going to kill 2 birds with one stone and help the city as well. The city has an eyesight problem with one building that we are interested in and the building that we wanted. And I think that person is trying to try to get him out. I made a phone call, and they would charge us the same amount of rent of what we are currently in, so nothing would change there. It's a lot nicer building and a lot bigger building and we move right in and be able to get right and started there.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Alright, council do y'all have any questions for Justin? So, you are about \$1,300 under budget?

JUSTIN HALEY: We were but the first month, you know we paid some bills, and we are thankful for you paying some back stuff. So, we are a little over that particular month and then this month we were under. Which I think that it pretty much averaged out to that amount. And then from here on out, like I said, more than likely, you are looking at saving \$1000 or \$1200. Especially even more than that when we get that Midwest Food Bank situation settled where they send us that free food. So, any that we're able to do. Like I said, I wasn't coming to start with for a handout and that's not what I had planned to do. Any way that I can help save money, feed the same amount of people with the same quality, that's what we plan to do.

CITY MANAGER HAS NOTHING TO REPORT

NO OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS:

On a motion from Councilman Mullis and a second from Councilman Hamilton, the meeting was adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CITY CLERK