

**January 8, 2024**

The Eastman City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Sebrina Williams, Graham Snyder, Jermayne Hamilton, Debra Sheffield, and Mark Peacock. Others present were City Attorney Rita Llop, City Manager Spencer Barron, Police Chief Billy Cooper, Fire Chief Scotty Whitten, City Clerk April Sheffield, City Inspector Jack White, and Department Head Wynnon Pittman. Present from the community were Conner Bearden, Jesse Bearden, Sharon Cobb Flanagan, EM Harrington III, Susan and Mitchell Coffee, Tim and Paula McCain, Steve Harrison, Syble Pruett, Elouise Purvis, Raymond Mullis, Dwayne Conley, Charlotte Hopkins, Diedra Barton, Robert Pruitt, Lindsey Craven, John Battle, Martin Kehayes, and Ken Rogers. In support of their family members Don Snyder, Dee Snyder and girls, Kim Sheffield, Daina Peacock, and Reverend Rick Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Sheffield.

The invocation was given by Reverend Rick Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

District 2 Council Member Graham Snyder, District 3 Council Member Debra Sheffield, and District 4 Council Member Mark Peacock were sworn in by City Clerk Sheffield.

**APPOINT CHAIRMAN:**

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** I would now like to ask for a nomination for chairman.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** I'd like to nominate Graham Snyder.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Graham, do you accept?

**COUNCILOR GRAHAM:** I accept.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Are there any other nominations?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I would like to nominate Ms. Sebrina Williams.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Sebrina?

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** I accept.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Do I have a second for Graham's nomination?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I got a question now do we get a chance to speak on that as well or we just nominate before the public does and before the 2nd nomination?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Yes.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** So everybody know I'm Jermayne Hamilton, District 5. I nominate Sebrina Williams. One, because she is the senior Councilwoman on this board, and which has the most experience out of all of us. She go to all of her classes, that's in Atlanta, Savannah, or in small cities, also in Dublin. She take this opportunity to represent the City of Eastman very, very seriously. And I believe that she has the opportunity and space to be chairman of this city. Just a quick back story. Two years ago I had all aspirations of being the chairman as well when I came in. I had lot of motivation, ready to go, still ready to go and eager, but then I had to humble myself. I had to understand that me coming in fresh off the streets and don't know anything really about government. I know how to lead in a capacity where I actually help people overcome their challenges and fears and challenge them to be better leaders as well. But I still had to overcome the fact that I had no type of experience. So I came in and I humbled myself, got education that I needed to actually lead in the capacity where others would be flourished and understand that they too can be leaders as well. That's my type of leadership style. So since then, I've been here on the board. Just learning, just feeling out. Getting myself together and just taking everything one step at a time because small steps is some steps, and some steps equals success. And I had to realize, if I had jumped so far up and I missed the process in between, then I won't get the learning that I need. So I had to humble myself and watch Mr. Buddy, watch Mr. Raymond, Mr. Ronnie, and Ms.

Sebrina, and just learn from them and understand what being a government leader actually was. And I think I have done that but it's still some stuff that I need to learn, you know, before I actually can take chairman and lead this city in the way it needs to be led. I don't want to rob the city for my aspirations and my dreams when I'm not ready, actually ready to actually take that stance. And so that is why I vote Ms. Sebrina Williams for chairman.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** OK. Do we have a second for Graham's nomination?

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** I second the nomination.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Have a second for Graham. Do I have a second for Sebrina?

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** I can't second, sorry.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Yes, you can.

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** Second.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Any public comments?

**JOHN BATTLE:** Good evening. My name is John Battle and I'm here in the support of the Eastman City Council, to support the new, the old, and the ones that has served to past years. The past few years, the City Council did a great job for Dodge County comparing to past years. Our City Council shouldn't be controlled by peoples who are just willing to do what Dodge County, they want to do. The city should have a written qualification for being a City Council. You have a minister in a church. He or she should have certain qualification to lead that congregation. It is so unfitting that we have a Board of Education, and I just throw this in, Board of Education who have members sit on the Board of Education, don't even have a degree in education and never served time in the classroom. How can they be prepared to teach and lead our children? The truth gone hurt. Like the truth gone stand. So, as Councilman Hamilton has already stated, yes, every new City Council, city woman, man, and whoever. Once they come in, it should be a warning period, if it ain't but 90 days before you become a head of the City Council. You said you're walking off the street. And what are the qualifications? That's why America is so mixed up today. You're not quite sure. All of you have degrees. I don't know that. But that should be one of the first requirements. Should have a degree in administration or if you don't have a degree in administration, you should have a degree in some form of education. You don't want me teaching your child. If I just walked off the street and didn't finish the 8th grade. So let's be real. This ain't about color. This is about selecting the person who should be City Council and if they can be it within 90 days or six months, then the process should be where you can reconvene and start the process all over again. And anybody feel like they're walking off the street can come in here and just do the job and never served in this capacity. You need to have a learning period. You got to go to school. You got to do all that. That should be some kind of requirement. Everything that you do, you have a job description. You have to follow that. But I know I'm in Dodge County. One day we might wake up and serve everybody, not some people and not small groups. We should represent everybody. And color shouldn't have nothing to do with it. Especially if you say you are Christian of God. And I would say it. I've been coming to these meetings all my life, well lately since I've been retired. It was supposed to be Sebrina became the chairperson. Not because she black, white, blue, green. But because she have served in the capacity and had the experience to be the chairman of the City of Eastman. Which the city of Eastman, to me, ain't what it should be. We should be further up on the ladder than where Dodge County is. When I go out of town, the people away from Dodge County, you from that messed up county down there? We got to correct things and they got nothing to do with color. Ain't got nothing to do with color when you say, right? I ain't never seen right spelled black, white, blue, or green. Right is right.

Wrong is wrong. And when you do wrong Galation 6 and 7 says, you will reap what you sow. If it's good or bad, you gone reap. That's everybody.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** And just a reminder that we have a 5-minute limit.

**CHARLOTTE HOPKINS:** Good evening. My name is Charlotte Hopkins, and I am a returnee to Dodge County. I'm a 1981 graduate of Dodge County High School. I've been back as a resident for about a year and a half now and what I can say and what I've seen is my mother was a member of City Council for many years, which

means that I was drug to those GMA meetings year after year after year and had to sit in many of them with her. But what I can say is that the leadership skills, the education in those courses that they have to take and that she's taken, Sebrina, for many years, they do make a difference. Since I have been back, I see with her leadership in our community in my district that I get the same or see the same kind of service or progression on our street in our areas that I would also see in Gwinnett County. So it makes me proud to be back and work with her and work with District 1 and so, I'm proud to support Sebrina Williams as chairman.

**RAYMOND MULLIS:** Good evening, Raymond Mullis. I've been a City Councilman for 20 years and I sat right by Ms. Sebrina. If y'all want to vote for a qualified person, if y'all won't vote for her, then you don't know what you're doing. That's honestly, that is what I want to say. Ms. Sebrina, I love you and appreciate you.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** **Now I would like to call the vote for Chairman on the nomination of Graham Snyder. (Councilors Graham, Sheffield, and Peacock voted in favor.)**

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** I'm going to ask that the record reflect that this is also the 2nd. Also by majority vote.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I oppose.

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** I'll oppose.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Now I will turn the meeting over to Chairman Snyder.

**APPOINT VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Now I will turn the meeting over to Chairman Snyder.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** At this point, I would like to take appointments for Vice Chairman. **I myself, I would love to have Ms. Sebrina as my vice chair.** I think she, just as Mr. Battle has said, she brings all the qualities needed for this position and I would love to have her seconding me or beside me at all times, helping us steer this community in the right direction.

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** I accept.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Second.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Sorry, are there any public comments?

**JOHN BATTLE:** I love all of y'all, but I oppose.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Duly noted. At this time, I'd like to take a vote for Vice Chair from Ms. Sebrina Williams. All in favor show of hands. All opposed. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**APPOINT CHAPLAIN:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I believe Mr. Hamilton has served in this capacity. **I will certainly welcome him to continue that capacity if he is so willing.**

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I accept.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** Second.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Are there any public comments in relation to this agenda item? There being no comments, I'd like a vote on this matter. All accepting? **Motion carried unanimous.**

**APPOINT ATTORNEY:**

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** **I would like to nominate Ms. Rita Llop for city attorney.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I have a nomination for Ms. Rita Llop. Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Second.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Are there any public comments? There being none, I move that we vote on this for City Attorney, Ms. Rita Llop. All in favor show of hands. All opposed. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**APPOINT RECORDER'S COURT JUDGE:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** **I believe this is a vote for the continuation of Judge Joey Marchant.**

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Yes, he has served in that capacity for a number of years now.

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Since 2014.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do I have any other nominations for the municipal judge?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do I have any comments from the public on this matter? There being none. I move for a motion to vote for Joey Marchant as municipal judge. Any opposed? **Motion carries unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The next item on the agenda is to approve the agenda. **I need a motion to approve.**

**SEBRINA WILLIAMS:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I need a second.

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Are there any comments or any deliberation we need to have on this matter? I believe everybody has the copy of the minutes from last session. Are there any public comments in relation to the agenda?

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** I have nothing to add.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** There being none, I'll move for a motion to vote on approving the agenda. All in favor show of hands. All opposed like sign. **Motion carries unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The next item on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2023, regular meeting. **I need a motion to approve.**

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** **Motion.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I need a second.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Are there any discussion that we need to make in relation to the minutes from the last meeting? There being none. Or any public comments in relation to the approval of the minutes for the last meeting. There being none. I need a motion to vote on this matter. All in favor show of hands. All opposed like sign. **Motion carries unanimous.**

**NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MONTHLY FIRE DEPT REPORT:**

**CHIEF WHITTEN:** For the month of December, we ran a total of 41 calls, 20 inside the city and 21 outside the city. Structure fire, we had one. Storage building fires, we had one. Brush fires 4. Vehicle fires 3. Gasoline leak 1. LP gas leak 1. Natural gas leak 1. Medical calls, we ran a total of five. Rescue vehicle calls, ran 6. Electrical alarms 3. Lift assists 7. Power lines down and trees 5. Public service 1. Smoke check 5.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** Chief, is there any way we can have another section on here showing out of these 41 calls and grand total 20 inside and 21 outside, to clarify, is calls on the county, correct?

**CHIEF WHITTEN:** Yes.

**MONTHLY POLICE DEPT REPORT:**

**CHIEF COOPER:** For the month of December 2023, we answered 645 calls using 893 gallons of fuel. Worked 20 traffic accidents. Patrolled 11,557 miles. And took in a total of \$13,421.35 in fines. You have a breakdown of all the calls in the paperwork.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** Again, the only question I got here is on your breakdown with fines collected and outstanding fines of the ones that were collected in the outstanding. Is that a difference between the two? And we can look at that afterwards.

**CHIEF COOPER:** Yeah, we probably need to look at that afterwards. There is a pretty good bit of outstanding for people on probation and such.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** I was just wondering if that was a difference. Or if that is the full amount?

**CHIEF COOPER:** Now the 13,000, that's the total fines collected.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** Right, for this month?

**CHIEF COOPER:** That's right.

**APPROVE BILLS:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The next item on the agenda is approve the bills for December 29, 2023, through January 8, 2024. **I need a motion to approve.**

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** **I make a motion.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I need a second.

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Is there any deliberation we need to have in relation to this? Any public comments? There being none, I move, I make a motion that we approve the bills for December 29, 2023, through January 8, 2024. All in favor like sign. All opposed like sign. **Motion carries unanimous.**

**DODGE ARTS GUILD BIDS:**

**KEN ROGERS:** On behalf of the Arts Guild, we would like to request that the City Council consider reviewing and accepting the low bids for the Magnolia Theater awning, main sign, announcement sign, and lighting. You may have that as bids submitted.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The only bid I see that satisfies all four is from the Sign Store Online.

**KEN ROGERS:** Yes, and we did them as four individual bids. So you didn't have to do all of them. Studstill had the low bill on the awning, \$3,796. And then the Dublin Sign Company has the low bid on the main sign and the announcement sign, \$3039.52 and \$1,646. And then the lighting was the Sign Store of \$1,725. Keep in mind the city owns the building. The Arts Guild does the management, the booking, and we pay, I think, the utilities every month.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Any other questions for Mr. Ken?

**CHARLOTTE HOPKINS:** So you're requesting the lowest bid of each one?

**KEN ROGERS:** Yes, the lowest bid of each separately. And if you didn't want to do the lights you don't have to do them. If you don't want to do the announcement sign, you don't have to do it. If you need to get together and talk about it, this would be the total package. And basically, you're getting an awning, the main sign, the announcement sign, which need to know what you're having at the theater, and then the lighting. And then the total for those things is \$10,206.52. Or you can pick what you want to do. It's you're building. This is just a recommendation from the Arts Guild, who manages it. And we will have shows there. We want other people to rent it out. Covid threw us for a loop for a couple of years, but we've been having events there and concerts quite regularly. So, keeping the downtown alive.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** **Chairman, I don't think we need to table it, but I'll hold for the next meeting to make the final since we're going to be picking out of this, instead of it being on a turnkey.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** So, are you asking to postpone until time certain?

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** Yes.

**KEN ROGERS:** It is definitely not a turnkey. It could definitely be individual. But we recommend we go with the low bid then because we like to save the taxpayer money.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** That's very kind.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I have a motion to postpone until time certain. Do I have a second on that?

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**LEAVE IT BETTER REQUEST:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The next item on the agenda is the Leave it Better request.

**LINDSEY CRAVEN:** Hello, my name is Lindsey Craven. I'm the vice president of Leave it Better. And Leave it Better would like to request use of the old Goody's building on Saturday, February the 10th, to hold a corn hole tournament inside and outside of the building. We would like to have some food vendors in the parking lot, but we will not require any of the streets surrounding the building to be shut down. We would likely need access Friday evening to get something set up. Are there any questions?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Yeah, we was in the process of doing something with that Goody's building at one point.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** So I don't anticipate anything happening before this event in February. Isn't that when you said?

**LINDSEY CRAVEN:** Yes, correct.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** OK. And a lot of that still to be determined so.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** So nothing was under contract?

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Not at this time. It just would be the first time, to my knowledge, that we've rented it out to private or giving it to a private party for an event. So, according to the attorney, we would probably need event insurance. Is that correct?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Yes, in the written agreement, exactly because the city is not participating in that event. It's a Leave it Better event solely and exclusively so.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Would that insurance be paid for by Leave it Better themselves?

**LINDSEY CRAVEN:** Yes.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** It would. And the City of Eastman would be an additional insurer. And that's for inside the building.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** What was the date on that again, Lindsey?

**LINDSEY CRAVEN:** Saturday, February 10th.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I think it's a good idea, but I'm sure we need to get some type of paperwork in order for future references as well if we are going to rent it out.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Definitely. And if you're going to charge or not and that type of thing.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** The Leave it Better is nonprofit. So I mean it's different than a private entity.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Yes, this is not a for profit group and they're doing great work throughout the city.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I understand but I think we just need to include that with the Arts Guild.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** So, **do I have a motion to postpone until date certain? (Councilor Hamilton nods.)**

Ok, I have a motion to postpone. Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** **Second.**

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Are we just putting it on the next Council meeting?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Yeah. The next Council meeting.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** OK. I have a motion to postpone till date certain which is to be the next council meeting. I have a second. All in favor show of hands. **(Motion carries unanimous.)**

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** And that will give us time to actually draw some paperwork up then.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Yes, Sir. Hopefully we're going to schedule a work session this week, so that's something we can add to the work session.

**LINDSEY CRAVEN:** Thank you.

**SENIOR CITIZENS REQUEST:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Next on the agenda is the senior citizens request.

**SYBLE PRUETT:** First of all, I'd like to thank the city for all they do for us seniors. We really appreciate what y'all did for us last year and throughout the year. I'm here to ask you if you would renew the \$3,500 that y'all

donated last year, if y'all would be willing to donate it again to the Senior Citizens Council on Aging for this coming year.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Thank you, Ms. Syble. **I need a motion to approve the senior citizens request, so no.**

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Second. Do we have any deliberation on this? I know we've got a packet here where we have allocated this money in the past. It's already on this year's 2024 budget. I myself move that we authorize these funds. All right. So we are now going to vote to approve the Senior Citizens request. All in favor show of hands.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** What's the public comments on that?

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Excuse me, my apologies. Are there any public comments on this? There being none, **we will now vote to approve the Senior Citizens request of \$3,500 that has been allocated in the 2024 budget.** All in favor show of hands. All opposed like sign. **(Motion carried unanimously.)**

**SYBLE PRUETT:** Thank you all so much. We really appreciate that.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The next item on the agenda is the Police Department grant.

**CHIEF COOPER:** Yes, Sir. We put in for a grant last year for funding for body cams. We got awarded the grant. It's going to be complete, no match grant other than in-kind matching. So no money will have to be matched by the city. It is in-kind, which means we have to do training to match that amount. The total amount is \$10,327.00. We are looking and going with a body cam called 10-8. We have demoed that body cam, and it works better than what we're currently using. We don't like the ones we have now. So if Council will approve, we would like to go ahead and order these cameras. And then this would be a reimbursement of that amount.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** And this reimbursement is coming from?

**CHIEF COOPER:** It's coming from the Department of Justice.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Okay. All right, **I have a motion to approve the Police Department grant.**

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** **I'll make a motion.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I'm sorry. **I'm making a motion to approve the Police Department grant.**

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Are there any public comments? There being none, **I make a motion that we approve the Police Department grant.** All in favor show of hands. All opposed like sign. **Motion carries unanimous.** Thank you, Chief.

#### **SCHEDULE WORK SESSION:**

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** The next item on the agenda is to schedule a work session. I know this is something that is going to be very valuable to the three new ones of us on the Council. I know there's quite a bit of agenda items that the City Manager Barron has in his database over here.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** I'd suggest the topic just be 2024 projects and we go from there. **COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do you have a number in mind already?

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** 23, to start with.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** That's a good number, I like it.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** We'll make some progress.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** So I need to make a motion to schedule a work session. Does anybody have a date? Or I may make a motion for a work session. Do I have a second? Or I need to make a motion. Does somebody want to?

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** I'll make a motion.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** OK, do I have a second?

**CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD:** Are you going to pick a date?

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** We'll just deliberate that. Once I make the motion, we would then go into deliberation on which date they wanted to do this for. Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** Second.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Hold on. We've got to agree on the date.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Well that's what I made a motion. Then I got a second. Now we're going to deliberate the date on when we want to have the work session.

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** I think you just bifurcated. He had a motion on the meeting. Now he's going to have a motion on the date.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** OK. Gotcha.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Does anyone have a specific day or time they want to have the work session? I know tomorrow works well for me.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** I'm good with tomorrow.

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** I'm good with tomorrow.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Ms. Sebrina?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** What time tomorrow?

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** 6:00?

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Works for me. I'm at y'all's disposal, so whatever the majority of y'all can come to.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** As long as we give a 24-hour notice, so it needs to be by?

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Right. And we got the paper sitting right here with us. So we are covered. Chuck, you good with six? Yeah? I don't think the newspaper is going to object to it.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** So I have a motion, or I need a motion to approve the work session for Tuesday, January 9.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** I think he may have a conflict.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** No, I'm good.

**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** My apologies.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Yeah. I'm sorry, I thought he had shook his head yes. OK, so I need a motion to approve a scheduled work session for Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 PM.

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** I make a motion.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Do I have a second?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Second.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** All in favor show of hands. **Motion carries unanimous.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**CITY MANAGER BARRON:** Nothing for me other than on behalf of myself and other employees of the City of Eastman, we like to welcome the new Council. We look forward to working with you and moving Eastman in a progressive direction.

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** Thank you.

**OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Y'all welcome to the city.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** We are looking very forward to it.



**COUNCILOR PEACOCK:** Thanks for the opportunity. I look forward to serving Eastman in a very fair capacity for all the people of Eastman.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** Much agreed.

**COUNCILOR SHEFFIELD:** I just want to say that I back that and I look forward to serving the community and the city. And I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** I just want to thank everyone for being here. Thank you so much, Councilman Hamilton, for your kind words. Mr. Battle. Ms. Hopkins. Mr. Mullis. Thank you all. And we all strive for the same goals and purposes, which is what's best for the City of Eastman. We're all going to work for what is best for the City of Eastman. Thank you.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** And I want to piggyback off what Councilman Williams said. This is certainly a new phase for us as a Council. For us as Eastman. And I'm glad that I have Ms. Sebrina right here working hand in hand with us to help direct Eastman into a new and brighter future.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**JOHN BATTLE:** Welcome to the City Council and I hope you hold true to every one of them statements y'all made. And I don't want to have to come back and say y'all taking us back and not forward. Because we are all God's children.

**COUNCILORS SHEFFIELD and PEACOCK:** Amen.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** We welcome you to come anytime you want Mr. Battle. We welcome any public comments, any interaction with the public in this matter.

**VIA FACEBOOK:**

**MILTON JOHNSON:** Congrats, welcome, and strap in for the fun to start.

**COUNCILOR SNYDER:** I think we're all looking forward to that. I know it's going to be a little bit of a learning curve for all of us. But we are certainly excited for the possibilities.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion from Councilor Peacock and a second from Councilor Sheffield, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CITY CLERK**