

**January 12, 2024**

The Eastman City Council met in a called meeting on the above date at 2:15 p.m. The following members were present: Sebrina Williams, Graham Snyder, Debra Sheffield, and Mark Peacock. Councilor Jermayne Hamilton participated by phone. Others present were Police Chief Billy Cooper, Fire Chief Scotty Whitten, City Attorney Rita Llop, City Manager Spencer Barron, City Clerk April Sheffield, City Inspector Jack White, and Department Head Wynnon Pittman.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Snyder.

Invocation was given by Councilor Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council decided to amend the agenda and a special burn permit for the Golden Isles Project. On a motion by Councilor Sheffield and a second by Councilor Williams, it was a unanimous vote to amend the agenda and add the permit. The amended agenda was approved on a motion from Councilor Peacock, seconded by Councilor Williams and a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE WORK SESSIONS:**

On a motion from Councilor Peacock, a second from Councilor Sheffield, and a unanimous vote, the council vote to schedule three upcoming work sessions to discuss the 2024 projects. Meetings were scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 4:30 pm; Wednesday, January 24, 2024, @ 6:00 pm; and Monday, January 29, 2024, @ 6:00 pm.

**APPROVE SUMMARY MINUTES:**

The previous council preferred verbatim minutes. The new council has discussed and decided to accept summary minutes. There is no need for verbatim minutes because of the audio recording done and the Facebook Live video. Councilor Hamilton asked to make sure that all key points are noted in the minutes. Transitioning to summary minutes was unanimously approved on a motion from Councilor Williams and seconded by Councilor Peacock.

**GOLDEN ISLES COMMERCIAL PARK PROJECT:**

Inspector White presented a request from the company handling the Golden Isles Commercial Park Project located at the corner of Griffin Avenue and the bypass. They need to clear a lot of land and have inquired about getting a special burn permit because burning is not normally permitted in the city. Fire Chief Whitten has given his approval pending the Council's decision. After council discussion and request of making sure that EPD guidelines are followed, the council voted unanimously to agree with issuing the permit. The vote was made after a motion from Councilor Peacock and a second by Councilor Hamilton.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion from Councilor Sheffield, a second from Councilor Williams, and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CITY CLERK**