



CIVILITY PLEDGE

The way we govern ourselves is often as important as the positions we take. Our collective decisions will be better when differing views have had the opportunity to be fully vetted and considered. All people have the right to be treated with respect, courtesy and openness. We value all input. We commit to conduct ourselves at all times with civility and courtesy to each other.

ALAN HALLMAN
MAYOR

MIKE RAST
ALDERMAN AT LARGE

BRETT REICHERT
COUNCILMAN AT
LARGE

MARK ADAMS
COUNCILMAN WARD I

CHLOE ALEXANDER
COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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September 5, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:02 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Members of Council were present, which constituted a quorum.
 - ✓ Alan Hallman
 - ✓ Mike Rast
 - ✓ Brett Reichert
 - ✓ Mark Adams
 - ✓ Chloe Alexander
3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the September 5th Meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Pastor Barry Odom.
6. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - 7.I. Consideration on the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment – First Reading

Staff Comment: Finance Director, Randy Brewer presented the Council with the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment. Mr. Brewer had no additional comments but was available for questions from the Mayor and Council.

Public Comment: There were no public comments made on this item.

DISCUSSION: This was a discussion Item Only. No action was taken. This item stood as the first reading.
8. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 9.I. Consideration and Action to approve the August 22, 2023, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Alexander provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**
10. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve a CDBG Funding Application Resolution for years 2024-2026.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the CDBG Funding Application

Resolution for years 2024-2026, Councilman Reichert provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

11.II. Consideration and Action on the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate.

City Manager, Tim Young led the discussion regarding this item. Mr. Young explained to the Governing Body the cause and effect of maintaining the millage rate at 15.729 or rolling back the rate to 15.209. Mr. Young provided visual graphs to demonstrate where the City is and what direction the City can choose. He further stated that if the millage rate is maintained at 15.729, it will be more than was budgeted, allowing funds to be added to the fund balance. Mr. Young noted that if the Governing Body approves the rollback rate of 15.209, that will be under what the City budgeted for real and personal property tax combined, but it's probably a doable number.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve to set the Hapeville 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate at 15.209, Councilman Reichert provided a second. **Motion carried 3 Yay** (Alderman Rast, Councilman Alexander, Councilman) – **1 Nay.** (Councilman Adams).

11.III. Discussion to add a Piano on Grounds for Public Use.

Councilman Reichert gave Council a brief synopsis of how having a piano for public use could benefit the City and its residents. He stated that the project would not cost the City and noted that he has seen public pianos in multiple Cities. Councilman Reichert encouraged Council that this will be creative, interactive, and enjoyable for those visiting the City.

DISCUSSION: This was a discussion item only; No action was taken. **Council reached a consensus to have staff proceed to add a Piano on Grounds for Public Use.**

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager, Tim Young spoke about the Following items:

- Announced the upcoming Happy Days event, which will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023.
- The final car show will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023.
- Next month, the City will host annual events such as the Chili Cook-off and the Day of the Dead.
- The film series season is back and in full effect.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Melvin Traynum
2. Tyler Tarwater- *via Email*

14. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Alexander informed Council that some of the public artwork needs maintenance. She stated the art pieces have yet to be restored since modifications were made to the buildings. Councilman Alexander expressed that some of the artwork needs a power wash, especially those on private property where the City has easements. She stated that the contracts in those easements indicate that the City is responsible for the maintenance. Councilman Alexander wants to ensure that the City takes care of its art investments.

Alderman Rast made no additional comments at this time.

Councilman Adams thanked all for coming to the meeting and participating in their local government.

Councilman Reichert thanked all for coming out to the Council meeting. He also thanked the Community Service and the Parks and Recreational Department for temporarily extending the splash pad season. He noted that several residents request and appreciate the vast cooperation of the City.

Mayor Hallman thanked the staff for their service and dedication. He also thanked residents for being part of their local government and participating in the meeting.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to go into executive session at 7:05PM. Alderman Rast second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

MOTION: Councilman Reichert made a motion to go into recess, Councilman Alexander second.

Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to convene back into regular session at 7:45PM, Councilman Reichert second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve and ratify the consensus taken in executive session with regards to pending litigation, Councilman Adams provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

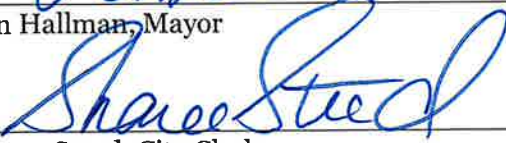
16. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM, Alderman Rast provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk