



**CITY OF PORTERDALE  
CALLED MEETING  
AGENDA**

**City Hall, 2800 Main St  
Porterdale, GA  
Tuesday February 09, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arline Chapman at 6:30 p.m. The following members of the City Council were present: Post 2 - Linda Finger, Post 3 Michael Patterson, and Post 5 - Lowell Chambers. The following staff members were also in attendance: City Manager Frank Etheridge, City Attorney Tim D. Chambers, and City Clerk Kathy Bouttry.

Mayor Arline Chapman led a short invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of Agenda***

Council Member Mike Harper made the motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Lowell Chamber.

***Request for a Warming Center at 9 Hemlock, Porterdale, GA***

There were members of the Rainbow Ministry who spoke about how, why, and when the warming center started. The owner Mrs. Clara Lett stated that she received a call from Newton County asking for help in the community for a Warming Center. After several meetings and searching for a location, they did not have any success. Therefore, she stated they suggested Porterdale would be a great location because of Mrs. Clara having the church in Porterdale. They decided to ask Porterdale Mayor Arline Chapman if they could open at 9 Hemlock. After the Mayor and City Manager discussed the situation, City Manager, Frank Etheridge, drafted an agreement for the Mayor and Council to review. Mayor Chapman gave Mrs. Clara a copy of the agreement.

After receiving a note from Mr. Beck at The Covington News, a meeting was organized to discuss the warming center on February 09, 2021.

**Reason for the Warming Center:**

- Their main goal is to help people.
- They are a church of serving the people (According to Matthew)
- Receiving calls daily on people who needed help
- People are living in the park and lake areas.
- Trying to do their best not to only serve, but also to minister to the people.
- People sleeping in the cold.

**Rainbow Ministry goals:**

- Provide two hot meals (dinner and continental breakfast) provide by
- Serve and minister to the community.

- Keep people safe during the cold nights
- Make showers available to people
- Women and children will sleep on the second level.
- Men will sleep on the lower level.

Hours of Operations:

- 5:00 pm – 9:00am

Dates:

- February 3, 2021 – April 1, 2021

Complaints from the community:

- City did not inform them about the meeting.
- Location.
- Previous years when Rainbow operated a Homeless shelter, there were many problem.
- Mrs. Clara was not allowed to have another center in 5years.
- There are no homeless people in Porterdale.
- Porterdale and Rainbow have been to court serval times from last shelter.
- Where would the funds come from knowing the city already in debt?
- Where will the people go after 9:00am?
- Safety
- Many of the Resident's property were damaged.
- A lot of people misunderstanding a Warmer Center is not a Homeless Shelter.

Council Member Linda Finger agrees that there should not be a Warming Center in Porterdale because of the last shelter. Council Members Lowell Chamber asked questions pertaining to the operation:

- How many people? 5
- How many people sleeping in the woods? 10
- How will the people get there and leave? Rainbow Ministry will provide transportation
- Will they have security? Yes, Members of the church
- Are all the codes updated? Yes
- Will there be a charge? No
- Is the Warming Center in operation? They are having revival

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Harper to deny the decision and seconded by Council Member Linda Finger.

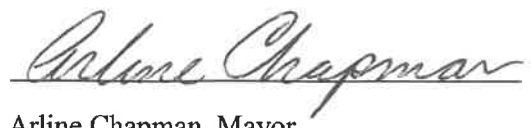
**Motion carried unanimously.**

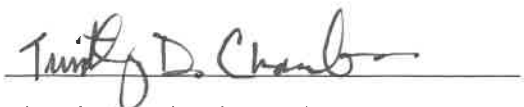
***Adjournment***

A motion to adjourn at 8:31pm was made by Council Member Mike Harper and seconded by Council Member Linda Finger.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

  
Kathy Boutry, City Clerk

  
Arline Chapman, Mayor

  
Timothy D. Chambers, City Attorney

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Niki Westcott, Council Member Post 1

  
Linda Finger, Council Member Post 2

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Tim Savage, Council Member Post 3

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Mike Harper, Council Member Post 4

  
Lowell Chambers, Council Member Post 5

