



**CITY OF PORTERDALE
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Grace Baptist Church – 474 Crowell Rd.
Porterdale, GA
Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

Present:

Mayor Arline Chapman

Council Members: Linda Finger, Mike Harper, Lowell Chambers, Tim Savage

Interim City Manager Robert Witcher, City Attorney Tim D. Chambers, and City Clerk Linda Hanna

Meeting of the Porterdale City Council

MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Arline Chapman
- 2) Invocation – Mayor Arline Chapman
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Arline Chapman
- 4) A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended was made by Council Member Linda Finger, Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

- 5) A motion was made to take a straw poll to see if City Council members would like to go over each item in the revised action plan Council Member Mike Harper, Seconded by Council Member Lowell Chambers.

Approved Unanimously

Action Plan Items FY 2020

Personnel Section

FY 2020 a-i: A motion to cap police department at 6 full time positions and no overtime was made by Council Member Tim Savage and seconded by Council Member Linda Finger.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 a-ii: A motion to immediately implement a weekly furlough day (8hr per week) for all positions and employees except police department was made by Council Member Tim Savage and second by Council Member Linda Finger.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 a-iii: A motion for no wage increases beginning FY 2020 was made by Council Member Tim Savage and seconded by Council Member Mike Harper.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 a-iv: Stricken because of vote on a-i and a-ii

FY 2020 a-v: A motion to continue current practice to redesign positions/job descriptions, cross train, and cost reductions FY 2020 was made by Council Member Tim Savage and seconded by Council Member Lowell Chambers.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 a-vi: A motion to required departments to eliminate/reduce overtime by reorganizing employee schedules. Acknowledging overtime will be required in some departments for emergency actions and overtime requests will be reviewed by the Interim City Manager on a weekly basis made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and seconded by Council Member Mike Harper.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 a-vii: A motion for the accrual of comp time to cease immediately allowing for flextime within pay periods was made by Council Member Tim Savage and seconded by Council Member Mike Harper.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 b: A motion to sign IGA with Newton County Tax Commissioner to have the Tax Commissioner bill and collect property taxes. This agreement to be effective for 2021 property taxes was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 c: Not voted on as tentative mill rate was set at July 13, 2020 meeting.

FY 2020 d: A motion to evaluate and inventory City assets for possible liquidation was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 e: A motion to make appropriate changes to the City Ordinances/Amend City Charter regarding the City's budget was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 f: A motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget no later than the November City Council meeting was made by Council Member Tim Savage and Seconded by Council Member Mike Harper.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 g: A motion for no new loans in the General Government Funds (General Fund, SPLOST Funds) was made by Council Member Tim Savage and Seconded by Council Member Mike Harper.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2020 h: A motion to freeze all capital expenditures in the General Fund was made by Council Member Tim Savage and Seconded by Council Member Lowell Chambers.

Approved Unanimously

Fiscal Year 2021

FY 2021 a-i: A motion was made to re-examine and continue as necessary personnel expense reductions implemented in FY 2020 was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2021 a-ii: A motion was made to raise employee out of pocket cost of healthcare insurance to between 5% and 7% of the premium for both individual and family coverage over FY 2020 out of

pocket was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved 3-1: Tim Savage, Lowell Chambers, Mike Harper in favor, Linda Finger opposed.

FY 2021 b: Not voted on. Discussion to consider a millage increase.

FY 2021 c: A motion was made to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021 budget prior to December 30, 2020 and continue to evaluate/implement additional budget cuts in Fiscal Year 2021 to reduce the deficit was made by Council Member Tim Savage and Seconded by Council Member Lowell Chambers.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2021 d: A motion was made to continue freeze on capital expenditures in the General Fund was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2021 e: A motion was made to continue moratorium on new General Government loans (General Fund and SPLOST) was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2021 f: A motion was made to review and amend City Ordinances to reduce costs including but not limited to Millage rates, adopting budgets, and amending budgets was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

Fiscal Year 2022

FY 2021 a-i: A motion was made to continue personnel reductions implemented in Fiscal Year 2020 was made by Council Member Lowell Chambers and Seconded by Council Member Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

FY 2021 a-ii: A motion was made to explore raising employee out of pocket cost of healthcare insurance to between 10% and 15% of the premium for both individual and family coverage over FY 2020. continue personnel reductions implemented in Fiscal Year 2020 was made by Council Member Tim Savage and Seconded by Council Member Lowell Chambers.

Approved 3-1: Tim Savage, Lowell Chambers, Mike Harper in favor, Linda Finger opposed.

FY 2021 b: Not voted on. Discussion of increasing millage rate to continue deficit reduction.

FY 2021 c: A motion was made to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 budget prior to December 30, 2021 and continue to evaluate/implement additional budget cuts in Fiscal Year 2022 to reduce the deficit was made by Council Member Tim Savage and Seconded by Council Member Lowell Chambers.

Approved Unanimously

6) A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Mike Harper, Seconded by Tim Savage.

Approved Unanimously

Prepared by LJH 7/27/20

ATTEST:

Linda Hanna City Clerk

Arline Chapman, Mayor

Timothy D. Chambers, City Attorney

Niki Wescott, Council Member Post 1

Linda Finger, Council Member Post 2

Tim Savage, Council Member Post 3

Mike Harper, Council Member Post 4

Lowell Chambers, Council Member Post 5