**CITY OF COLBERT**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 5, 2020 7:00 PM**

**Present: Mayor Chris Peck; Evelyn Power; Roger Fortson; Ray Thomas; Attorney Dale Perry; Anita Peck; Vicky Smith; Joe McGuffin; Kevin King; Tom Jackson; Tim Wyatt; Cynthia Fortson; Olivia Pace; Tony Mattox;**

**Call to Order and Prayer: Chris Peck**

**Adoption of October Agenda: Motion made by Evelyn Power to adopt October Agenda and motion seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.**

**Approval of September Minutes – As typed**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fund Report read.**

**Deputy Stat Report given by Officer Joe McGuffin. He also mentioned he was assigned to accompany The Trump Train on October 17, 2020 and safe escort them to the Depot. Mayor Peck advised him of people shooting firearms inside City Limits and asked him to deliver a copy of the Ordinance to the residence in question which prohibits shooting of firearms in the City Limits.**

**Grass Cutting Bid: Bids for Grass-Cutting will be published in the local papers for the next 30 days. It was suggested that the ad for bids be placed on-line and on our website and in Oglethorpe Echo, Madison County Journal and Athens Banner Herald.**

**Madison County Little League plans to terminate the contract with the City. They will furnish a written notice required per contract.**

**Lion’s Club Roof – Mayor Peck discussed the leaking problem with the roof and asked the council for permission to obtain bids for a new roof. A motion was made by Roger Fortson and seconded by Ray Thomas to proceed with the project. All approved.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Meadow Avenue Drainage problem was tabled until next meeting due to Mr. Bledsoe not being able to attend.**

**Kristin Court Bids for paving were received:**

**All About Asphalt bid $58,381.00; Garrett Paving bid $40,265.00**

**A motion was made by Roger Fortson to accept the bid from Garrett Paving and motion was seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.**

**Old School Clean-up – Motion was made by Ray Thomas and seconded by Roger Fortson to accept bids on cleaning up behind the old school. All approved.**

**Hampton House Drainage – Mayor Peck talked with Jason Smith, Smith’s Grading Clearing and Demo, LLC, concerning the water run-off problems at the Hampton House. Jason Smith suggested cleaning out the ditch around the curve and transplanting some grass, seeding and straw across the street near the present berm to better direct the water around the property in front of Hampton House. The proposed bid on this project is $1,400.00. A motion was made by Evelyn Power and seconded by Ray Thomas to accept this bid. All approved. Tony Mattox will call in a locate.**

**Christmas in Colbert was discussed and it was decided that due to the COVID19, we cancel this year’s event. It was a suggested that we ask the Colbert School if they could give us a name of a family to help this Christmas. Also, it was suggested we place a mailbox in front of City Hall for children to send their letters to Santa.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Mayor Peck’s Comments:**

**Mayor Peck presented the 2021 Budget Proposal and explained some increases and decreases in the budget from last year. He asked the council to look it over and be prepared to vote at next Council Meeting, November 2nd).**

**He reported that there was iron and manganese in the water at the new well site at the Colbert Elementary School. He will speak to T.C. at Piedmont Water to discuss further steps concerning the production after filtering.**

**Speed Humps have been installed on 5th Ave, 3rd Street, Peachtree Street.**

**The window frames have been installed on windows at new office space at old school. Windows should be installed soon.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Olivia Pace lives on 5th Avenue and asked if a speed hump could be installed on her street due to the speeding traffic now going through. She was advised that as soon as we know the placement of the new drive-ways for the new housing on that street, we would definitely look at it.**

**Cynthia Fortson asked about the plans for a playground. Mayor Peck explained that at the present time, the City does not have funding nor a definite plan where to place a playground. He also stated we definitely would keep this idea active.**

**Tim Wyatt stated the Fire Department would have a virtual ISO Inspection. He also stated the hydrants were being flushed periodically.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Evelyn Power and seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.**