**CITY OF COLBERT**

**PUBLIC HEARING – MILLAGE**

**6:30 PM SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

**Present: Mayor Chris Peck, John Waggoner, Anita Peck, Evelyn Power, Roger Fortson, Tim Wyatt, Bert Robinson, Deputy Joe McGuffin, Jonathan Pou, Cynthia Fortson, Phillip Fortson, Bruce Scogin,**

**Vicky Smith**

**Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Chris Peck.**

**Millage rate 2.69 was reported. No discussion. Meeting adjourned.**

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**COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

**Call to Order and Prayer – Mayor Chris Peck**

**Adoption of September Agenda – Motion by Tim Wyatt and seconded by Evelyn Power to adopt the Agenda. All approved.**

**Minutes of August 3, 2019 Meeting – Stand as written.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cynthia Fortson inquired about the lot size change from one acre to 1 ½ acre lots. Her question was how that applies to established property. Mayor Peck explained that that pertained to any new housing on property within the city limits. Discussion was held pertaining to set backs on housing, septic tank requirements, sewage for city, and water system. He also explained that the County does all inspections for the City. The State mandates septic tank requirements and sizes.**

**Fund Report – Fund Report was read. There were no questions.**

**Deputy McGuffin gave his report. There were no questions.**

**Millage Rate – A motion was made by Tim Wyatt and seconded by Bert Robinson to approve millage rate of 2.69 for year 2020. All approved.**

**Firewall Security for Computers – A letter was presented to council by Jon Phillips explaining the need to expand security for computers by using a third party firewall to filter connections and block hacking attempts that our present system is unable to prevent. His quote was $2318.99 for the installation, a 3- year Warranty, and monthly virus signature updates. A suggestion was made to check with GIRMA to see if we had cyber-security insurance coverage. Tim Wyatt made a motion to table this matter until next meeting in October. Roger Fortson seconded the motion. All approved.**

**Christmas in Colbert - Date set for Christmas in Colbert is Friday, December 6, 6:30 – 8:30. More information to follow.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mayor Peck - Project List – Long Range Planning list was presented and projects that were on the list since 2012-13 were discussed and many have been completed. The most needed project to be completed at this time is (1) moving the City Hall offices to the old Colbert Elementary School and (2) the drainage problem at corner of 3rd Street and 5th Avenue. These projects will be considered in the coming year. Mayor Peck stated that an architect would be helpful in planning this project.**

**Wells Update – Piedmont Water Company is working on the Woods well, Water testing has been completed and now waiting on the results.**

**Billboard Ordinance was tabled until next meeting.**

**J&S Printing – Suzanne Ferguson has not completed vacating the building at this time. A motion was made by Roger Fortson and seconded by Evelyn Power to extend deadline to December 31, 2019 and require no rent for that time. All approved.**

**COMMENTS AND INFORMATION**

**Tim Wyatt stated the fire department was in process of acquiring permission and information to demolish the old gym and this discussion would continue at next meeting.**

**Ball Park – The MC Little League has contacted Mayor Peck and asked to use the ball field for practice. They will contact Mayor Peck and more information to be given at later date. Attorney Perry stated it was very important to require long-term lease and Insurance.**

**Mayor Peck stated he and Tim Wyatt would be getting the information for the application for LMIG and submitting it soon.**

**Qualifying Candidates for 2020 – 2023 were Mayor Peck, Roger Fortson, Jonathan Pou. There will be no city elections this year.**

**Motion to adjourn – Roger Fortson and seconded by Bert Robinson. All approved.**