

# PEMBROKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Pembroke City Council was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Judy Cook, Councilmembers Ernest Hamilton, Diane Moore and Karen Lynn. Mayor Pro-Tem Tiffany Walraven and Councilman Johnny Miller were unable to attend. Also present were City Attorney Dana Braun, Police Chief William Collins, Fire Chief Peter Waters and City Clerk Cathy Rushing.

**CALL TO ORDER...**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Cook.

**INVOCATION...**The invocation was given by City Clerk Cathy Rushing.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE...**Councilwoman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES...**A motion was made by Councilwoman Moore, with a second by Ernest Hamilton, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 12, 2021. The motion carried. Councilwoman Moore then made a motion to approve the minutes of the called meeting July 19, 2021. Councilwoman Lynn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS...**Marie Allen stated that there has been clean-up going on at the house that burned on Benton Street.

**MILLAGE RATE...**Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the 2022 Millage Rate at 10 Mills. Councilman Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was agreed upon by all.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS...**Police Chief William Collins reported that the cameras ordered for the skate park, pool, and Harn Center area have been received. As soon as the cameras are installed, the skate park will reopen. He also reported that he is 5 officers down. He has 4 empty positions and 1 injured officer. From here on out a 2-yr contract will be required on new hires.

City Clerk Cathy Rushing gave Council an update on the new city hall. It is still looking like the first of October will be when we are ready to move in. A ribbon cutting will be planned.

Under Recreation, bids for the gym air conditioner were presented as follows: Bryan Mechanical, Inc. - \$102,275; Dyess Air - \$83,500; Indoor Climate Experts - \$84,800. Councilwoman Lynn made a motion, with a second by Councilwoman Moore, to accept the bid from Indoor Climate Experts in the amount of \$84,800. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Police, the Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of Pembroke and Bryan County, Georgia For The Provision of EMS Facilities was presented for approval. The Agreement states that Bryan County Emergency Services will generally make the ambulance available and locate it 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the City of Pembroke. The Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 90 day written notice. In the absence of such termination, the Agreement shall extend from year to year as provided by law. Councilman Hamilton made a motion to approve the Agreement. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After discussion about the site inspection report from Harron Lee on the former EMS building at 135 N. College Street, Councilwoman Moore made a motion, with a second by Councilman Hamilton, to declare the old EMS building located at 135 N. College Street as surplus and to put it out for bid. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:17 p.m. Councilwoman Lynn made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Councilman Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:50 p.m. Councilwoman Lynn made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter back into regular session. Councilman Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the Joint Resolution to Approve 2021 Service Delivery Strategy document. Councilwoman Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

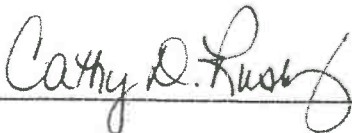
Councilwomen Lynn then made a motion, with a second by Councilwoman Moore, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2021 Service Delivery Strategy Agreement between Bryan County, Richmond Hill and Pembroke. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to sign the necessary documents to end the Service Delivery Strategy litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hamilton, and it passed unanimously.

At this time, Councilwoman Moore made a motion to reconsider the action taken declaring the former EMS building, located at 135 N. College Street, as surplus. Councilwoman Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Moore made a motion, with a second by Councilwoman Lynn, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Cathy D. Rushing, City Clerk



Judy B. Cook, Mayor

