

Milledgeville City Council Work Session
City Hall – Executive Chambers
119 East Hancock Street
September 11, 2018
5:30 PM

Milledgeville City Council met in a regularly scheduled work session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Executive Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Mary Parham–Copelan presiding. Members of Council present were Collinda Lee, Jeanette Walden, Richard Mullins, Denese Shinholster and Walter Reynolds. Councilman Steve Chambers was absent.

Others present were Barry Jarrett, Jimmy Jordan, Bo Danuser, Mervin Graham, Hank Griffeth, Felicia Cummings, Billy Hobbs, Mike Couch and Chris McKearny.

Mayor Parham Copelan called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. The Clerk called roll and a quorum of members of Council was declared present.

Mayor Parham–Copelan recognized Barry Jarrett for a City Manager’s report.

Mr. Jarrett briefly discussed the Milledgeville Housing Authority and the Dekalb County Housing Authority requests for the City of Milledgeville for their phase 1 of the proposed Graham Homes Housing building project. He then recognized City Planner Hank Griffeth who further elaborated on the project stating that the Milledgeville Housing Authority and the Dekalb County Housing Authority would need 18 million dollars to complete their project and were requested the City issue bonds or issue support for Dekalb County Housing Corporation issuing the bonds. Mr. Griffeth also stated that the property was not zoned correctly for the project they were proposing and would require rezoning once the zoning moratorium had ended. There was a discussion about the cost of the project, the issuing of bonds and the ultimate ownership of the property associated with the Milledgeville Housing Authority. After the discussion among Council members, Mr. Jarrett stated that he would issue a letter indicating that the City was not interested in issuing an 18 million–dollar bond on behalf of the City of Milledgeville and Dekalb County Housing Authorities.

Mr. Jarrett briefly discussed the progress of the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority closing on a 10 million–dollar United States Department of Agriculture grant to renovate the Parham Kitchens at Central State Hospital. Mr. Jarrett recognized Central State Hospital Local

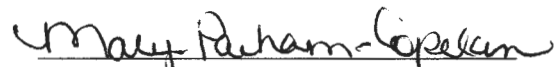
Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Mike Couch who elaborated on the project. Mr. Couch discussed the USDA grant containing about 1,700 pages. He stated that this project would be a game changer for the development of the properties of the old Central State Hospital grounds. He discussed the scope of the plans of the purchaser of the kitchen. Mr. Couch discussed a November 1st closing on the property and then thanked Council for their strong support over the years.

Motion Ms. Shinholster, second Dr. Lee to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.


On vote aye: Dr. Lee, Mrs. Walden, Mr. Mullins, Ms. Shinholster and Mr. Reynolds. The motion carried and Council went into closed session at 6:03 PM and returned to open session at 6:15 PM. Upon returning to open session, the Clerk called roll and a quorum was declared present.

Motion Ms. Shinholster, second Mr. Reynolds to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM without objection.


Mary Parham-Copelan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bo Danuser, Clerk