

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY MOULTRIE CITY
COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor McIntosh, Council Members Barber, Clarke Hill, Dunn, Hadley, Ponder and Posey; City Attorney Waller, City Manager Dillard and City Clerk Coleman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call to Order

Mayor McIntosh called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Dunn gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McIntosh gave the following statement:

I, like you, am outraged, sad, frustrated, and concerned. George Floyd was killed, and it is a clear tragedy for his family and our entire Country. Cities like ours must speak up as allies of justice and equal treatment of all our citizens. We stand with those seeking justice and equality.

Reality is that there is still a wound in the fabric of America that has not healed, and continues to be reopened. Racism. It begets violence, it begets death.

As a nation and as individuals, we must do better. Cities like ours can play an important role. As a City that believes diversity and inclusion are among our greatest strengths, we must put our resources and energy toward helping end any vestige of racism.

Our City is not perfect, but it has done great things, things to be proud of. We do not have all the answers. However, I believe that we, together with those within this community as our partners – and with the views and voices of those who challenge injustice – we can seek and find solutions.

Our efforts will focus on three main areas – listening, leading, and advocating.

LISTEN: We believe our City has the power to drive change. We want to get this right. In order to make progress for those who have been hurt by injustice, we need first to listen. We are spending time listening to our employees and seeking their input on meaningful actions we can take, both internal and external. We will seek out the voices and expertise of community leaders and others to inform our actions. In addition, we will continue to listen, to further the actions that we will take to lead.

If you think we can do something better, let us know.

We have set up a special email, comment@moultriega.com, where you can send in your ideas. We will listen to what you have to say and work together to make Moultrie a better place.

LEAD: As a City, we need internally to be an example for society overall, otherwise what platform do we have to lead from? We need to take multiple actions. We will pursue more diversity and inclusion training.

ACT: Together we will work within our City organization to support change and embrace policies that matter.

At times, this will be challenging and uncomfortable, and it will require courage, humility, dedication, and reflection.

Our pledge as a City is that we will do our part to listen, learn, lead, and act. The City of Moultrie is committed to making a difference in our community to ensure justice and equality of treatment for all of our citizens. Our City must play a visible and proactive role in creating a viable community, ready to seek change where needed.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

Work Session – June 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM
Council Meeting – June 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Council Member Clarke Hill made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Posey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS #4-10)

The Consent Agenda includes routine items that the City Council will act on with a single vote. Any Council Member may pull any item from the Consent Agenda in order that the Council may act upon it individually.

4. **Consider Approval of Appropriation Resolution FY2019-20 Budget Amendment AR—2019-20 #8**
5. **Consider Approval of Appropriation Resolution FY2019-20 Budget Amendment AR—2019-20 #9**
6. **Consider Appointment and Term of Office for Moultrie-Colquitt Parks and Recreation Authority**

Term of Office - 6/1/20 to 12/31/22

7. **Consider Bid of Two Explorer 4-Door Police Interceptor – Robert Hutson from Moultrie, GA – in the amount of \$66,200 from the 2019 SPLOST Fund**
8. **Consider Bid of Right of Way Mulching Machine – Yancey Bros. Company from Austell, GA – in the amount of \$137,836 from the Electric Department**
9. **Consider Agreement for The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Airport Assistance between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Moultrie**
10. **Consider First and Second Reading of Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance for the City of Moultrie; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances and For Other Purposes**

Section 50-61.- Life Safety Code Adopted by Reference

Council Member Dunn made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items Number 4-10 except for Item Number 6. Council Member Barber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. Citizens to be Heard

- ANY PERSON WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, **NOT** SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA AS A **PUBLIC HEARING** MAY SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL
- THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME/ADDRESS BEFORE SPEAKING
- NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN

Council Member Ponder addressed all those in attendance concerning his post on Facebook with an explanation of the content.

Isabella Brooks, Steven Reynolds, Rachel Weeks, George Wallace, Thomas Day, Patrick McCray, Paul Herndon, Rufus Jolly, Marty Kardin, Courtney Azar, Cedrick Pace, Dug Schwalls, Bobby Ellerson, Jaden Williams, Athena Ponder, Valerie Alderman, Apondrea Marshall, Brooks Parrish, Betsy Wallace and Kasey Cochran addressed Mayor and Council with approval or disapproval of post made by now former Fire Chief, Jeff Thibodeau, and Council Member Ponder and other City matters.

Tabitha Woods – Rose’s parking lot. City Manager Dillard stated that the Fire Department is aware of the condition of the parking lot and are working with the owners to get it repaired.

Laquita Bridges – commended the utility department for alerting citizens that the power would be turned off briefly for a repair and asked when her security light would be repaired. City Manager Dillard stated the security light would be repaired as soon as possible.

12. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Dillard extended an invitation to Mr. Marshall and Mr. McCray to come and see him to discuss the issues at hand as well as anyone else in the audience.

13. Other Business

Council Member Ponder made a motion to appointment Freddie Williams to the Moultrie Colquitt County Recreation Authority. Council Member Barber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor