

PEMBROKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Pembroke City Council was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor, Mary Warnell; Councilmembers; Diane Moore, Tiffany Walraven, Ernest Hamilton, and Kimberly McGhee. Absent: Johnnie Miller. Also in attendance: City Administrator, Dustin Peebles and City Clerk, Betty Hill.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION & PLEDGE Mayor Warnell called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was held for the invocation that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES The motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 council meeting was made by Tiffany Walraven, seconded by Diane Moore, and agreed upon by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No comments were presented.

ETHICS RESOLUTION To remain certified as a City of Ethics, the Georgia Municipal Association requires that cities re-adopt the five ethics principles approved by the GMA Board, and submit any changes that were made to the city's ethics ordinance since its initial certification. At this time, the Mayor read the resolution (see attached) agreeing that the Mayor and Council will subscribe to the ethics principles and to conduct its affairs accordingly. The resolution will be signed and submitted to GMA for approval by December 1st in order to be formally recognized at the GMA Annual Convention in January 2016.

ETHICS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – Council Appointee. This seat is currently held by Christy Burton, whose term is scheduled to expire on December 12, 2015 and is ineligible for an additional term. The Mayor called for nominations from the City Council to fill the upcoming “Council Appointee” position on the Ethics Board. A motion was made by Tiffany Walraven to appoint Renee Daily Hernandez to the Ethics Committee to fill this position. Diane Moore seconded the motion to appoint Mrs. Hernandez to the Committee, which was agreed upon by all. This appointment is a two-year term that will expire in December of 2017.

RESOLUTION – Railroad Crossing Closure As recommended by the City, and the Georgia Central Railway, the Mayor read a resolution (see attached) agreeing to permanently close the traffic crossing at Buck Lane as it has been deemed a safety hazard. This closure will enhance and preserve the health and safety of travelers. Superintendent, Larry Todd advised the Council that there is no time restrictions on this closure and it will be coordinated with the DOT. Mr. Todd also addressed a concern Councilman Hamilton had about storm drains in the area which will need to be rerouted, but will improve drainage in the area. The Mayor called for the vote to approve the Resolution as presented. It was the consensus to approve the resolution as submitted.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER – First Reading The first reading to amend Article III Section 14(a) (b) and deleting 14(c) of the City Charter (see attached) by Home Rule was held. This amendment addresses the appointment and dismissal of the chief of police or other police officers. The second reading and adoption of the amendment will be held at the December meeting.

BRYAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND – Fundraiser Request The Mayor advised that there was one additional item to be presented, due to receiving a request this morning from the Principal asking for permission for the Band Boosters to hold a Bucket Brigade on November 28, 2015. Tiffany Walraven made a motion to approve the Bucket Brigade for the High School Band. Ernest Hamilton seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS None presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Mayor announced the following upcoming events:

- The Bryan County Middle and High School will be holding a Veterans' Day Program on November 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the High School.
- The District 12 Fall meeting will be held in Savannah on December 2, 2015.
- The American Legion, in conjunction with the City of Pembroke, will hold a Veterans Day Program/Wreath Laying at the Memorial Park on November 11, 2015 at precisely 11:00 a.m.

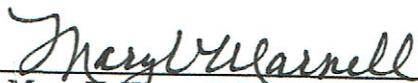
Councilman Walraven announced that Pembroke was recently presented the "Affordable Rental Award" by the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing. Pembroke was one of 8 cities chosen for this award.

ADJOURNMENT Having no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor.

ATTEST:



Betty K. Hill, City Clerk



Mary V. Warnell, Mayor