

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

October 10, 2022

Mayor Laggis opened the meeting at 7:00.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Laggis would like to reverse the order for the new agenda items.

Minutes of Meeting

Councilman Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting as written. Councilman Carden seconded him and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Councilman Carden made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Councilman Wright seconded him. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Transportation Update – Mayor Laggis reported that Atlanta Gas Light is going to have to dig to locate the lines. Councilman Carden asked if they are looking for one location or many and he was told just where it comes in. The Mayor also commended Fayette County and GDOT for replacing the single stop sign with two one day after the stop sign was taken out by traffic. Finally, the Mayor told the Council that the pipes that the County were going to use to replace the culvert on Anna Lane were needed in an emergent situation elsewhere in the county, so the project was pushed back to November.

New Business

1. Public Safety Breakfast – Councilman Wright proposed to the Council to hold the annual EMS breakfast on Saturday, December 3rd.

2. Presentation by Friends of Historic Woolsey – Jamie Lovett, the great-great-great granddaughter of I.G. Woolsey, and David Ballard, along with several other members of the Board of Directors of Friends of Historic Woolsey, presented their plans for the old church. At a church meeting in November 2019, Woolsey Baptist Church leaders told a few of the descendants that they were no longer interested in using the old church building and annex and, according to an 1896 deed, “If church no longer used the church, it would revert to I.G. Woolsey’s descendants.” After consulting with relatives, the Mayor and community members, they decided to form a non-profit to protect and preserve these two buildings as well as the cemetery and other historic locations within the town. It has taken 1 ½ years to locate 120 descendants of I.G. as well as those of the souls who are buried in the cemetery. The initial goal of the group is the restoration of the church and annex buildings so that they are a magical and peaceful place, the maintenance of the cemetery and preservation of the history, stories and literature of the Town of Woolsey. They noted that “I.G. Woolsey died in 1902 and 120 years later, because of 12 words he wrote in the deed to the property, he is bringing together families and the community – people who would have never met otherwise. We are honored to continue his legacy by helping the community that he loved.”

Pam Laggis presented a mock-up of what the buildings could look like as well as some possible uses for them such as weddings, gatherings...the buildings would be ADA compliant. Mayor Laggis asked if the group had a time frame that they were working with and Ms. Lovett said two to three years. They just now gained access to the property. Councilman Smith asked what they wanted/needed from the Town and the biggest help is to get the word out.

Other

None

Public Comments

With no more business to come in front of the Council, Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. He was seconded by Councilman Carden. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collins, Town Clerk