



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 6, 2020

Council Meeting Room

Special Called Meeting

6:30 PM

7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Linda Smith led in Prayer and Mayor Gary Norton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Linda Smith	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Donald Hodges	Council Member	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Lynwood Griner	Council Member	Present	
Glenn Jones	Council Member	Absent	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
James L. Coursey	City Attorney	Present	
Phil Jones	Consultant/City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarboro	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Yolanda Irizarry	Director of Human Resources	Absent	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Absent	
Lee Sherrod	Interim Chief of Police	Present	
Chris Lee	Project Manager	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Mark Stephens. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were none to report.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were none to report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none to report.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

There were none to report.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to convene Executive Session and reconvene into the March 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to reconvene the March 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges. Vote was unanimous.

Once the meeting was reconvened, Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to approve the employment contract of Matthew Libby as Chief of Police, as amended, to be effective on March 6, 2020. Councilman Barbee's motion also included a one time bonus of \$1,000.00 for Interim Chief of Police, Lee Sherrod and \$500.00 for both Lieutenant William Chamberlain and Lieutenant James Hollingsworth for stepping up to fulfill the duties of the Police Department during the transition in staff and administration. Both motions seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

A. Employment Agreement Chief of Police

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	– Thomas Barbee, Council Member
SECONDER:	Linda Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Barbee
ABSENT:	Jones

13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

There were none to report.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due to the subject matter of the March 6, 2020 Executive Session, Council Member Linda Smith made a motion to allow Director of Human Resources, Yolanda Irizarry, to enter into the March 6, 2020 Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee. Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to convene Executive Session and reconvene into the March 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

A. Personnel Matter

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

There were none to report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges. Vote was unanimous.



Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 26th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:



Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council