



# CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

## CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 8, 2023

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

7224 GA HIGHWAY 21  
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas Barbee called the meeting to order.

**2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Assistant Chief Sherrod led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Absent	
Thomas Barbee	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Gabrielle Nelson	Council Member	Remote	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Rufus Bright	Council Member	Remote	
Glenn Jones	Council Member	Present	

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Barbee made a motion to Approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 13A- Clearing and Grading contract for the new sports complex and allow the City Manager to work out any changes that may come up with the contract.
- Change the order of 14 to C, A, B.

**5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

A. Georgia Benton

Discussed the following topics:

- Phone Lines
- Road Signs

**7. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**9. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

Councilman Barbee informed the public that every Council Member and City Staff Member has a phone number that they could be reached at, if anyone ever had any questions.

Councilman Jones explained that the City will be recognizing the first African American Councilman James Curry at the Juneteenth event.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Stephens, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Thomas Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

- A. Juneteenth Proclamation

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****13. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Clearing and Grading Contract

Councilman Barbee explained that this will give the City Manager the authority to conduct the contract for the clearing and grading of the sports complex.

- 1.

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**14. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. Zoning Ordinance

The City attorney explained that this would be used as a listening session and it is not the official hearing.

- B. Adoption of Millage Rate

City Manager Steve Davis explained that the Millage Rate is 4.16 and will continue to be that rate. Councilman Stephens made a Motion in support of the City Manager and City Staff to move forward with maintaining the millage rate. It was second by Councilman Jones. Approved unanimously.

- C. Adoption of FY2024 Budget

City Manager Steve Davis and Assistant City Manager Thomas Kilmartin gave a presentation on the proposed FY 2024 Budget and discussed the following topics:

- Prior Year Review
- Budget Priorities
- Budget Goals
- Tax Digest & Millage Rate
- Budget Summary
- Hotel/Motel Taxes
- Enterprise Fund
- Capital Budget
- Budget Calendar

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION****16. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Stephens made a motion to amend the city council meeting calendar to not have a meeting on the 15th and add a meeting on the 20th and keep the meeting on the 22nd. It was second by Councilman Barbee. Approved Unanimously.

There being no further business, Councilman Barbee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Stephens. Vote was Approved Unanimously.

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Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Zahnay Smoak, Clerk of Council