



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 20, 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

Councilman Rufus Bright 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	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Rufus Bright	Council Member	Present	
Glenn Jones	Council Member	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER: Gabrielle Nelson, Council Member
AYES: Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

A. Avril Roy-Smith

Discussed the following topic(s):

-Teaching Technology to Seniors at the CLIC

B. Georgia Benton

Discussed the following topic(s):

- FY 24 Budget

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C. Dominique Lavasier

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Stop sign in between CVS and Burger King
- Enjoyed the Juneteenth Celebration Event

7. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

9. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Gabrielle Nelson, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

- A. Effingham County Inmate Intergovernmental Agreement- Renewal

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Adoption of FY2024 Budget-2nd Reading

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

- B. Adoption of Millage Rate-2nd Reading

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rufus Bright, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

- C. Authorization Limit – 1st Reading

Mayor Pro-Tem Barbee explained to the public that this would change the City Managers spending limit, so that he can handle certain situations, especially in emergencies.

- D. Zoning Ordinance- 1st Reading

Councilwoman Nelson stated that she was grateful to be apart of the process, and she appreciate everyone who took the time to invest in the process to make the zoning ordinances better. She also stated that there will be tweaks that need to be made, but there should and will always be with any policy.

Mayor-Pro tem Barbee stated that this zoning ordinance is important because it allows citizens and new businesses that are coming to our city to come up to a certain amount

od standards as they build. We also want to partner with our business because it affects our tax digest. He also stated that there is always room for improvement, and that is what we as the council work on.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Gary Norton

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

ATTEST:

Zahnay Smoak, Clerk of Council