

MINUTES– CHEROKEE RIDGE – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Cherokee Ridge met in organizational session on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cherokee Ridge Club House, 4000 Cherokee Ridge Drive, Union Grove, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Natalie Burke. The invocation was given by Nicky James, Pastor of Arab First United Methodist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jacobs.

Upon roll call, the following were present: Mayor Natalie Burke; Councilmembers Russell Bobo, Preston Jacobs, Wayne Martin, and Scott Nixon. Absent: Councilmember Stephen Britt. Also present were Alex Smith and Gail Busbey. Mayor Burke stated that Councilmember Britt was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

The following Ordinance was introduced in writing by Mayor Burke:

(ORDINANCE NO. 2021-0001: Adopt Rules of Procedure)

MOTION by Councilmember Bobo and seconded by Councilmember Nixon that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2021-0001. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that there was unanimous consent for Ordinance No. 2021-0001. She called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-0001.

MOTION by Councilmember Bobo and seconded by Councilmember Nixon that Ordinance No. 2021-0001 be adopted as introduced. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin, and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that Ordinance No. 2021-0001 had achieved passage.

Mayor Burke called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Martin nominated Councilmember Scott Nixon and the nomination was seconded by Councilmember Jacobs. Mayor Burke asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, Mayor Burke called for the vote. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared Councilmember Scott Nixon elected by the Council as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Burke called for the appointment of the Town Clerk-Treasurer. MOTION by Councilmember Nixon and seconded by Councilmember Bobo that Gail Busbey be appointed as Town Clerk-Treasurer. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared Gail Busbey elected by the Council as Town Clerk-Treasurer.

The following Resolution was introduced in writing by Mayor Burke:

(RESOLUTION 2021-001: Appoint Alexander M. Smith, LLC, as Town Attorney)

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MOTION by Councilmember Martin and seconded by Councilmember Nixon that Resolution No. 2021-001 be adopted as introduced. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin, and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that Resolution No. 2021-001 had achieved passage.

The following Resolution was introduced in writing by Mayor Burke:

(RESOLUTION 2021-002: Designate Citizens Bank of Arab as depository)

MOTION by Councilmember Nixon and seconded by Councilmember Bobo that Resolution No. 2021-002 be adopted as introduced. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin, and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that Resolution No. 2021-002 had achieved passage.

MOTION by Councilmember Bobo and seconded by Councilmember Nixon that Mayor Burke be authorized to negotiate agreements for services with the Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Citizens Bank of Arab, and Cherokee Ridge POA. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin, and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that the Council had authorized her, as Mayor, to negotiate agreements for services for the Town.

The following Ordinance was introduced in writing by Mayor Burke:

(ORDINANCE No. 2021-0002: Levy Ad Valorem Taxes)

MOTION by Councilmember Nixon and seconded by Councilmember Bobo that unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2021-0002. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that there was unanimous consent for Ordinance No. 2021-0002. She called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-0002.

MOTION by Councilmember Nixon and seconded by Councilmember Martin that Ordinance No. 2021-0002 be adopted as introduced. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin, and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared that Ordinance No. 2021-0002 had achieved passage.

Mayor Burke stated that the regular meeting of October 11, 2021 will fall on a holiday. She called for a motion to reschedule the regular meeting for October, 2021 to the following Monday, October 18, 2021.

MOTION by Councilmember Bobo and seconded by Councilmember Martin that the regular meeting for October, 2021 be rescheduled to October 18, 2021. Upon roll call, the following members voted Aye: Mayor Burke, Councilmembers Bobo, Jacobs, Martin

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and Nixon. Nays: None. Mayor Burke declared the October, 2021 council meeting rescheduled to October 18, 2021.

This being the time scheduled for public comment, Mayor Burke invited anyone present who wished to address the Council to come forward. The following persons addressed the Council: Dave and Sandy DeZwaan, 146 Savannah Circle, asked about a zip code for Cherokee Ridge, and asked about the ad valorem tax levy; Doug Bearden, 279 Creekwood Drive, asked for help with a drainage problem; Jody Hicks, Pinnacle Point, asked the Council to consider a walking/bike trail.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Busbey, Town Clerk

Natalie Burke, Mayor

Russell Bobo, Councilmember

Stephen Britt, Councilmember

Preston Jacobs, Councilmember

Wayne Martin, Councilmember

Scott Nixon, Councilmember

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