

## Minutes

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022**

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Council Chambers

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor  
Larry Pettiford, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Linnea Miller, Councilmember  
Beth Hilscher, Councilmember  
Marty Allen, City Manager  
Robyn O'Donnell, City Clerk  
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

Absent: Heather Hall, Councilmember  
Peter Charpentier, Councilmember

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#### **A. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### **B. Public Hearing**

##### **1. Alcohol Beverage License for UWT3, LLC dba Unwine'd & Tap, 991 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 104**

UWT3, LLC dba Unwine'd & Tap, located at 991 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 104 has applied for an alcohol license for on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits as a new restaurant opening in Suwanee. Tonya Hetzel has applied to be the licensee and the Business Services Department recommends approval. No one spoke in support or opposition.

#### **C. Announcements**

1. Join us this weekend as musical theatre returns to Town Center Park with Suwanee Performing Arts' Broadway in the Park. Sister Act JR followed by Sound of Music will be performed on both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Broadway in the Park is the Suwanee Performing Arts' signature summer production performed in the park each July. The Town Center amphitheater is transformed into a Broadway-style stage with professional lighting, sound, costumes, sets, and our community's most talented high school, middle school, and home school children.
2. Food Truck Friday is back on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Come out to wind down for the weekend with a great lineup of food trucks and music at Town Center Park.

3. Come out to Suwanee Town Center on August 6<sup>th</sup> for the Gwinnett Chamber Button Down Dash 5K. Whether you are a runner, walker, or just enjoy cheering on participants, the entire community is invited to join the Gwinnett Chamber in its efforts to support an active lifestyle as well as local organizations. To register, visit [GwinnettChamber.org](http://GwinnettChamber.org).
4. It's time to rock at the annual August Concert! This annual (hot!) tradition celebrates the inner air guitarist in all of us. This year's headlining band, Lit, will illuminate Town Center Park on August 13th. Shuttles from Shawnee North will be available from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. More information is available at [suwanee.com](http://suwanee.com).
5. Don't forget to visit Suwanee's Summer Farmers Market every Saturday! Come and enjoy the great outdoors at Town Center Park from 8am – noon. Stop by and enjoy the season's finest fresh local produce, baked goods, and a variety of other delicious local flavors. The Summer Farmer's Market is held every Saturday through September 2022.

#### **D. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **E. Approval of Agenda**

*Councilmember Miller motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Item N - To consider a motion to authorize and award a new roof for the Police Station, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 4-0.*

#### **F. Approval of Minutes**

1. **June 16, 2022 Council Called Meeting**
2. **June 16, 2022 Council Workshop**
3. **June 28, 2022 Council Meeting**

*Councilmember Hilscher motioned to approve all sets of minutes, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.*

#### **G. Special Recognition**

##### **1. Suwanee Youth Leaders for Cheers! Project**

Members of the Suwanee Youth Leaders presented the Cheers! project to Council, including purpose of the project, theme, landscape area, and various project and pricing options.

#### **H. Audience Participation**

Billy Pinter, 4595 Barony Drive – Mr. Pinter requested enforcement of zoning ordinances as it pertains to chicken coups, specifically identifying the chicken coup at 4530 Settles Bridge Road. Mr. Pinter stated that the chicken coup does not meet the requirements for livestock per his understanding of city ordinances.

Michael Sutherland, 4668 Settles Bridge Road – Mr. Sutherland expressed his concern for Mr. and Mrs. Beck as their property abuts 4530 Settles Bridge Road, the property

with the chicken coup. He stated that the chicken coup was built without a permit, after which the homeowner applied for a special permit that was denied, and at this time the chicken coup is still on the property. Mr. Sutherland requested that the ordinance be followed, and the chicken coup be removed.

Carol Beck, 4590 Barony Drive – Ms. Beck stated that she wrote another letter to Council regarding the chicken coup that abuts her property and is upset and disappointed that nothing has been done about it yet. She noted that the property is not on 2 acres. She stated that the chicken coup is an eyesore and is concerned with the change to the fall season, where reflection from the aluminum roof of the chicken coup will shine into her windows. Additionally, Ms. Beck stated that Josh Campbell told her that he okayed the chicken coup and explained that a community garden allows for small farm animals. She requested Council follow the ordinance as written.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **I. Consider Alcohol Beverage License for UWT3, LLC dba Unwine'd & Tap, 991 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 104**

*Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.*

### **J. Consider Amendment to the Current Homestead Tax Deferral Program**

To update Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for amendments to the current Homestead Tax Deferral Program.

*Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford motioned to approve with additional changes\*, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

*\* Changes mentioned in the motion to amend the Current Homestead Tax Deferral Program refer to changing proposed section 50-5, Accrual of Interest, with the following: “The amount of taxes deferred pursuant to this Article shall incur using a simple interest rate of 5% annually. Each year’s homestead tax deferral is considered a separate principal balance. The date interest will begin accruing for each property tax year will be the date taxes were due for each individual tax year.”*

### **K. Consider Amendment to the Current Open Container Boundary**

The open container boundaries for alcoholic beverages will be extended to the downtown corridor area.

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 4-0.*

**L. Consider Purchase of Equipment for Public Works Usage**

Staff is requesting approval to purchase a backhoe loader from Yancy Brothers Company in the amount of \$155,293.

*Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford, second by Councilmember Hilscher and so carried 4-0.*

**M. Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with View Point Health for Co-Responder Services**

This contract, between the Suwanee Police Department and View Point Health is for Behavioral Health Clinician Co-Responder services.

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Miller, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 4-0.*

**N. Consider a Motion to Authorize and Award a New Roof for the Police Station**

*Bids were received and the building consultant, Larry Whiteman of Whiteman and Associates, recommends a contract with Findlay Roofing in the amount of \$73,347.87.*

*Motion to approve by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.*

**O. Executive Session: Legal, Personnel, and/or Real Estate (if needed)**

*Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. for real estate matters by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford and so carried 4-0.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Pettiford motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:12 p.m., second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.*

**P. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. by Councilmember Hilscher, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 4-0.*

**Approved August 23, 2022**