

**August 14, 2023**

The Eastman City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Raymond Mullis, Buddy Pittman, Sebrina Williams, Ronnie Woodard and Jermayne Hamilton. Others present were City Attorney Rita Llop, Police Chief Billy Cooper, Fire Lieutenant Derl Maxwell, Administrative Assistant Dayna Winslette, City Inspector Jack White, and Sanitation Worker Richard Kemp. Present from the community were Susan and Mitchell Coffee, EM Harrington III, John Battle, and Derek Hutcheson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pittman.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** The first thing on the agenda is to approve the agenda. Dayna, is there anything to add or take away that you know of?

**ADMIN ASSISTANT WINSLETTE:** No Sir.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Spence is not here due to his wife being involved in an accident an hour or so ago and they are out at the hospital. Everything on the agenda is good. Council, do y'all have anything to add? If not, **I need a motion to approve the agenda as it stands.**

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** We've got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Next on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023, regular meeting. I think y'all got those in your packets or email last week. Did y'all have any questions or anything about those? If not, **then I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023, regular meeting.**

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR WOODARD:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor by show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**WATER METER PRICES:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Next on the agenda is water meter prices. I think that we have been talking about these some for the last few months. Jack, do you want to add to this?

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** The biggest thing that I have is the price of the water meters have doubled in price this past year. We are dragging behind if we are not going to go up, especially with the new system of water meters and all. They are going to be twice as much, and we don't want to be giving them away.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** And I think right now, if you live inside the city, the current charge is \$350?

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Yes, the normal rate is \$350. What it is costing us now to actually put the meter in the ground right now is \$704.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** And when we replace them now, we are putting in these new automatic meters. It's not the old ones anymore.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** The old ones had gone up too. But as we are swapping over to automatic readers, we need to get with that pricing.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** So, what we are looking at is the new cost will go to \$1200 for a ¾" meter? \$1500 for a 1-inch meter? \$4000 for a 1 ½" meter? I know I am scaring y'all to death right now, but a 2" meter costs us \$3600 to put one in right now. If it is greater than 2-inches, it will be a case-by-case basis. And then commercial meters are going to be: ¾" will be \$1500, 1" for \$1800, 1 ½" is unavailable, and a 2-inch is \$5000. This is some of what we have been talking about in the last few months with the water account and stuff. It's just that we are at the price from about 10 years ago.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Yes Sir, that's correct. All we are trying to do is stay up with the times and the cost of the equipment.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** So, we aren't paying triple for when it has to be repaired. Alright, council, do y'all have any questions for Jack? Then I will entertain a motion to adopt the new price schedule for water meters so we can move forward with some of these people who are waiting for tonight's vote. So, I will entertain a motion to approve the new price structure.

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Second.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**SUNSET PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:**

**COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN:** Next on the agenda is the Sunset Park playground equipment. We got this at the last meeting. Jack did y'all ever get ahold of someone.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Yes Sir. We were able to get ahold of the company that installs the equipment and whatever the cost of the equipment is, it is 35% of that cost added on for labor. Well, it ranges from 30-35%, depending on the layout of the ground.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Now that's on everything?

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Basically, after we crunched the numbers and all, we are looking at about \$13,000 for the labor for all of the equipment that has been picked out.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Right now, with 33%, that's \$48,732. That would be the 2 riders and the playground set. Roughly \$50,000.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Jermayne, is anybody using that place or has anybody gone up there?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** We have had some activity up there, but it has not been a crowd of people up there yet until we get everything situated.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Now, when you say everything situated, what does that mean?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** The playground.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** People in place or stuff up there?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Well we already have got people in place. We are trying to get everything situated with the playground and the costs. And see what we are going to do about this. Mr. Jack got the cameras and stuff up. We are making progress. This is our last move right here on the checklist.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Council, do y'all have any other questions or thoughts?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Whether it is 33% or 35%, it will still be roughly about \$50,000.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Council, do y'all have any more questions? Well then, is the church and all still looking after that or volunteering to look after it?

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** We still have got that in place. Yes Sir we do. Everything is in place, just trying to get this in the ground.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Okay then council, **I will entertain a motion to approve the purchase of the playground equipment for Sunset Park.**

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** **I make a motion to approve.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** We have a motion to approve from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD:** **Second.**

**COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor show of hands.  
**Motion carried unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MONTHLY FIRE REPORTS:**

**LEIUTENANT DERL MAXWELL:** We have got a total of 33 calls inside and 20 calls outside the city for a total of 53 calls. One structure fire inside the city. We had one electrical outside. We have had one careless act that was outside. Two brush fires that were outside. One dumpster inside. Three vehicle fires, one in and two out. One gas leak in. Seven medical calls, five in and two out. Twelve rescue calls, seven in and five out. Six alarms, four in and two out. Six lift assists, five in and one out. One life flight. Three smoke calls. One was inside of a residence, and all three were in. Power lines down, there were seven. Three in and four out. One public service that was in. And that is your total of 53.

**MONTHLY POLICE REPORTS:**

**POLICE CHIEF COOPER:** The police report for July is that we used 925 gallons of gas, answered 770 calls in the city. We worked 24 traffic accidents while patrolling 9,713 miles.

**GEFA MODIFICATION RESOLUTION:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Next on the agenda is the GEFA modification resolution. Rita isn't this where we bid out all of the sewage lines and replacements and stuff and didn't but one person bid.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** No, this is for the Drinking Water Revolving GEFA Loan that y'all approved over a year ago, I think. But the city didn't get bids until recently and then the bids were opened and y'all selected a contractor. And the loan was not closed. This is for the people that gave us the date for the loan payments, and it needs to be rescheduled. So, they have approved it and I have certified it. It will go through now with this and the previous documents that have already been approved by the city.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** So this is for the water meter project.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Yes, and it is just a modification.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Alright. For this resolution, will this be the first reading, or can we just vote on this?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Just one reading. You can vote on this tonight. And there is a resolution available to be signed.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Okay. Alright, **I will entertain a motion to approve the GEFA modification resolution in order to get the loan closed and we can start on the water meter project.**

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** We have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**APPROVE MONTHLY BILLS:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Next on the agenda is to approve the monthly bills for July 25 – August 14, 2023. Y'all should have gotten those in your packets the other day, or emails. Do y'all have any questions about any of them? If not, **I need a motion to approve the monthly bills from July 25 to August 14.**

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Second.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** We have a second Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**ANNEXATION OF JERRY BLAND PROPERTY:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Next on the agenda is the annexation of the Jerry Bland property. I think we have an application. Ms. Rita, do you want to talk on that right now?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Unless you would just like to hear it from Derek.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** So, the annexation, this is the North Lake Apartments over there. My wife's company is looking at purchasing this property and expanding it. But in doing so, we have been talking to Jerry Bland about annexing these into the city and he wants to do it as well. So, then we sent the application in. We need to get water and sewer for this expansion. Water and sewer is at the property right beside the school, the old North Dodge. I don't know the new name of it since they all merged. It's under that P2 Construction, his new subdivision. So, it's not that far away. What we are trying to do is do this expansion, grow the apartments, in the same time frame that the school is going to grow. Out there at the Aviation School, I sit on that board, it's going to double in size in the next 3 – 4 years roughly. So that's all. The Board of Regents have it all now. They have tentatively approved it. The Governor has done a million-dollar study on it to be concluded by the end of this year to vote on this at the next session. Or it may be the session at the beginning of 2025. I am not sure how fast that the state is going to move because this is kind of being pushed by Delta. Delta needs more pilots. They need more trained mechanics. This school is the school for all of Georgia. There is a lot of other places that they are trying to get this school. Kennesaw State. Macon wants it. A lot of folks want this school. So, we are wanting to grow the footprint out there with the help of the state. And in doing that, they have said that they are not going to build new dorms. Because all of the dorms in Cochran are not full. Well, the students at this school don't like to live in Cochran. They like to live in Eastman. They don't want to drive back and forth. So, as a community, we have got to grow some apartments to accommodate 1275 new students out there at that school. And I know that there is one project going on now that is going to add about 200 units out at the airport. But the gentleman behind that has passed away. We still think that it is going to go forward. We are hoping it is going to go forward. Because the state said we are going to spend all our money on classrooms, airplanes, tools, that sort of thing. So, as a community, we have got to accommodate these folks. Thus, the whole project for the North Lakes purchase and expansion. The project sits on about 5.5 acres. It has got 2 wells that currently function for 24 units. It has got septic systems which function for 24 units. But, if you had water and sewer, you could increase that footprint at least triple if not quadruple. We haven't drawn any plans up yet because it is still too early because we are not sure if we can get the water and the sewer. So, that is kind of why I am up here today with this project. Trying to do this expansion at the

same time that the school is going to do the expansion so the students will have somewhere to live. We don't want to lose this school. And I know that everybody thinks that they can't leave. Nobody thought Standard Candy would leave either, but they did. The school could move. Kennesaw State said we will give you all the classroom space you want. We will give you all of the dorms that you want. But they don't have unrestricted air space like we do. They are in Atlanta and have got planes flying everywhere. We have the beauty of unrestricted airspace. We can accommodate a lot of planes flying. And they are currently flying, if you have ever noticed, they are flying 18 hours a day. Because they have several planes in the air, they make a big round grid. Now they are making another grid and they are running basically or being in the air, 2 8-hour shifts. It takes them about an hour on the ground, before and after. They are flying from; I think they start every day at 8:00 or 6:00 and run until midnight. So, you will see them flying around all of the time. So, that is why I am up here today. Just seeing. The annexation is pending upon water and sewer. And the whole project is pending upon getting water and sewer to this property.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Okay, Rita do you want to?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** The petition that was submitted or the petition that is pending is property of North Lakes Apartments. Which is an LLC owned and operated by Jerry Bland. But it is not contiguous to the City of Eastman city limits. So, we can't annex it in. But there are some things that the city could possibly do to make it contiguous to the City of Eastman. So, I am suggesting that y'all not deny the petition but just table it until we have an opportunity. And Spence and I have talked about it. I recently learned of the issue about this. But I think that there is a way that we can work with the county to make arrangements to have the annexation petition be acceptable. But right now, it is not acceptable because the property is not contiguous to the City of Eastman. And we have had lots of pockets over the years. As you might recall, pockets of North Lakes are in the city, and some are out of the city. We are restricted in being able to annex certain property. We cannot create an island. An island surrounded by the city limits and the county in the middle. Or by itself, surrounded by the city. We are restricted on that as well. But I think that we can do some things to possibly make it work. So again, I suggest that you table it. And I think that the water and sewer issue would come after that or with it.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Derek, I hate that Spence isn't here. I know that him and Conner, and him and some of these other folks have been talking. And I think what Rita is trying to say, and if I am wrong just hit me. It's like and please don't get me wrong. Our goal is to look at annexing it all in. But we can't move forward and annex this piece and then leave county on this side and county on this side. And make is an island. And then we are looking at the street behind it. That's part county. And then you have got a house over here that is not in the city and that's where we are running into it. So, what she is saying is that we are not denying the annexation. It's like we got Spence, Conner and them are working on how is the best way for us to approve. To move it to the county and then the county can. Because what this is going to do, I am trying to say this right. We are looking at annexing more in that just this to make this work. And then to make that work, that sewer that you are talking about and that water, it will all be coming through city property. This by no means is saying no we can't do it, we ain't going to do it. This is to give us another week or so, so that we can get the whole layout of it. We may have to go all the way to the Cochran Highway. It's like we have talked about. This is Eastman right here (*holds up a piece of paper*). And for us to grow and expand, we have got to grow this way, this way, this way, and this way because there is nothing left in here to grow. And our ultimate goal is to grow. And I can't speak for the whole council, but I think I am speaking on behalf of the council. We have all expressed the want to grow and expand and all. So, when Spence gets done, and him and Conner is working, and Rita and them on how to get the whole piece of the pie to fit in there so you aren't left out by yourself. Then it's like how are we going to get this in and this and this? Because we are going to cross, with

water and sewer, city to county to city to county and back over to the city. That is what they are in the process of doing now. And I think that most of the commissioners are in favor of it. They are like y'all send it to us. And looking at that, we have got to tie in these other pieces of property on the sides of it and behind it and everything else.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** So, you are saying that a couple of weeks is the timetable as far as y'all doing your?

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Hopefully. The next meeting is in a couple of weeks, and they will be back on it tomorrow. And hopefully we will have everything so that we can move forward and make our approval and then send the letter to the county and of course, they will have the final approval and stuff. Am I saying that right?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** That is correct. Hopefully we will have something in the next couple of weeks.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** And with that, the sewer would come with the annexation?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** I can't say that.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** Because all services, water and sewer, come with annexations? Is that correct?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** You would be within the city limits, that's right.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** Is there a timeline of that?

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** No.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Sitting here right this second, I couldn't tell you that. Hopefully in the next few weeks they will have all of that worked out where it is all tied together. It will be all city. And then like I said, city water comes in the city. And sewage we figure how to move from there and how to make that work.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** Okay, thank you.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** So, this is not a no. And this is not a well we can't. This is, give us, I reckon, in taking this and looking at this and making the piece of pie work. There are some others around it too where we can't make it one square. And then your county here and here and county over there. We have got to get it all where it is butting up. What is the word? Contiguous?

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** I think there was some confusion. I don't need the sewer tomorrow. I just need the sewer about the same time that the school is going to expand, which is in 24 – 36 months. That's kind of where I was wanting to expand at the same time the school is wanting to expand so the students will have somewhere to live. That is kind of the time frame. I think there is another project pending that will bring sewer right up Orphans Cemetery Road anyway. Am I correct on that?

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Yes Sir. And then this annexation ties into the same as that. On the other side. Yes, that is what we are working on right now. So, we are just going to table it and that way this application is still good. It is not discarded. And as soon as we get those answers, then we can move forward with the whole pie.

**DEREK HUTCHESON:** I gotcha. Thank you.

**FIRST READING OF REVISED SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Next is the first reading of the revised Solid Waste Ordinance. We have had a lot of limb and leaf questions in the last few months. In short, basically I am going to read Richard's little flyer that we are going to send out with water. Now you come to the front in case anybody has got any questions, you can answer them. This is going to be a notification that basically, and it has been the whole time. We are only collecting organic materials that are related to the landscaping process. That is limbs, leaves, pinecones, pine straw. Now if other garbage is contained within the stack, the waste will not be collected for disposal. Richard, he picks that stuff up and there's garbage bags in there and all. That has got to go in your trash can or got to go out to the landfill. This stack should be located

somewhere other than where your red trash bin is located for disposal, or near power lines, poles, or mailboxes. Because y'all know the truck that we have got. It has got that big scooper on it. So, if you are piling it by your mailbox, it is very easy for it to get hit or something. Also, as of October 1, we will no longer be collecting furniture, appliances, clothing, sofas, chairs, refrigerators, washing machines. And these items will need to be disposed of by the citizens at the Dodge County Landfill. It is something that we have done over the years, and it is getting worse and worse and worse. And it's like when we go pick it up, it takes all day Monday, and everybody we got to go in pickup trucks to get it all picked up. That is actually, it's supposed to be, you need to carry it to the landfill. Have I missed anything or got everything?

**RICHARD KEMP:** Sounds good to me.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Can I make a comment on the bag situation? If there are biodegradable leaf bags, we can accept those. But it can't be a plastic bag or anything else. Paper sacks and leaf bags, we can take those.

**RICHARD KEMP:** Right.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** But not regular household garbage and all that?

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** No Sir. Just biodegradable leaf bags like they sell at the Home Depot and other different various places. We can accept those and haul those off for you.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** And we have within the ordinance, we have changed to provide any and all mixed waste, consisting of domestic waste and yard or garden waste left on the premises left on the street in excess of two weeks, shall be a violation of this section as set forth in Section 38-204, and subject to a fine of not less than \$250. The purpose and reason for this is it is getting worse and worse. People are dumping it out. And if your neighbor dumps a refrigerator or washing machine because they are renting a house to somebody and they move out. And they go in and just chunk it out beside the road by your driveway, you are going to be calling down here saying "can y'all come get this?"

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** And that puts it on the taxpayer, which is us, having to go and get it.

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** And have to pay for it.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Now, we have it fixed so there will be a penalty for it and the person that is putting it out there. You have got to carry it to the landfill yourself. And whatever the fee is, pay it. Also covered in here, if you have somebody like a tree surgeon come to your yard and cut pine trees down and cut them up. Generally they always load it up and they carry all of the tops and limbs wherever they go with it, I don't know. But they generally clean all of their stuff up. They don't chunk it out there on the side of the road for us to pick up. And, in the past we have added into the ordinance, septage which is like sewer waste. I reckon if you have a septic tank at your house. In the past we have had when is, you get somebody to come and pump your septic tank out or do something. At about midnight, they will come back to town and pull up to the drains and unload the truck into the sewage system. You can't do that no more. I have about three times in the last year or so, people cut their grass or do whatever or trim shrubbery and all. The first one I got, if you go down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue behind the Post Office, they pulled up and unloaded the truck into the storm drain. You know, the concrete thing that runs all the way down to the creek, they unloaded the truck into it. You can't do that no more. I road by and they had cut all of the stuff, the grass and all of the little limbs and pinecones and stuff. There was a rain gutter there in the curb. They were out there sweeping all of it into that storm drain. Which of course, all that does is block it up or stop it up. And so, anybody found to be in violation of this will also be subject to a fine of not less than \$250. We are trying to keep the storm drains clear and running. We are trying to clean the neighborhoods up. And to where it is not all of the taxpayer's responsibility that we are picking up washing machines and hauling them off to the dump. Because that

is the same place that we carry them. I think a copy of this new one will be on file here at City Hall. This notice here, is it going out in the water bills and all?

**RICHARD KEMP:** Yes, this month.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** And do you need to add anything to this?

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** As Spence would say on a normal basis, you are a citizen of Dodge County. You can utilize our Dodge County Landfill Transfer Station. It is free of charge unless it is construction waste.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** And construction waste, if you have a carpenter come to your house or do something, pieces of 1x6's, 2x4's.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Or sheetrock and stuff like that. Actual carpet, any of that.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** The limb and leaf pickup is strictly for yard debris. And I think if you have a lawnmower with a bagger on it or something, and you have got the biodegradable bags and they're full of grass clippings. Those are okay out there with the limb and leaf debris. I think that is it. Did I cover all of it?

**RICHARD KEMP:** Yes Sir. Sounds good.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Alright. Now this is the first reading, so I reckon I need a motion to approve the first reading. And then the next week, we will have the next reading.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Yes. It will be effective at the next meeting. You can adopt it today.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** If there is any questions, any, any questions, please call City Hall. I will be glad to help you and explain it to you and all if I've confused you or have not explained it well enough. **Now I will take a motion to accept the first reading of the revised Solid Waste Ordinance.**

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** So moved.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Second.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

**SUSAN COFFEE:** I would like for you to add on that notice. You just said that we could go buy those bags at Home Depot. You better get in touch with Handy Andy, Chas Mar, Walmart, all of these places around here. If those can be used, because there are not many of us that make a regular run to Home Depot to get those bags to fit on our lawn mowers. I mean that would be the only fair thing to do to support our local merchants on where you can buy them.

**RICHARD KEMP:** I think what he was talking about is actually the bag that you put stuff into. It don't actually fit on the lawnmower.

**SUSAN COFFEE:** Well, but still if you can't buy them in Eastman, how are you going to use them?

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Now that is a good thought. And I reckon we probably, can we add this to it before we send that out about the biodegradable bag?

**RICHARD KEMP:** That's why we was asking if there was any questions tonight before we send anything out.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Dayna, if y'all would just call, or Jack, if y'all would call Handy Andy.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** I know that Handy Andy carries biodegradable bags. Now Chas Mar, I am sure they have a leaf bag in the fall.

**SUSAN COFFEE:** But still, you just need to give them.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Yes mam, I understand.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Let them know if they got them, where people can shop and get them here. Thank you, mam. Any other comments?



**JOHN BATTLE:** I have a comment. I would like to add to what he said. I didn't hear him mention about putting products in the sewage drains and all. Food and all of that stuff. People dumping food in those drains by people's houses. What would that cause?

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** When they dump all of those grass clippings in it and it stops all of those drains up.

**JOHN BATTLE:** I am saying food product. Food. People dumping food in there.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** I haven't seen anybody dumping food in there.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** That will probably be anything that goes in there that is not rainwater.

**JOHN BATTLE:** Well, that is why I am asking you, because I know of this. And I'm quite sure the chief know about this also, what I mentioned. Food products, putting food in drains. I know about it. He know about it, the chief. That is why I just mentioned it. If you catch anybody putting food in them, the same way you're talking about raking leaves and trash and grass in the drain. People putting food down in them. Disposing of food in those drains.

**INSPECTOR WHITE:** Yes Sir. That doesn't need to happen either.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** That should fall under that fine.

**JOHN BATTLE:** That's why I would like to ask. Could someone go out there and take? Let's say that I have cleaned hog shit as we call them, guts and all. And I'm just using that. And I go over there and pour it in a drain by your mailbox or something like that. That should be a fine also.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** Yeah, that's part of it.

**JOHN BATTLE:** Thank you.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** I reckon you can pull this up and add the word.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** Well, it's trash. That would be trash. Anything other than water. I didn't put it in, but I reckon I can.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Mr. John, it says the dumping of debris, including but not limited to grass clippings, limbs, leaves, debris, junk, trash, on either private property or in a public stormwater drainage pipe, catch basins, gutters, or ditches is prohibited.

**JOHN BATTLE:** Right. And the reason I said put food in there is because I catch a lot of fish. I will go over there to Mr. Hutcheson's place and dump them in there. Food. It says products but I would like to have the noun or the pronoun to say food.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I totally understand what you are saying.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** We will write it in food into the ordinance that you sign tonight. And I will revise it so it will be, and we can have it out tomorrow for public inspection. We can add food.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** She is going to add food byproducts.

**ATTORNEY LLOP:** So, if you will make a motion to adopt the amended ordinance.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Alright, **I need a motion then to amend the code of ordinances.** That is Section 38-205, letter b. Add the word food, or food byproducts. I reckon that could be corn cobs, husks, whatever.

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** **So moved.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** **Second.**

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**ADMIN ASST WINSLETTE:** I think the only thing that he would want to mention is that this weekend, there is the Aviation Fly-in Festival that is out there at the school. The City of Eastman is going to have a

tent so make sure that you stop by because we have a little gift for kids and adults too. But he does want us to mention that so everyone can come and support that and the whole community.

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** What are the times on it?

**ADMIN ASST WINSLETTE:** 10 AM – 4 on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILOR PITTMAN:** Okay, that’s the Fly-in at the Aviation School. That’s August 19, from 10 -4. Yes, everybody needs to go out there. I think that they even have old planes coming. You can pay and they can take you up and ride you in them, fly in them. Or you can stand out there and enjoy the fun and fellowship. And just watch them all fly around all day.

**ADMIN ASST WINSLETTE:** And there will be live music, food trucks, and things like that as well.

**OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

**COUNCILOR HAMILTON:** I just appreciate everybody. Keep up the good work.

**COUNCILOR MULLIS:** I want to thank our water department plus all the other people that work for the city. With what we have been through lately with all of the heat this last month, all of our city employees are really working hard.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion from Councilor Mullis and a second from Councilor Woodard, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT