

**CITY OF CHATSWORTH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 5, 2023**

The Chatsworth City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor K.W. Gong presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor K.W. Gong Aldermen: Fred Welch, Jeff Cloer, Terry Crump and Rhett Griffin, City Clerk, Linda Penland and City Attorney Steve Williams was in attendance.

**MINUTES:**

**AGENDA:**

Mayor Gong called the meeting to order on June 5, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. He presented the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda of the current meeting for review. Mayor Gong asked if there are any proposed changes to the minutes or the agenda.

Alderman Welch "I make a motion we accept the minutes and the agenda." Alderman Griffin seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously 4 to 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Request for Approval to the Amendment to the City Animal's Ordinance allowing chickens to City Residents in a Single-Family residence only (First Reading) There are to be a maximum of ten hens, no roosters. Each resident having chickens must have a thirty (30) feet buffer on each side of the coop. This is fifteen (15) feet residence's side of the property line and fifteen (15) feet on the neighbor's side of the property line which is the sum of thirty (30) feet. The chicken coops would have to be on residence's property fifteen (15) foot off the property line. Mayor Gong asked Alderman Crump if he had any questions. Terry responded the only thing he wanted to make sure of that there was a buffer between the properties. Terry Crump made a motion to accept the first reading of the Ordinance and Alderman Cloer seconded the motion. The first reading passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steve Williams requests Approval for a Resolution to Close a Street portion of First Avenue running north from the southeast corner of Lot 4 of Block "L" to the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block "A." Mayor Gong turns the meeting to City Attorney Williams. He introduces Attorney Nancy Calhoun. She explains Tiffany Beavers is requesting an unopen road to be permanently closed. Attorney Calhoun continues that the citation has been published in the paper two weeks as per law. Attorney Calhoun reads the above resolution and shows a plat to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Gong comments, "It is the road that runs into the railroad." Attorney Calhoun replies, "Yes, it is not an open road." The Mayor and the Council agree the road is not open. Attorney Calhoun asks that the Mayor and the City Council sign the resolution and the citation. Alderman inquires if Tiffany Beavers owns both sides. Attorney Calhoun said she would have to notify the railroad because they own the East side, the right of ways. Mayor Gong asks if there is a motion to accept the resolution. Alderman Crump makes a motion to approve, Alderman Griffin seconds the motion.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE STREET**

WHEREAS, the City of Chatsworth, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia by and through its Mayor and City Council, has authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. §32-7-2(c) to declare a street or any portion thereof abandoned for public purposes and to certify the taking of such action upon its minutes after notice to the public and property owners located thereon of such proposed action, a public hearing on such proposed action, and a determination of fact that said street or portion thereof no longer serves a substantial public purpose as a part of the Municipal


Street System; and,

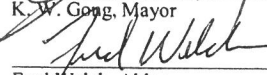
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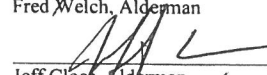
NOW, THEREFORE, let notice of this Resolution be given to the public and to affected property owners as required by law. Notice shall include publication once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in The Chatsworth Times, the legal organ for publication of Sheriffs notice in Murray County, Georgia, said citation to notify all persons that, at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, scheduled for the 10th day of July 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, any interested party show cause why said portion of said street should not be declared closed for public purposes and abandoned as a section of the Municipal Street System of the City of Chatsworth such that the rights of the public in and to said street or portion thereof as a public street shall cease.

Resolved this 5th day of June, 2023.

**CITY OF CHATSWORTH, GEORGIA**

  
K. W. Gong, Mayor

  
Fred Welch, Alderman

  
Jeff Cloet, Alderman

  
Terry Crump, Alderman

  
Rhett Griffin, Alderman

Resolution passes with a 4 to 0 vote. The Mayor asks that the City of Chatsworth retains easements for the utilities supplied to constituents of Chatsworth in this area of the resolution.

Steve Williams requests Approval for a Resolution to close portion of Pine Street running east from the east right-of-way of First Avenue to the west right-of-way of Railroad Street and that portion of Railroad Street extending east from Pine Street to the west right-of-way of the CSX Railroad. Attorney Calhoun addresses the Mayor and City Council. Johnny Waters and Kelly Babb are petitioning to close Pine Street and a portion of Railroad Street. Again, Attorney Calhoun shares a plat of the unopened streets being requested per the resolution. Steve Smith with the Chatsworth Water Works Commission addresses the Mayor and City Council about concerns of sewage, water and other utilities in the unopened street area of the this resolution. Mr. Smith elaborates that there needs to be an easement of right of way for the City to continue offering utilities in this area of the unopened street. Mayor Gong adds, "It is on the ten acres right behind Peebles." Mr. Smith confirms Mayor Gongs description of the location. Mr. Smith comments that is one of the issues when there were going to be apartments built there were the utilities (water and sewage) running through..." Alderman Welch adds, "As long as we retain easement." Mr. Smith, "Yes." Mayor Gong confers with City Attorney Williams asking if we can approve the resolution with a right of way? City Attorney Williams and Attorney Calhoun both comments, "Yes."

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WHEREAS, upon such declaration and certification, the rights of the public in and to said street or portion thereof as a public street ceases; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the City of Chatsworth, by and through its Mayor and City Council, after receipt of Petition to Close Streets filed by JOHN H. WATERS and KELLY BABB, that portion of Pine Street running east from the east right-of-way of First Avenue to the west right-of-way of Railroad Street and that portion of Railroad Street extending east from Pine Street to the west right-of-way of the CSX Railroad, as shown by the official map of Chatsworth Land Company, which map is of record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Murray County, Georgia, in Deed Book 4, page 44, highlighted on the attached Exhibit "A", serves no substantial public

purpose such that the same should be declared abandoned for public purposes, subject to the City of Chatsworth's easement for utilities, which the City of Chatsworth reserves; and

WHEREAS, the said affected portion of said streets is not located within any state highway system;

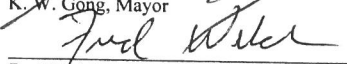
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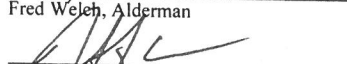
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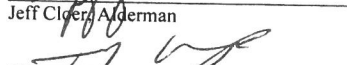
Resolved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

CITY OF CHATSWORTH, GEORGIA

  
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Mayor Gong asks for a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Welch makes a motion with the stipulation to retain easement(s) for the City of Chatsworth's utilities. Alderman Crump seconds the motion with the stipulation presented by Alderman Welch. The resolution passes with a 4 to 0 vote with the condition the City of Chatsworth has easements to access utilities offered by the City of Chatsworth.

Request a formal appointment of Jennifer Baxter Municipal Court Judge. Alderman Griffin makes a motion to approve Jennifer Baxter as the Municipal Court Judge. Alderman Welch seconds the motion. The motion is approved 4 to 0.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2023. July 4<sup>th</sup> is a holiday; Mayor Gong makes a recommendation to change the July Council Meeting to July 10, 2023, the second Monday. Mayor Gong asks for a motion to approve the recommendation. Alderman Welch, "So Moved." Alderman Griffin seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously 4 to 0.

Request the Approval of Parvez Kadiwala 3rd Avenue Stores Inc. DBA Gallons to Go for Packaged Beer License. This request has been approved by the City Police. Mayor asks for a motion to approve. Alderman Crump makes a motion to approve with Alderman Cloer seconding the motion. Motion is approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Request the Approval of Claudia Martiniz-Marquez 318 North 3rd Avenue, Super Burrito Mexican Grill for a Pouring Malt Beverage License, Pouring Wine License and Pouring Distilled Spirits License. This request has also been approved by the City Police. Mayor asks for a motion to approve. Alderman Griffin makes a motion to approve with Alderman Crump seconding the motion. Motion is approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

A second request of an approval of the Resolution of received by Nancy Calhoun on behalf of Tiffany Beavers requesting street closure. Chestnut Street located between the east right-of-way of Second Avenue and the west right-of-way of First Avenue in the City of Chatsworth, Murray County, Georgia. Attorney Calhoun addresses the Mayor and City Council. She presents the citation that has been run in

the local organ for two weeks. Attorney Calhoun advises if the Council agrees to close the street that the deed to that part of Chestnut Street and sign the rest of the required paperwork. Mayor comments, "Quitclaim." He continues that the paperwork and the publishing in the paper has been complete. The Mayor asks for a motion to approve the request. Alderman Welch makes a motion to approve. Steve Smith with the Chatsworth Water Works Commission has concerns about the City of Chatsworth's utilities in the area. Attorney Calhoun comments that the building is in the middle of the road. Mr. Smith said he may be thinking of the incorrect area. Mr. Smith said it is the lot beside it. Alderman Welch asks Mr. Smith if we are OK. Mr. Smith confirms the City is OK.

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WHEREAS, upon such declaration and certification, the rights of the public in and to said street or portion thereof as a public street ceases; and

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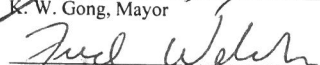
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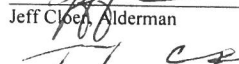
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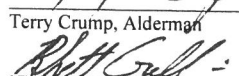
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Alderman Welch reinstates his previous motion. Alderman Cloer seconds the motion. The Mayor requests that the City of Chatsworth retains easements for the utilities supplied to constituents of Chatsworth in this area of this Citation.

The Mayor recesses the meeting into Executive Session for discussion of the appointment of the City of Chatsworth Fire Chief at 6:13 p.m. At 6:23 p.m. Mayor Gong brings the meeting back to order. The Mayor asks if we have a motion. Alderman Griffin, "I make a motion that we move John Parker up to the Chief." Alderman Crump seconds the motion. The motion passes collectively 4 to 0.

Alderman Crump brags on the Fire Department. He continues about the quality of the personnel that the City of Chatsworth has in its mist. Alderman Crump continues that all four candidates applying for the position of Fire Chief absolutely blew him away. He had no idea the caliber of the individuals applying for the position. Alderman Crump said he appreciated all of them. Newly Appointed Fire Chief Parker agreed with Alderman Crump's comments and added that he was honored to have been appointed to the Fire Chief position.

#### Executive Session

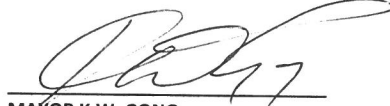
Executive Session 6:13 p.m.

#### Adjourn

Alderman Crump makes a motion to adjourn. Alderman Griffin seconds the motion for adjournment. Mayor Gong gives final adjournment to the June 5, 2023, meeting at 6:23 p.m.


#### ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK LINDA PENLAND

  
MAYOR K.W. GONG

  
ALDERMAN FRED WELCH

  
ALDERMAN TERRY CRUMP

  
ALDERMAN JEFF CLOER

  
ALDERMAN RHETT GRIFFIN

#### 2023 MAY PAYABLES

|          |           |                            |           |            |                                |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 5/1/2023 | 100.00    | JEFF CLOER                 | 5/12/2023 | 105.00     | CHATSWORTH PAWN                |
| 5/1/2023 | 100.00    | RHETT GRIFFIN              | 5/12/2023 | 2,250.00   | CHRYSAN THOMAS CPA, PC         |
| 5/1/2023 | 100.00    | TERRY CRUMP                | 5/12/2023 | 250.00     | CIVIC PLUS                     |
| 5/1/2023 | 416.67    | CHATS/MURAY HEALTH DPT     | 5/12/2023 | 2,691.69   | COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT       |
| 5/1/2023 | 2,500.00  | CHATS/MURRAY LIBRARY       | 5/12/2023 | 2,356.52   | FIRESIDE NATURAL GAS LLC       |
| 5/1/2023 | 2,500.00  | KEEP CHATS MURAY BEAU      | 5/12/2023 | 432.41     | GALLS LLC                      |
| 5/1/2023 | 575.00    | PEACE OFFICER'S A & B      | 5/12/2023 | 19,293.04  | GEORGIA POWER COMPANY          |
| 5/4/2023 | 1,264.86  | 5% VICTIMS SURCHARGE       | 5/12/2023 | 107,482.00 | GIRMA                          |
| 5/4/2023 | 2,163.11  | COURTWARE SOLUTIONS        | 5/12/2023 | 7,252.33   | GMEBS                          |
| 5/4/2023 | 4,961.79  | GSCCCA                     | 5/12/2023 | 120.00     | GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS INC       |
| 5/4/2023 | 1,416.79  | MC COMMISSIONR             | 5/12/2023 | 174.50     | INVICTA PARTNERS LLC           |
| 5/4/2023 | 2,391.26  | MURRAY COUNTY JAIL - FUND  | 5/12/2023 | 231.15     | JARRETT'S BUSINESS MACH        |
| 5/4/2023 | 2,944.48  | PEACE OFFICER'S A & B      | 5/12/2023 | 1,945.47   | LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE          |
| 5/5/2023 | 41,599.09 | CITY OF CHATSWORTH PAYROLL | 5/12/2023 | 4,282.72   | MCGRIFF INSURANCE SERVICES LLC |
| 5/5/2023 | 110.57    | FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY    | 5/12/2023 | 1,255.93   | ONE SOURCE BUSINESS PROD       |
| 5/5/2023 | 4,673.80  | APPAREL EMBROIDERY INC     | 5/12/2023 | 1,201.10   | O'REILLY AUTO PARTS            |
| 5/5/2023 | 36.18     | AUTOZONE/AZ COMMERCIAL     | 5/12/2023 | 134.22     | QUALITY PARTS INC              |
| 5/5/2023 | 291.28    | BICKFORD SCOTT             | 5/12/2023 | 225.30     | S & J INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY        |
| 5/5/2023 | 2,096.00  | BRINDLE & ASSOCIATES       | 5/12/2023 | 292.91     | TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY         |
| 5/5/2023 | 173.34    | CHATSWORTH FRD             | 5/12/2023 | 37,238.09  | CITY OF CHATSWORTH PAYROLL     |
| 5/5/2023 | 5,610.00  | CLAY FREEMAN READY MIX INC | 5/12/2023 | 110.57     | FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY        |
| 5/5/2023 | 600.00    | EBRYIT INC                 | 5/17/2023 | 795.00     | ART SIGNWORKS, INC             |
| 5/5/2023 | 100.00    | EDGEWATER LUMBER CO INC    | 5/17/2023 | 311.17     | CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS         |
| 5/5/2023 | 101.95    | FIRST IMPRESSIONS PRINT    | 5/17/2023 | 1,000.00   | GIRMA                          |
| 5/5/2023 | 150.20    | FORT VIEW CLEANERS         | 5/17/2023 | 200.00     | HULETT, MITCHELL               |
| 5/5/2023 | 25.00     | HOLSTON GASES - DALTON     | 5/17/2023 | 105.00     | S & K SPORTING GOODS           |
| 5/5/2023 | 25.00     | LARRYS ALIGNMNT            | 5/18/2023 | 469.74     | FAMILY DOLLAR STORE            |
| 5/5/2023 | 300.00    | MCCAMY PHILLIPS TUGGLE     | 5/22/2023 | 6.99       | CHATSWORTH FARM & GRDN         |

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| 5/5/2023  | 1,159.37  | CARD SERVICES CENTER     | 5/22/2023  | 4,150.00  | CHRYSAN THOMAS CPA, PC     |
| 5/5/2023  | 3,777.15  | NORTH GEORGIA TIRE       | 5/22/2023  | 617.00    | MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS IC   |
| 5/5/2023  | 41.07     | PRECISION CHEMICAL       | 5/22/2023  | 390.52    | NORTH GEORGIA EMC-SEDC     |
| 5/5/2023  | 603.14    | R.T.K. VETERINARY CLINIC | 5/22/2023  | 632.50    | NORTH GEORGIA FIREARMS     |
| 5/5/2023  | 94.44     | SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO   | 5/22/2023  | 2,508.86  | OPTILINK                   |
| 5/5/2023  | 112.65    | SUPERIOR AUTO & TIRE LLC | 5/22/2023  | 115.00    | PARKER JOHN                |
| 5/5/2023  | 75.00     | TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERN | 5/22/2023  | 355.00    | PREMIER BODY ARMOR         |
| 5/5/2023  | 604.08    | UNIFIRST                 | 5/22/2023  | 2,700.00  | RAMIREZ, MARIA             |
| 5/10/2023 | 4,525.05  | CWS-MURRAY TRANSFER      | 5/22/2023  | 302.00    | SELF PAT DENSMORE          |
| 5/10/2023 | 80.00     | MARSHALL RYAN            | 5/22/2023  | 746.81    | VITAL SERVICES OF GA       |
| 5/10/2023 | 536.71    | PARKER KELLY             | 5/22/2023  | 37,021.55 | CITY OF CHATSWORTH PAYROLL |
| 5/10/2023 | 200.00    | PENLAND BRIAN<br>RESERVE | 5/22/2023  | 110.57    | FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY    |
| 5/10/2023 | 1,000.00  | ACCOUNT                  | 5/26/2023  | 778.93    | AFLAC                      |
| 5/10/2023 | 128.18    | STAFFORD JOSH            | 5/26/2023  | 8.00      | GA DEPT OF DRIVERS SVC     |
| 5/12/2023 | 179.47    | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES  | 5/26/2023  | 47,910.71 | GMEBS LIFE HEALTH FUND     |
| 5/12/2023 | 69.98     | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES  | 5/26/2023  | 27.25     | GOLD KEY LOCK & SECURITY   |
| 5/12/2023 | 2,133.93  | AT&T MOBILITY            | 5/26/2023  | 1,795.94  | STANDARD INSURANCE CO      |
| 5/12/2023 | 50.00     | B.A. MINI WAREHOUSES     | 05/26/2023 | 41,800.31 | CITY OF CHATSWORTH PAYROLL |
| 5/12/2023 | 8.21      | BAXTER, JACKIE           | 05/26/2023 | 110.57    | FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY    |
| 5/12/2023 | 523.93    | BRADLEY BUILDERS SUPPLY  |            |           |                            |
| 5/12/2023 | 1,358.45  | C & M FLEET REPAIR SVC   |            |           |                            |
| 5/12/2023 | 235.91    | CHATSWORTH FARM & GARDEN |            |           |                            |
| 5/15/2023 | 12,776.08 | WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC       |            |           |                            |

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**Amendment to Code of Ordinances of the City of Chatsworth Section 3-8**

Purpose: to amend section 3-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, Captioned "Animals and poultry prohibited", by removing said section 3-8as written and substituting a new section 3-8.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to protect the safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, from uncontrolled animals, as well as to protect their animals from exposure to illness and injury, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, have expressed interest in producing their own eggs and/or a hobby of raising and caring for chickens, and