

Council Meeting
May 17, 2021

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Vivian Sharpe and Jody Greene. Councilman Walter Cowart was absent due to sickness.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry and members of the public and press.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2021 as presented. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded with all in favor.

Ord. #21-01: This ordinance, rezoning property of Cook County Land Ventures, LLC from GB to R-8, was read for the second time. Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to deny the rezoning request. Councilman Paige seconded. All members voted in favor of the denial.

Ord. #21-02: This ordinance, creating article IV Commercial Racetracks of Chapter 10 “Amusements and Entertainments” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Adel, was read for the first time. The ordinance depicts the hours of operation, which needs to be decided by the council. The proposed ordinance, as written, suggests the hours of operation as Sunday-Thursday from 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M. and Friday-Saturday from 8:00 A.M. – Midnight. Councilman McClain asked the attorney to further explain the “Enforcement” section. Mr. Tanner stated that as written, maximum flexibility is given to the judge. He stated you can give a more defined schedule of enforcement but as it is, the judge weighs the evidence as he so desires. It was also clarified that violations of the ordinance would be held in city court. Mr. Tanner added this ordinance does not affect the occupational license of the racetrack. Whether the council decided to pull their license, etc., would be a totally separate issue. A discussion was held about the possibility of having a work session before the next meeting. Mr. Tanner advised you didn’t have to pass the ordinance at the next meeting. You could table, or have further discussion. Councilman McClain stated this has been dragging out and he would prefer to go ahead and address any discussion. Sydney Marshall and Linda Weeks, representing South Ga. Motorsports Park, were present in the audience and Mr. Marshall questioned why the City was imposing hours of operation when they didn’t have them now? He was advised it was because several races have run past 2:00 am. Mr. Marshall advised they haven’t had any major events this year but normally have 3 to 4 per year. Mayor Duke noted that we have had several discussions about the time issue since November. Mr. Marshall has only been employed by the race track for about 2 months. He asked “what about those that spend the night? If we’re not racing and they have the engines running, all I can do is have them shut them off and remove them from the property.” The noise would still be at the property if they have the engines turned on. City attorney Tim Tanner suggested holding a work session or public hearing to hear both sides if the council chose to do so. It was the consensus to meet next Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm to discuss the race track. The race track representatives asked to postpone the meeting for

discussion for about 3 weeks since the race track owner has had major surgery and wouldn't be able to attend next Monday. Councilwoman Sharpe asked if they would be racing within the next 3 weeks? Councilmen McClain and Paige stated they would rather go ahead and take care of this. It was confirmed for the council to proceed with meeting next Monday afternoon. There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
