The Mayor and City Council for the City of Weaver, Alabama, met for a regular scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room at Weaver City Hall, 500 Anniston Street, Weaver, Alabama.

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Wayne Willis called the council meeting to order.
2. **Invocation** – Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Clendenning gave the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Wayne Willis led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Roll Call** – At the direction of Mayor Willis, City Clerk/Treasurer Chasity Whetstone, acting as secretary for the council meeting, called the roll. The following Councilmembers were found to be present: Councilmember Clint Burns, Councilmember Cathy Hamby, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Clendenning. The following were absent: Councilmember Tim McRae and Councilmember Nick Bowles. With a quorum present, the meeting was open for the transaction of business.
5. **Adoption of Agenda** – Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Burns, to adopt the agenda for the regular scheduled city council meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 as presented. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
6. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**
   1. Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Councilmember Burns made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hamby, to dispense with the reading of and adopt the City Council Meeting Minutes as written for the Tuesday, March 9, 2021 regular scheduled meeting. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
7. **Department Reports**
   1. Public Works Department – Director Joey Conger – Mayor Willis announced he would schedule a work session to discuss work to be done on the water system.
   2. Police Department – Chief Wayne Bush – Chief Bush provided statistics for March 2021 and announced that the LESO Dump Truck sold on GovDeals for $20,000 - $23,000 and the four-wheeler sold for $4,000. His intention for the money is to upgrade body cameras for the police department.
   3. Fire Department/Code Enforcement – Chief Brian Bunn – Chief Bunn, prompted by a question by Councilmember Hamby, explained the inspection process. Mayor Willis clarified that the code enforcement statistics should contain strictly code violations.
   4. Administrative Department – City Clerk/Treasurer Chasity Whetstone – Mrs. Whetstone had nothing to report.
8. **Council Reports**
   1. Councilmember Clint Burns – Councilmember Burns had no report.
   2. Councilmember Tim McRae – Councilmember McRae was absent.
   3. Councilmember Cathy Hamby – Councilmember Hamby reported that she is continuing her research for a pet tethering proposal and hopes to have it ready by the next council meeting.
   4. Councilmember Nick Bowles – Councilmember Bowles was absent.
   5. Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Clendenning – Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning thanked all who helped with the roof at the residence on Arklow Road.
9. **Old Business**
   1. Employer Plan to Increase Tier I Member Contribution Rates – Mayor Willis introduced this business as a necessary step in eventually providing RSA Tier I benefits to Tier II members. He asked the wishes of the council. Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Burns, to adopt a plan to increase RSA Tier I member contribution rates at such time that the City of Weaver is unable to make its required employer contribution. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
   2. Resolution#2021-05 – Providing RSA Tier I Benefits to Tier II Members – Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hamby, to adopt this resolution. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
   3. Resolution#2021-06 – Authorizing a Purchasing Card Agreement Through Cheaha Bank – Mayor Willis introduced this resolution and explained that this card offers a cash-back option that our current card does not. He asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Burns made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning, to adopt this resolution. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
   4. Fire Station Construction Funding – Mayor Willis explained that additional funding in the approximate amount of $65,000 is necessary to complete the fire station, and he recommended that the city pay this from the General Fund Savings account. He asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Hamby made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Burns, to ear mark an amount not to exceed $65,000 from General Fund Savings to complete the new fire station. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
   5. Calhoun County EMS Contract Oversight Committee Participation – Mayor Willis explained the purpose of the committee and that the city council needs more information before committing participation. He directed Fire Chief Bunn to continue attending the committee meetings and directed Mrs. Whetstone to remove the business from future agendas.
10. **New Business**
    1. Resolution#2021-07 – To Surplus Police Department Equipment – Police Chief Bush explained that the equipment for surplus was a dart gun for animal control that had not been in use for some time. Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hamby, to adopt the resolution. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The motion carried.
    2. Resolution#2021-08 – Approving Alcohol Sales by Yousef Yaqoub, Inc. at Express Mart 53 – Mayor Willis introduced the resolution and explained that it was for the new store opening in the former Buckhorn Marketplace, where alcohol was sold previously. He asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Hamby made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Burns, to adopt the resolution. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Three; Nays: One. The motion carried.
    3. East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission **–** Comprehensive Plan – Mayor Willis explained that the city’s comprehensive plan expired at the end of 2020. Jason Hardin from EARPDC was present to explain the benefits of the comprehensive plan. He informed the council that the total cost would be $30,000 but $15,000 would be paid for by a grant from EARPDC, so the city’s cost would be $15,000. After some discussion, Mayor Willis instructed Mrs. Whetstone and the council to keep this in mind for budget discussions.
11. **Spirit of Weaver Committee Report** – No members were present to report.
12. **Mayor’s Report – Mayor Wayne Willis** – Mayor Willis announced that on May 1st he intends to do away with the mask order, have council meetings go back to normal, open the water department lobby, and open the meeting center for senior citizen activities. He further explained that anyone may still wear a mask if they wish.
13. **Public Comments**

* Taylor Medders from Peak Drive requested to, in the next 3-4 years, cut a driveway through the public right-of-way on Peak Drive where his property is located and have a water meter installed. Mr. Conger explained that the city would need to extend the main. Mayor Willis approved.
* Another citizen complained about obscene language painted on the skate park equipment. Mayor Willis informed the citizen it had already been addressed and Mr. Conger would have a crew make it priority the following day.
* Another citizen asked how often the portable restroom in the park was emptied. Mr. Conger informed the citizen it is emptied every Monday. Mayor Willis explained his plan is to hire someone dedicated to park maintenance who would open restrooms and cut grass in the park and around the lake.

1. **Adjournment** – With no further business coming before the council, Mayor Willis asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Clendenning made a motion to adjourn. With all in favor, the meeting was duly adjourned.

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**Wayne Willis, Mayor Attested: Chasity L. Whetstone, City Clerk**