

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 2, 2019

The Enterprise City Council convened in Work Session at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019 the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted as Per Act 2005-40 Code of Alabama.

PRESENT: Council President Perry Vickers, District #3
Council Member Sonya W. Rich, District #1
Council President Pro-Tem Eugene Goolsby, District #2
Council Member Wallace "Al" Miller, Jr., District #4
Council Member Turner Townsend, District #5

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William E. Cooper
City Clerk/Treasurer Robert J. Dean, Jr.
Denise Hayes, Adm. Assistant kept the minutes
Beverly Sweeney, Assistant City Clerk
City Attorney Rainer Cotter
Stephanie Crowe, Finance Director
Jared Alexander, Director of Engineering
Michelle Mann, Southeast Sun
WDHN Reporter

ROLL CALL – Council President Vickers noted that all members of Council Members were present. He then called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Council President Vickers asked that the Council review the agenda and asked for any changes or additions. There were no changes or additions.

Council Member Townsend asked if the new rezone request by Brenda C. Byrd and Chappell Scott Currington was in addition to the one just passed. Council President Vickers stated that it was. It would give the developer more space to improve the planned retention pond that the surrounding homeowners were concerned about.

Council President Vickers then asked if there were any other items or concerns that the Council needed to discuss. Council Member Townsend said that there was a gentleman coming to the Council Meeting to address concerns with traffic on Rucker Blvd. and the problem with garbage carts being left on the right of way after pick up. We have no ordinance that covers this and he had asked City Attorney Rainer Cotter to look into this. Mr. Cotter was working on a draft ordinance to cover this issue. Council Member Townsend and Council Member Goolsby both had complaints from people in their district about the garbage cart problem. Both had pictures from their districts of areas of concern. Council Member Townsend stated that it was also a safety issue. Mr. Cotter said that he would also get City Judge Paul Sherling to review the draft ordinance. Chief Jones said that the ordinance should be added to the UTC and a schedule of fines added to the City's list of fines. Mr. Cotter said that other towns are having the same problem and he had a copy of the one from Tuscaloosa as a model. Council Member Townsend said that public works employees had put door knockers on some of the homes but most ignored them.

Council President Vickers brought up the subject of nuisance properties in the City. Mr. Cotter explained how the ordinance had been handled when they received complaints. Council Member Miller asked about putting liens on properties. Mr. Cotter explained how that usually only happened if the City had to clean up a property due to the owner not responding and explained about the expense associated with that and how unresponsive owners and out of state owners many times ignored such liens. Council Member Goolsby stated that complaints should be turned in to the Engineering Department. They handled identifying the owners, sending out the notices and the follow up. He said that as he lived in the older part of town he had received complaints about properties.

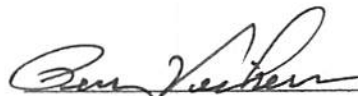
Council Member Goolsby also stated that one he had received on Marvin Street turned out to belong to the City. Other locations were discussed. Council Member Goolsby then brought up the old city sign shop on the corner of Crawford and Doster Streets. Mr. Alexander explained that they had started a plan to renovate this building. The City and the Chamber of Commerce have items stored in the building but there are leaks in the roof and issues with broken windows. He would like to renovate with a new skin on the building, new roof and no windows. He would like to keep two bay doors and one man door. He was asked to work up an estimate on what the renovation would cost.

Council Member Goolsby asked about who was responsible for the grounds upkeep at the Farmer's Market. Parks and Recreation take care of the lawn areas. Mr. Alexander said he and Kay Kirkland had discussed getting the outside areas pressure washed and cleaned up again. He said that they try to pressure wash at least once a year.

As there was no other business to discuss in the Work Session, Council Member Townsend offered the motion to adjourn the Work Session. Council Member Goolsby made the second. The vote being All Ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m. and would reconvene in a Regular Session at 12:00 noon in the Council Chamber.



Robert J. Dean, Jr.
City Clerk/Treasurer



Perry Vickers
Council President