

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2019

The Enterprise City Council convened in a Work Session on, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room in City Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted as Per Act 2005-40 Code of Alabama.

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

Also Present: Mayor William E. Cooper
Robert J. Dean, Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer
Rainer Cotter, Attorney
Beverly Sweeney, Assistant City Clerk
Stephanie Crowe, Finance Director
Donita Peters, Revenue Officer, Minutes
T. D. Jones, Chief of Police
Byron Herring, Fire Chief
Barry Mott, Barge Waggoner, Sumner, & Cannon
Michelle Mann, Southeast Sun
Josh Richards, Media

Council President Vickers called the Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Council Members were present.

Discussion: President Vickers called on Mr. Dean to discuss the monthly finance report. The first report that Mr. Dean discussed showed the tax revenue increase. Totals sales decreased 8.69% and collections increased 8.73%. Mr. Dean said that the report was double checked and seemed abnormal, but both were accurate percentages. Currently the City is \$400,000.00 over budget projections. The City has currently spent almost 53% of the budget which is \$966,000.00 over budget which is due to the large bond payments that have been made recently. The bonds have been paid off at a 67% rate which is \$1,000,000.00 over the 50% mark and once blended the City will be where it should be. The City has \$9,173,000.00 in unrestricted funds. Council Member Miller questioned last year's sales verses this year's sales. Stephanie Crowe, Finance Director, said that the consumer use tax was the reason for the difference in the sales amount from last year to this year. Council President Vickers asked if there were any other questions concerning the finance report and there was none.

Council President Vickers asked Tammy Doerer, Tourism Director for an update on the Main Street Alabama Program. Ms. Doerer said that this would be the last installment on the Main Street Alabama Program. There are two items in which the Mayor's signature is needed. The first is the Resolution for Main Street and the second is the Certification of Funding. Both of these forms will be part of a packet that will be submitted on May 6, 2019 for the City to compete to be a Main Street which is a three-year commitment. Also included in this packet is a proposed budget and some examples that was used from Elba from the Downtown Business Association. Council President Vickers asked Ms. Doerer if the packet included the hiring of a Main Street Director and Ms. Doerer said that it was included along with the salary. The Certification of Funding shows the part the City will fund and the proposal from any outside source funding. The outside source funding would be the Downtown Business Association.

Council Member Townsend asked if the City was selected, when the City would actually begin spending the money for the Program. Ms. Doerer said that the City would initially have to pay the \$7,500.00 upon acceptance. This amount is the initial first year and the selections are made in June. The Main Street Alabama Program training is a six months process. The Downtown Business Association will eventually dissolve. Council President Vickers said that the Main Street Alabama Program would be the first item of New Business to discuss in the following Regular Session. Council President Vickers asked the Council Members if there were any questions and there were none.

Council President Vickers Asked the Council Members to look at their agenda and refer to the very important appointments. The first appointment is to the Mental Health Board and the second is to the Board of Education. The Mental Health Board will host a reception honoring the former member, Ms. Barbara Stinson, on April 30, 2019. Wes Averett will be replacing Ms. Stinson. Council President Vickers asked the Council Members for nominations. Council President Pro Tem Goolsby discussed nominating Warren Bowron. Mr. Bowron works with Special Olympics and retired from the Enterprise Recreation Department. Council President Vickers asked the Council Members if anyone else had any nominations and there were none.

Council President Vickers brought up possible nominations for the School Board and Council Member Townsend said that he would like Marty Williams to get strong consideration for the position. He said that she is in the Hillcrest School district which is currently not represented. Council Member Rich referenced that she would like to nominate Jennifer Boykins. She works with the State of Alabama Rehabilitation Services and is involved with children with behavioral and emotional concerns. She is in the Rucker Boulevard district. Council President Vickers asked if there might be any other nominations and there were none and no other questions or comments. Council President Vickers said nominations would be considered and voted on in the following Regular Session.

Council Member Vickers said that there was one item on the police travel request concerning Sergeant Adair Lee, Detective Angela Brown, SRO Tina Johnson and Captain Lennis Darby that needed to be discussed. Council President Vickers said that one-half of the travel amounts would be billed to the school system. Mr. Dean said that these amounts would be billed to the school under the 50% sharing agreement. This is assessed on a monthly agreement and there have been no issues with the agreement.


Council President Pro Tem Goolsby said that he noticed that Valbridge Property Advisors was on contract billing and also a contract billing last month from Bryars. Mr. Glen Morgan of Poly, Inc. said that there were two appraisals required for the College Street Culvert Project. There is a primary appraisal and a review appraisal. The review appraisal is being handled by Valbridge. Both appraisals have been sent to D.O.T. for their review. When this review is completed and they concur, then the problem can be approached. This is a (90) working day project. Shannon Roberts, Interim Public Works Director said that the progress was moving now and hopefully the road will be open in a couple of weeks.

Council President Vickers asked Barry Mott with Barge and Waggoner & Cannon to discuss the airport rehabilitation project. Mr. Mott followed up his report from his presentation at the City Council Special Call Session at the Enterprise State Community College on Monday, March 4, 2019. This is a two-part project. One is a ramp rehabilitation project and the other is a terminal project. The ramp is a FAA project. It is funded by 90% Federal, 5% State, and 5% local match funds. The FAA said, because of the number of aircraft and type of aircraft the airport has, the FAA wants the city to submit an application to redesign the entire ramp instead of half of the ramp. One side of the ramp will be a concrete section that will be built to accommodate the heavier aircraft and the other side will be an asphalt section for the general aviation traffic. Mr. Dean asked if there were any questions concerning the airport rehabilitation projects and there were none.

Mr. Dean told the Council Members that he had asked Mr. Mott to do a proposal for a full road assessment for the entire city. There are 200 miles of roads within the city. Mr. Mott made a proposal to the City and said that there is a high-tech specialized van with instrumentation that will be driven on all roads in the City. This technology will assess the cracks, roughness of the roads, and failures associated with the roads and will be documented for the City. The City will be given a classification and grading system of each road. The grading system is from zero to one hundred. One hundred would mean that the road was paved a minute ago to zero meaning the road cannot be driven by a four-wheel drive truck or all-terrain vehicle (ATV). This information will show all the roads and where they are. A map will show the different classifications and will be color coded. This technology will help the city in making decisions on funding, which roads to repair first, etc. Mr. Dean said by using this technology it could potentially save more than \$150,000.00 and would pay for itself. Mr. Dean also said that this would be preventative maintenance and monies would be saved on paving during the Phase Two Water Main Replacements. Council Member Townsend said that it would be good to get a plan in place on paving, when it needed to be done, and the City would have more objective data to make its decisions on which roads should be paved. Council Members Townsend and Rich asked Mr. Dean some questions concerning the usage of the gas tax that is ear marked and what portion of the gas tax can be spent on the paving of the roads. Council President Vickers asked Mr. Mott to find out more information for the Council and a refined schedule for this to take place if the Council decided to use this technology. All Council Members agreed that a decision would not be made until they had more information. There were no other questions or comments and Council President Vickers asked Mr. Dean to place this matter on the next Work Session agenda. Council President Vickers thanked Mr. Mott for his presentation.

Council President Vickers addressed the next item which was the Avenu Insights & Analytics (Formerly RDS-Revenue Discovery Systems) contract, but he said the contract would not be considered in the following Regular Session. The Avenu Insights & Analytics Contract will expire on July 1, 2019. Council President Vickers opened the floor for comments. Council Member Townsend said that he didn't have enough information to make a decision on whether to maintain the company or change to another at this time. Council Member Vickers made a suggestion to the Council to have a Work Session specifically for this matter and invite Avenu Insights & Analytics speak to the Council. Then, comparisons could be made between Avenu Insights & Analytics and The State of Alabama Department of Revenue. All Council Members said that they had questions concerning both entities and did not feel comfortable making any decisions at this time. Council Member Miller said that he had several unanswered questions concerning the State of Alabama's WRAP program for tax collection. Council President Vickers agreed that more information was needed and asked Mr. Dean to make contact with both entities and set a date that both could attend a special work session. This Session would solely be for making a decision on which entity would be in the City's best interest to use. Mr. Dean told the Council Members that as soon as he had some dates from the two entities he would notify the Council and Mayor Cooper and the date could then be set for the Work Session to hear the presentations. Council President Vickers asked the Council if there were any other issues that needed to come before the Council and there were none. Mayor Cooper said he wanted to asked the Council to go into Executive Session to discuss good name and character with only the Council and the Mayor.

Council President Vickers asked the Council for a move to go into Executive Session to discuss good name and character. Council Member Miller made a motion and Council President Pro Tem Goolsby made a second and there was no further discussion. All were in favor with AYES and the Work Session was adjourned and moved into Executive Session at approximately 5:49 p.m. The meeting returned from Executive Session and was adjourned without further business.



Robert J. Dean, Jr.
City Clerk/Treasurer



Perry Vickers
Council President