

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – MAY 21, 2019

The Enterprise City Council convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, May 21, 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 Turner Townsend, District #5

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
Byron Herring, Fire Chief
Billy Powell, Parks and Recreation Director
Jason Wright, Communications Director
Michelle Mann, Media – Southeast Sun
Josh Richards – Media

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

Roll Call: Council Member Sonya W. Rich, District #1 and Council Member Wallace "Al" Miller Jr. were not present for the Session.

DISCUSSION: Council President Vickers asked Stephanie Crowe, Finance Director for a financial report update. Ms. Crowe reviewed several reports with the Council Members. Ms. Crowe told the Council Members that she would be glad to compile any information in any format that the Council needed to make decisions. The regular sales tax reports show that the City is on target with projected 6% increase for the year. The City is very dependent upon the sales tax revenue as is all other municipalities in the State of Alabama. The sales tax revenue is approximately 68% of the City's total revenue and ten years ago it was 55%. There were reports showing cash balances and worksheets that showed restricted and unrestricted balances. Special Revenue and Municipal Court funds are Statutory Funds. The 2013 AB Capital Reserve Money Market can be used for any capital projects that the Council sees fit. Ms. Crowe also provided a statement of activities that showed an overview of each department's expenses and revenue which is year to date for 2019 with exception to water and sewer. Council Member Townsend asked Ms. Crowe what her goal was for future audits. She said that the audit needs to be completed by March 31st. The field work would need to be completed by November or December instead of waiting until tax season.

Council President Vickers asked Mr. Dean, City Clerk/Treasurer, to address the council concerning the Line of Credit. Mr. Dean discussed the current Line of Credit and he and Ms. Crowe agree that Synovus Bank has the lowest interest rate. The rate was quoted for two-year and three-year terms. There will be a total \$20,000.00 saved during the next three-year term compared to the existing rates. The two-year term could save the City an additional \$30,000.00 in interest in addition to the \$20,000.00. This would require additional payments moving from a three-year term to a two-year term of over \$333,000.00 per year.

Council Member Townsend suggested the Council approve the three-year term and pay in two years giving the City the option to pay early. This could be amortized over two years. This would leave funds available if needed. Attorney Cotter advised that the Council will need to be consulted of all financial transactions involved. Ms. Crowe said that there is a need for financial policies regarding the Council's set policies. Council President Pro Tem Goolsby will make a motion during the Regular Session to approve the recommendation from Mr. Dean, City Clerk/Treasurer regarding entering into a term loan with Synovus Bank.

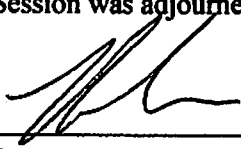
President Vickers asked the Council Members to refer to this evening's Regular Session Agenda. Mayor Cooper will be recognized and his presentation will be placed on the Agenda before Privileged Of The Floor. After the Mayor has his presentation, the Council will address the nominations for the Coffee County Board of Equalization under Old Business. This issue was tabled in the last Regular Session. on May 7, 2019, The Mayor had previously suggested two names and Council Member Townsend had suggested one. Council Member Townsend mentioned that Forrest Warren is currently serving on the Board and would like to continue. Council Member Townsend will announce the nominations in tonight's Regular Session.

Council President Vickers said that he was happy to report that Governor Kay Ivey had signed the Sunday Liquor Sales Bill. Now, The Council needed to review and consider a Resolution calling for a referendum on August 13, 2019. In order for the Council to do so in this evening's Regular Session, a motion will be needed to suspend the rules, a vote to suspend the rules, and then consideration of the Resolution. Council Member Townsend will make a motion and Council President Pro Tem Goolsby will second the motion in this evening's Regular Session.

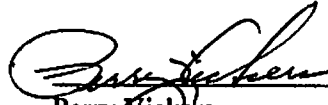
Council President Vickers reviewed the remaining items on this evening's agenda. The remaining items were as follows: The Craft Restaurant and Lounge, LLC. liquor license request with the public hearing to be June 4, 2019 followed by Contract Billings, Travel Requests, Disposal of Inventory, followed by the Mayor's report. Council President Vickers asked the Council members if there were any other issues that needed to be addressed and there were none.

Mayor Cooper spoke to the Council and told them that Jared Alexander resigned as Director of Engineering Services last Thursday, May 16, 2019. Staci Hayes will be the Interim Director of Engineering Services. Ms. Hayes and Mr. Robert J. Dean, City Clerk/Treasurer, will be working together on managing the day to day activities of the Engineering Department. Ms. Hayes and Mr. Dean will be reporting to the Mayor moving forward in this transition. Mr. Dean's experience with the building officials and the airport makes his assistance a plus in this transition. Ms. Hayes has been working as senior leader and as Assistant Director in the department and there should be no lapse in services. He said he appreciated Mr. Dean's help in this matter. Council President Pro Tem Goolsby asked if the new Code Enforcement Officer was on board and the Mayor said that he was and he was already out in the field. Council President Vickers mentioned an issue with the many boats on Dauphin Street and North Main Street. Council Pro Tem Goolsby said that the issue had been reported and the area had been cleaned up somewhat but the efforts have stopped. Council President Vickers asked Ms. Hayes for any updates on the situation. Ms. Hayes said that she had spoken to Mr. Hussey, the son of the gentleman that passed away, and he said he can't sell anything until probate is settled. He has been in contact with his lawyer and there was about three months left until probate would be finalized. Mr. Hussey said he was unsure if any of the boats have liens on them and could not remove any of them until this time period was completed. He is maintaining the property as much as possible. As soon as this period is completed and he finds out instructions from Probate, all will be removed. Council President Vickers also mentioned that Johnny Henderson's warehouse was in disrepair and needed to be addressed. Council President Vickers asked the Council if there was any other discussion and there was none.

Council President Vickers asked for a motion for the Work Session to be adjourned to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development and Real Estate. A motion was made by Council Member Townsend and a second was made by Council President Vickers. All were in favor and all were Ayes and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.



Robert J. Dean
City Clerk/Treasurer



Perry Vickers
Council President