

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2022

The Enterprise City Council convened in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PRESENT: Council President Turner Townsend, District #5
Council President Pro-Tem Sonya W. Rich, District #1
Council Member Eugene Goolsby, District #2
Council Member Greg Padgett, District #3
Council Member Scotty Johnson, District #4

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William E. Cooper
City Administrator Jonathan Tullos
City Clerk Beverly Sweeney was present and kept the minutes.

ROLL CALL – Council President Townsend noted that all Council Members were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The President called for a motion to approve the agenda of the meeting as submitted. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Padgett, to approve the agenda of the meeting as submitted. The vote being: Rich – Aye; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Aye; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The President called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- City Council Work Session Minutes of July 5, 2022
- City Council Work Session Minutes of July 19, 2022
- City Council Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022
- Accounts Payable (A) for July 2022 in the amount of **\$879,839.91** as follows:
City of Enterprise - \$796,150.29 Water Works Board - \$83,689.62
- Contract Billings in the amount of **\$50,610.23** as follows:
Wiregrass Construction Company -
Estimate No. 7 - \$35,918.22 – Construction – FY 21 Resurfacing/Phase II
Poly, Inc. -
Invoice No. 19335 - \$6,142.01 – Preliminary Engineering – Dozier Road Improvements
Southern Earth Sciences, Inc. -
Invoice No. P220379-01 - \$4,550.00 – Asbestos Surveys – 2021 CDBG Demolition Project
Ewing-Conner and Associates, Inc. -
Invoice No. 1 - \$4,000.00 – Administrative Services – 2021 CDBG Demolition Project
- Travel Request as follows:
Police Department
Officer Brandon DeArmond
Street Cops MAPPS Training
Statesboro, Georgia
August 7-8, 2022
Estimated Cost: \$439.44

Lieutenant Mark Anderson
Detective Will Ezell
2022 Annual Alabama LECC Conference
Orange Beach, Alabama
August 31-September 2, 2022
Estimated Cost: \$1,148.49

Tourism
Tammy Doerer
2022 Alabama Governor’s Conference on Tourism
Auburn, Alabama
August 27-30, 2022
Estimated Cost: \$1,330.00
- Request to Dispose of Equipment as follows:
Civic Center
(1) Stallion 12SC Carpet Extractor – City ID #9157

A motion was made by Council Member Goolsby, seconded by Council Member Rich, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote being: Rich – Aye; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Aye; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION BY THE MAYOR – Evelyn Holmes-Smith

The President recognized Mayor Cooper for a presentation to Evelyn Holmes-Smith in recognition of her recent success at the Alabama State Girls Wrestling State Championship.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Persons allowed 3 minutes to address the Council)

Mike Sutterfield, and representatives from local Veteran Service Organizations, offered their assistance with various veteran and military commemorative events held throughout the year. City staff will take the request under advisement.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director/City Engineer Barry Mott discussed “Operation Clean Sweep” and the progress made to address unsanitary, nuisance, and unsafe properties in the City of Enterprise. He reminded Council the process to address nuisance properties includes the creation of a five-member board consisting of an engineer, architect, and people with general construction backgrounds, to which property owners could appeal the city's decision. Mr. Mott stated he is ready to move forward with the next step in the process, creating the board and appointing board members, and advised he would provide Council with a resolution and list of nominees by the first meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS**PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION/ORDINANCE 07-05-22 (Hundley Rezone)**

The President called for a public hearing prior to consideration of Ordinance 07-05-22, providing for the rezone of 32 acres of land owned by Tony Hundley from R-100 (Residential District) to R-75-A (Residential District) and B-3 (Highway Commercial District) located at the corner of Dauphin Street Extension and Highway 27.

Dallas Boyd, Boyd Engineering, presented the rezoning request. Thomas Hardy, Assistant Director of Engineering, advised that staff had reviewed the request and it does meet the city's minimum requirements; it's aligned with the city's Comprehensive Plan and the requested zoning is contiguous with adjacent zoning.

Council President Townsend invited public comment. The following residents spoke on the zoning change request with concerns about increased traffic, diminished property values, school overcrowding, and crime: Permelia Searcy, 309 Red Cliff Circle; Tricia Andress, 307 Red Cliff Circle; Scott Ferguson, 402 Red Cliff Circle; Amy Suter, 111 Red Cliff Circle; Steve Hagins, 113 Red Wing Drive. Cindy Hundley, the property owner, cited various research showing the minimal impact multi-family homes have on school enrollment, traffic, property values, and crime.

Mr. Boyd addressed residents' concerns and responded to questions from the Council. Upon hearing no further comments, the President closed the public hearing and entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-05-22. A motion was made by Council Member Rich, seconded by Council Member Padgett, to adopt Ordinance 07-05-22. Council discussion ensued. Following discussion, the President called for a vote on Ordinance 07-05-22. The vote being: Rich – Aye; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Nay; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried, and Ordinance 07-05-22 duly passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION/ORDINANCE 07-05-22-A (Annexation & Zoning/Howell)

The President called for a public hearing prior to consideration of Ordinance 07-05-22-A, providing for the annexation and zoning of 184.08 acres of land owned by Shang and Faye Howell into the city limits and to establish zoning of TH-3 (Townhouse District) and AGRIC (Agricultural District).

Todd Boland explained the details of the proposed annexation and zoning on behalf of the applicant. Thomas Hardy, Assistant Director of Engineering, advised that staff had reviewed the request and found it contrary to the adopted future use restrictions for AZ zoning. City Engineer/Public Works Director Barry Mott addressed the information provided and reiterated that the city's airport consultant had reviewed the request and advised that the development would not be in the city's best interest.

Council President Townsend invited public comment. No public comments were received. Mr. Boland addressed concerns and responded to questions from the Council. Upon hearing no further comments, the President closed the public hearing and entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-05-22-A. A motion was made by Council Member Goolsby, seconded by Council Member Rich, to adopt Ordinance 07-05-22-A. Council discussion ensued. Following discussion, the President called for a vote on Ordinance 07-05-22-A. The vote being: Rich – Nay; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Nay; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried, and Ordinance 07-05-22-A duly passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION/ORDINANCE 07-19-22 (2020 Redistricting)

The President recognized Scott Farmer, representing Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, who presented an overview of the proposed 2020 City of Enterprise Redistricting Plan.

The President called for a public hearing prior to consideration of Ordinance 07-19-22, providing under the authority of Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama, 1975, to adjust the boundaries of Council districts for the City of Enterprise as described and approve the district boundaries outlined in the proposed redistricting map (referenced as Plan 1). City Attorney Rainer Cotter, responding to questions from the Council, thanked Mr. Farmer for his efforts and recommended approval of the proposed redistricting plan. Council President Townsend invited public comment. Robert Schmidbauer, 706 Henderson Street, expressed concern over creating boundaries that split certain streets into two Council districts. Mr. Farmer explained that sometimes streets are the most expedient way to align Council districts due to census block areas set by the U.S. Census. Upon hearing no further comments, the President closed the public hearing and entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-19-22.

A motion was made by Council Member Padgett, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt Ordinance 07-19-22. Council discussion ensued. Following discussion, the President called for a vote on Ordinance 07-19-22. The vote being: Rich – Aye; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Aye; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried, and Ordinance 07-19-22 duly passed and adopted.

NEW BUSINESSAUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT (Pea River Historical Society, Inc.)

The President introduced and called for consideration of a request from Billy Powell, Director of Community Services and Recreation, to authorize the Mayor, upon consultation with the City Administrator and City Attorney, to enter into an agreement with Pea River Historical Society, Inc. for the relocation of the Little Red School House building, owned by the Historical Society, to city-owned property located behind the Depot Museum on Railroad Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Goolsby, to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Pea River Historical Society, Inc. as submitted. The vote being: Rich – Aye; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Aye; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried.

REQUEST PERMISSION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT (Civic Center/Carpet Extractor)

The President introduced and called for consideration of a request from Birgit Briggs, Community Service Coordinator, to purchase an NSS Stallion 818 SC 18" Contained Carpet Extractor and Upholstery Kit for use at the Enterprise Civic Center from Enterprise Paper & Janitorial at a total cost of \$3,708.71.

A motion was made by Council Member Padgett, seconded by Council Member Rich, to approve the request to purchase as submitted. The vote being: Rich – Aye; Goolsby – Aye; Padgett – Aye; Johnson – Aye; Townsend – Aye. The President declared the motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENT – Library Board, Seat 4

The President opened the floor for nominations to the Enterprise Library Board, Seat 4, for a four-year term beginning August 8, 2022, and ending August 7, 2026. Council Member Goolsby nominated Oveta Carey to the Enterprise Library Board, Seat 4. Upon hearing no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed and called for consideration of the nominee. Upon motion by Council Member Johnson and second by Council Member Rich, Oveta Carey was appointed to the Enterprise Library Board, Seat 4, by a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

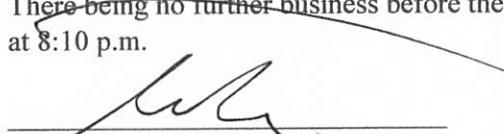
Mayor Cooper provided reports from various departments, projects, and events.

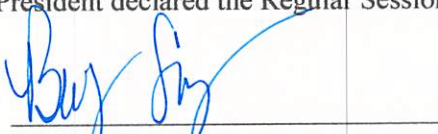
COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Council Members thanked audience members for their comments, meeting attendees, and citizens watching online.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the President declared the Regular Session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Turner Townsend
Council President


Beverly Sweeney
City Clerk