

## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2019

The Enterprise City Council convened in Work Session at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in 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  
Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Beverly Sweeney was present and kept the minutes.  
City Attorney Rainer Cotter  
Lori Senn  
LeeAnn Swartz  
Tammy Doerer  
Kay Kirkland  
Police Chief T.D. Jones  
Fire Chief Byron Herring  
Billy Powell  
Lorenzo Harrison  
Kenneth LeBlanc  
Caroline Quattlebaum, Southeast Sun  
Michelle Mann, Southeast Sun  
Josh Richards, Enterprise Ledger

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

### INTRODUCTION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director Lori Senn was introduced to Council Members.

The following items were discussed:

### LEASH LAW ORDINANCES

Council Members reviewed the city's ordinances regarding animals following complaints by citizens of cats and dogs roaming city streets. Chief Jones explained that the law is sometimes difficult to enforce, as a dog at large, for instance, would have to be witnessed by law enforcement. Mayor Cooper mentioned there is also an issue with cats roaming the city. Council Member Goolsby said he believed that one of the biggest problems is that people feel sorry for the cats and feed them, and then they reproduce. Council Member Townsend referenced individuals in the city who use a trapping system. They trap and sterilize them, and then they will clip their ears and release them, he said, adding that he could have them speak at an upcoming Work Session if Council Members were interested. Following discussion, all Council Members agreed.

### REVIEW OF AGENDA

Council Members reviewed the Agenda for the November 19, 2019 Council Meeting. Following review, the following items were discussed:

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT (Electric Scissor Lift/Civic Center)**

Parks & Recreation Director Billy Powell discussed a request to purchase a Skyjack 3219 Electric Scissor Lift from Thompson Cat Rental Store in the amount of \$11,613.00. Mr. Powell informed Council Members that the equipment is new and is a budgeted item within the Civic Center’s budget.

**BOLL WEEVIL CENTENNIAL CEREMONY**

Tourism Director Tammy Doerer and Kay Kirkland, Special Events Coordinator, updated Council Members on the Boll Weevil Centennial Celebration scheduled for December 11, 2019.

**WIREGRASS COMMUNITY NIGHT – Troy University**

Council President Vickers informed Council Members of an offer from Troy University to purchase tickets to an upcoming basketball game as part of a Wiregrass Community Night. If approved, the city would purchase a group of tickets and Troy Athletics social media accounts would make a post acknowledging that the City of Enterprise had purchased x amount of tickets for their residents along with instructions on how to pick them up. Group ticket options are as follows:

- 50 + tickets at \$5.00 each
- 100 + tickets at \$3.00 each

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council President Vickers informed those in attendance that an Executive Session was needed to discuss issues relating to business licenses and economic development.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated that items pending before the Council involved issues requiring legal advice and counsel.

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**MINUTES EXCERPTS AND MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION  
PURSUANT TO THE ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS LAW  
A05-0145**

WHEREAS, the Enterprise City Council, with a quorum being present, was conducting a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, the following persons were in attendance: Council Members Rich, Goolsby, Vickers, Miller and Townsend. Council President Vickers presided over the meeting. Mayor William E. Cooper was also present. City Attorney Rainer Cotter was present; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Miller for the Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal advice and counsel being one of the following purposes authorized by the Act:

- Reputation and Character
- Legal Advice and Counsel
- Security Plans
- State and/or Federal Law
- Law Enforcement
- Real Estate Transactions
- Trade Secrets
- Public Employee Negotiations
- Quasi-Judicial Deliberations

Which motion was seconded by Council Member Rich and,

WHEREAS, the Attorney advised the Council that a declaration was required by the Act for an Executive Session if it was in regard to any of the following purposes:

- Legal Advice and Counsel
- Law Enforcement
- Trade Secrets
- Employee Negotiations

WHEREAS, Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated for the record that he/she was duly qualified and/or had the personal knowledge to provide the requisite declaration for the stated purpose of the Executive Session authorized by the Act and informed the Council that an Executive Session was necessary for the following reason:

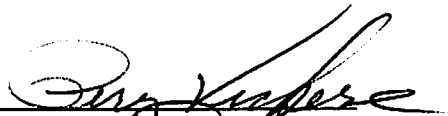
Discussion of issues requiring legal advice and counsel; and,

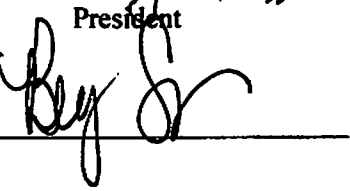
WHEREAS, the President directed the City Attorney to enter into said motion, purpose and declaration into the minutes of the meeting and called for a vote on said motion; and,

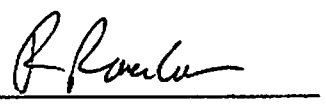
WHEREAS, said vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken with the “yeas” and “nays” being recorded into the minutes as follows:

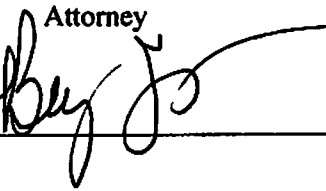
<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
1. Rich	
2. Goolsby	
3. Vickers	
4. Miller	
5. Townsend	

And the President declared that a majority of the votes being in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed, and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and reconvene in approximately 30 minutes.

By:   
President

Attest: 

By:   
Attorney


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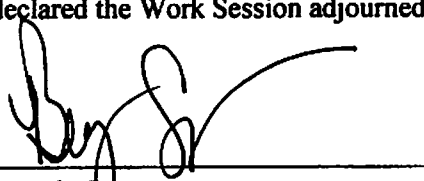
RECONVENE IN WORK SESSION

The Work Session was recessed into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened into Work Session at 5:50 p.m. with a motion by Council Member Goolsby and a second by Council Member Townsend. All Members – Aye. The President declared the Executive Session adjourned and reconvened the Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the President declared the Work Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
Perry Vickers  
Council President

  
Beverly Sweeney  
Interim City Clerk/Treasurer