

**FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

**ABBEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

MAYOR ESTES CALLED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER AFTERWHICH HE ASKED T. DIXON TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMEBERS C. ELSBERRY, T. STANLEY, C. HENDERSON. EMPLOYEES PRESENT WERE B. SMITH, R. HENDERSON, J. HENDLEY L. BROWN. VISITORS PRESENT WERE L. HENDLEY AND D. BROWN.

AFTER A DISCUSSION OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES C. ELSBERRY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. M. COOK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT HOSS MOORE'S DOG WAS PICKED UP BY THE CITY. R. TURNER STATED THAT WHEN MR. MOORE CAME TO PICK UP HIS DOG HE CALLED HIS SUPERVISOR R. WARREN AND MADE SURE HIS FINES HAD BEEN PAID. MR. MOORE THEN PULLED BEHIND THE CITY BARN TO RETREIVE HIS DOG. R. TURNER STATED THAT WHEN HE GOT THE DOG OUT OF THE PEN THE DOG REFUSED TO GO WITH MR. MOORE. MR MOORE STRUGGLED TO GET THE DOG INTO THE TRUCK AND FELL, SCRATCHING HIS ELBOW. MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT MR. MOORE CAME INTO CITY HALL TO SHOW THE INJURIES HE HAD RECEIVED. WHILE IN CITY HALL MR. MOORE STATED THAT THE CITY WOULD REGRET PICKING UP HIS DOG AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO SUE THE CITY. COUNCILMAN M. COOK STATED THAT MR. MOORE HAD ALSO CAME TO HIS OFFICE STATING THE SAME THING, THAT HE WAS GOING TO SUE THE CITY. MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT MR. MOORE CAME TO HIM AND STATED THAT HE WANTED THE CITY TO PAY HIS DOCTOR BILL AND FOR ALSO PAY FOR SURGERY IF HE NEEDS IT. C. ELSBERRY MADE A MOTION TO TURN THE MATTER OVER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY. R. CULPEPPER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT INCREASED THE GARBAGE FEES BY 1%. E. ELSBERRY MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE GARBAGE FEES 1% TO COVER THE COST. T. STANLEY MADE A MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT EACH YEAR THE CITY HAD TO APPOINT THE CITY'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. THE CITY CURRENT USES WILCOX COUNTY STATE BANK. M. COOK MADE A MOTION TO KEEP WILCOX COUNTY STATE BANK AS THE CITY'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. E. ELSBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT EACH YEAR THE CITY HAD TO APPOINT THE LEGAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY. THE MAYOR STATED THAT IN YEARS PAST THE LEGAL NEWSPAPER WAS THE CORDELE DISPATCH. C. HENDERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE CORDELE DISPATCH AS THE LEGAL NEWSPAPER. T. STANLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT EACH YEAR THE CITY HAD TO APPOINT THE CITY AUDITOR. THE MAYOR STATED THAT LONG AND ASSOCIATED OF ATLANTA HAD BEEN USED IN THE PAST WITH GREAT SATISFACTION. C. HENDERSON MADE A MOTION TO KEEP LONG AND ASSOCIATES AS THE CITY AUDITOR. C. ELSBERRY MADE A MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION HAD ASKED FOR A DONATION. THE MAYOR STATED THAT IN THE PAST THE CITY HAD DONATED \$50. M. COOK MADE A MOTION FOR THE CITY TO DONATE \$50. T. STANLEY SECONDED. ALL VOTED AYE.

CHIEF HENDLEY GAVE THE JANUARY POLICE REPORT.

MAYOR ESTES PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON HIGHWAY 280 W. AFTER REVIEWING THE ORDINANCE, R. CULPEPPER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE. M. COOK SECONDED. ALL VOTED AYE.

MAYOR ESTES STATED THAT THE REPAIRS FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE WERE COMPLETE. MAYOR STATED THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 5:45 P.M TO DISCUSS MOVING AN AMBULANCE TO ABBEVILLE. MAYOR ESTES ENCOURAGED EACH COUNCIL MEMBER TO COME AND SHOW SUPPORT.

MAYOR ESTES PRESENT THE COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSED SCROLLING SIGN TO PUT IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY AT THE CORNER OF 280 AND 129. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION C. HENDERSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SIGN IF THE HOG FESTIVAL COMMITTEE WOULD DONATE HALF OF THE COST FOR THE SIGN. M. COOK SECONDED. ALL VOTED AYE.

AT 6:47 P.M C. HENDERSON MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. M. COOK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

AT 7:10 P.M THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC WITH IT BEING STATED THAT NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN.

R. CULPEPPER MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CITY PURCHISING THE ALICE BOSTIC PROPERTY. C. ELSBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE EXCEPT C. HENDERSON WHO ABSTAINED HIS VOTE.

M. COOK MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CITY PURCHASING THE RAY JONES PROPERTY. C. HENDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, M. COOK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. C. HENDERSON SECONDED. ALL VOTED AYE.

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CITY CLERK