

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2015

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR MICHAEL ESTES.

AN INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COUNCILMAN MIKE COOK AFTERWHICH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS OBSERVED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: TOMMY STANLEY, CAROLYN ELSBERRY, MIKE COOK, CLAY HENDERSON. EMPLOYEES PRESENT: LARRY BROWN, RHONDA HENDERSON, JOHN HENDLEY, RUSTY WARREN, WILLIAM BASS

VISITORS: CECILIA HAWLEY, DAVID HOGAN, LINDA STATHAM, RITA COOK, ROBIN COOK

DISCUSSION WAS HELD AMENDING THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS MADE BY TOMMY STANLEY AND SECONDED BY CLAY HENDERSON TO AMEND THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED. ALL IN FAVOR.

MINUTES WERE REVIEWED FROM APRIL 2015 MEETING. MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL MINUTES WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ELSBERRY, SECONDED BY MIKE COOK AND APPROVED BY ALL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING BILL LUKE MOVING A MODULAR HOME INTO ABBEVILLE. LETTER WAS READ FROM THE MONROE STREET COMMUNITY OPPOSING THE MOVEMENT OF THE MODULAR HOME INTO THE COMMUNITY. CONTINUED DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH BILL LUKE'S REPRESENTATIVE, CECILIA HAWLEY. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND ANSWER TO ALL QUESTIONS BY MS. HAWLEY, A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOMMY STANLEY, SECONDED BY CAROLYN ELSBERRY TO ALLOW THE MOBILE HOME TO BE MOVED IN. CLAY HENDERSON AND MIKE COOK VOTED NO THEREFORE MAYOR ESTES HAD TO CAST HIS VOTE WHICH WAS YES. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE SPLOST RESOLUTION. MAYOR ESTES ASKED THAT \$40,000.00 BE MOVED FROM SPLOST TO BE USED FOR BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN AND STREET SIGNS, ETC. CAROLYN ELSBERRY MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE FUNDS SECONDED BY TOMMY STANLEY. MOTION WAS CARRIED AND APPROVED BY ALL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING A GRANT FOR A FARMERS MARKET FOR ABBEVILLE. CLAY HENDERSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT FOR THE FARMERS MARKET AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOMMY STANLEY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING REORGANIZING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CLAY HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY MIKE COOK TO REORGANIZE THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

A LETTER WAS READ FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ASKING FOR A DONATION OF \$50.00 PER YEAR FOR 5 YEARS FOR THE PASS PROGRAM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOMMY STANLEY, SECONDED BY CLAY HENDERSON TO MAKE THE DONATION. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED. MIKE COOK ASKED

THAT MAYOR ESTES TALK WITH OUR LAWYER TO BE SURE THIS WAS OK FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH THIS DONATION.

THE PRISON CONTRACT FOR PRISON WORKERS HAD TO BE RENEWED. CAROLYN ELSBERRY MADE THE MOTION TO RENEW THE PRISON CONTRACT WHICH WAS SECONDED BY CLAY HENDERSON. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

MIKE COOK ASKED THAT POT HOLES BE REPAIRED IN THE STREETS AND HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO CHRISTY NEIGHBORS TELLING HER THAT THE PROPERTY AT 132 EAST MONROE STREET BE CLEANED UP. THIS WAS THE FORMER PROPRTY OF J. W. NEIGHBORS. RUSTY WARREN STATED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON THE POT HOLES. EVERYONE WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT THE LETTER BE MAILED TO MS.NEIGHBORS.

THE FIRE TRUCK THAT WAS PURCHASED BY THE COUNTY WAS GIVEN TO PITTS. LARRY BROWN STATED THAT WE DID GET SOME GENERATORS FROM THIS PURCHASE.

MAYOR ESTES IS CHECKING INTO BACK PAY FOR THE FIRE PAC.

LARRY BROWN STATED THAT FUEL CARDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE COUNTY AND HE HAS HAD NO RESPONSE.

RUSTY WARREN STATED THAT HE NEEDED TO PULL THE 50 HORSE MOTOR FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION AND MOVE IT TO THE LIBRARY. EVERYONE WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT THIS NEEDED TO BE DONE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD PRESENT (3) BIDS FOR WELL CLEAN OUT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE CDBG APPLICATION. MAYOR ESTES SAID THAT THE PRISON NUMBERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE POPULATION COUNT FOR THE CDBG GRANT BUT THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED. MAYOR ESTES IS DOING MORE RESEARCH CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

LARRY BROWN WANTED TO KNOW IF THE ROAD CREW WAS COMING BACK TO SMOOTH OUT THE ROADS THAT WERE PAVED. MAYOR ESTES SAID PROBABLY NOT.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN HENDLEY STATED THAT A GRANT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR NEW VESTS FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS. HE ALSO GAVE HIS MONTHLY REPORT CONCERNING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING MOVING A MOBILE HOME BY RITA GIBBS TO CANNONVILLE DRIVE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOMMY STANLEY AND SECONDED BY MIKE COOK THAT THE MOBILE HOME COULD BE MOVED TO CANNONVILLE DRIVE. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED BY ALL.

MAYOR ESTES INSTRUCTED RUSTY WARREN TO PLACE A STOP SIGN AT THE END OF CANNONVILLE DRIVE. AT PRESENT THERE IS NOT A STOP SIGN. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED HIM TO PLACE A STREET SIGN ON CANNONVILLE DRIVE. AT PRESENT THERE IS NOT A STREET SIGN.

CAROLY ELSBERRY STATED THAT A TREE AT GERLAD WILSON'S HOUSE ON COLLEGE STREET NEEDED TO BE TRIMMED BECAUSE IT WAS IN THE WAY OF SEEING TRAFFIC.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CLAY HENDERSON TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY TOMMY STANLEY, APPROVED BY ALL.