

APRIL 7, 2016

ABBEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Estes called the meeting to order after which he ask Jonathan Brown to give the invocation.

Present were Council Members T. Stanley, C. Henderson, M. Cook, R. Culpepper and M. Lawson. Employees present were B. Smith, R. Henderson, J. Hendley, L. Brown, and A. Stephens. Visitors were L. Hendley, A. Marshall, J. Satterfield G. Harrell, A. Txy and B. Jackson.

After a review of the March meeting minutes R. Culpepper made a motion to approve March's minutes, M. Lawson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes opened the floor to the guest. A. Marshall and J. Satterfield ask the council if a decision had been made to expand the water lines on Ibis Lane. A. Stephens stated that the cost to run the pipe would be around \$12,434.00. The Mayor stated that the City did not own the right of way since the property was in the county. After much discussion C. Henderson made a motion not to expand the water lines on Ibis Lane. T. Stanley seconded. All voted aye.

Guest from Solamerica presented the council with plans to install solar panels on L. Clements land at the entrance to the prison. Representatives stated that the power would be sold to Georgia Power and that a lease would be 20 years. They also stated that plans had been submitted to the EPD and they felt sure they would be approved. M. Cook made a motion to allow Solamerica to install the Solar Panels on the Clements property. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

The Mayor informed the council that Kelly McDonald had inquired about purchasing from the city the poles at the baseball field that were used for a batting cage at one time. The matter was tabled until the next council meeting.

L. Brown stated that he was looking to purchase equipment for the volunteer fire department through the government surplus.

A. Stephens stated that the city was in need of a new sewer jetter. He stated that the one the city used now takes him 3 times as long to fix a problem because of the poor condition it is in. Mayor Estes presented the council with 3 quotes on new sewer jettors. A. Stephens gave the council his recommendation. M. Cook made a motion to purchase the jetter that A. Stephens suggested at the cost of \$43,000. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

C. Parker presented the council with a letter of thanks to the Abbeville Police Department from the Parker family for all of their professionalism and help during the funeral of Ms. Martha Parker. Chief Hendley gave the monthly police report.

Mayor Estes stated that the USDA would be at City Hall April 20th to sign all the paper work for the equipment grant. He stated he needed a quorum for the meeting.

Mayor Estes presented the council with another copy of the Water and Sewer Rates increase. This was the second reading as required. C. Henderson made a motion to adopt the rates, M. Lawson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the cost of Employees Heath Insurance has increased significantly in the last few years. Mayor Estes suggested changing the Health Insurance to PPO 80/60 with a \$750 deductible. The

current deductible is \$500. T. Stanley made a motion to change the employee health insurance. M. Lawson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that L. Clements still wanted \$20,000 for the land the caboose was sitting on. He also stated that if the City did not purchase the land he would begin charging rent. The Mayor stated that to move the Caboose would cost \$3000. T. Stanley made a motion to have the caboose moved, R. Culpepper seconded. M. Cook abstained his vote all others voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that Three Rivers Home Health was looking for office space to rent. He had suggested the space above Primary Care. The mayor stated the importance of keeping Three Rivers business in Abbeville. Mayor Estes stated they only needed one office and that the house they rented now was just too large. Rent would be \$200 per month. M. Lawson made a motion to rent the office space above Primary Care to Three Rivers Home Health, C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that Carolyn Elsberry had resigned her seat on the council and a Mayor Pro Tem needed to be appointed. C. Henderson made a motion to appoint R. Culpepper Mayor Pro Tem, M. Cook seconded. All voted aye.

At 7:31 pm M. Cook made a motion to go into executive session, R. Culpepper seconded. All voted aye.

At 7:45 p.m the city council meeting was reopened to the public with it being stated no action had been taken.

R. Culpeper made a motion to buy the C. Teal land, M. Lawson seconded. All voted aye.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by M. Cook and seconded by T. Stanley. All voted aye.