

Mayor Estes called the meeting to order after which he ask Norris Hall to give the invocation.

Present were Council Members R. Culpepper, E. Elsberry, M. Cook, T. Stanley, C. Henderson and M. Lawson. Employees present were B. Smith, A. Stephens, L. Brown, R. Henderson, J. Hendley, W. Bass. Visitors were L. Hendley, W. Minks, I. Minks, B. Henderson and C. Griffin.

Clerk B. Smith swore in new council member M. Lawson and R. Culpepper and T. Stanley.

After a review of the December meeting minutes M. Cook made a motion to approve December's minutes, C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes introduced the guest to the council. W. Minks and I. Minks explained the step for procurement to the council for the CDBG Grant. They explain the grant writing process and explained the areas that would be affected by the grant and the reasons it was selected. Cannonville Road and Easy street are the areas they think would be best to help get new sewer lines. B. Henderson and C. Griffin also present the council with maps of the City's sewer lines and added to the discussion.

Guest A. Marshall and J. Satterfield ask the council to consider expanding the water lines on Ibis Lane. The men stated they both have lots on Ibis Lane and the water line extends to 500 feet before their property. The Mayor stated he would talk with A. Stephens about the cost and the scope of work involved with extending the water line.

B. Smith stated that Viva Wilcox was on the agenda and called and stated that she was sick and would be unable to attend but ask her to speak to the council on her behalf. Clerk Smith stated that V. Wilcox's water had been disconnected due to non-payment and she felt like due to her years of service with the City that her \$25 reconnect fee should be waived. All council members were in agreement that we must treat all citizens the same and that the disconnection fee should not be waived.

Mayor Estes read the basis for selection for the CDBG. He stated that he and the Clerk had graded each Engineering Firm and Consulting Firm. Advocated for a Better Community and Still Waters Engineering graded the highest. C. Elsberry made a motion to approve the Basis for Selection. M. Lawson seconded. All voted aye.

Chief Hendley gave the monthly police report. He also stated that the Police Department would like to start a neighborhood watch program. Chief Hendley also stated that the Police Department had plans to host a women's firearms training and would give more information as soon as plans were made.

The Council members were presented with a copy of the Beer, Liquor and Wine ordinance. T. Stanley made a motion to adopt the ordinance. R. Culpepper seconded. All voted aye.

Council members were present with a Mobile Home Application from M. Cook. After much discussion R. Culpepper made a motion to approve the Mobile Home Application. M. Lawson seconded. All voted aye. Note M. Cook abstained his vote.

At 7:52 p.m. R. Culpepper made a motion to go into executive session. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

At 7:58 p.m. the City Council Meeting was reopened to the public with it being stated that no action had been taken.

Mayor Estes presented the Council with the purposed budget for 2016. After much discussion C. Henderson made a motion to adopt the budget. M. Cook seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the city must re-hire the City Attorney. R. Culpepper made a motion to keep Toni Sawyer as the City Attorney. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the city must re-hire the City Clerk. R. Culpepper made a motion to keep Beth Smith as the City Clerk. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the city must re-hire the City Auditor. E. Elsberry made a motion to keep Long and Company as the City Auditor. R. Culpepper seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the city must appoint the Legal Newspaper for the City. R. Culpepper made a motion to keep The Cordele Dispatch as the Legal Newspaper for the city. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the city must reappoint the municipal judge. R. Culpepper made a motion to keep Shawn Rhodes as the Municipal Judge. C. Henderson seconded. All voted aye.

Mayor Estes stated that the city must appoint a Mayor Pro-tem. R. Culpepper made a motion to keep C. Elsberry as the Mayor Pro-tem. T. Staley seconded. All voted aye. Note C. Elsberry abstained her vote.

L. Brown stated the Fire Department had purchased a Fire Truck but also needed some additional equipment.

A. Stephens stated that the Well Maintenance Company will be here Thursday to drain the tank and do repairs. He ask L. Brown if the fire department could wash the streets and gutters. He stated that R. Culpepper had put side bodies on the dump truck. He also stated that the City needed to send S. McMillan to school as soon as possible.

T. Stanley stated the need for a sign at the river when it is at flood stage. He also stated the need for a gate to close the boat ramp.

R. Culpepper stated the 4-H had purchased the computer and printer. The price was \$598.98. C. Henderson made a motion for the city to donate \$598.98 to the Wilcox County 4-H. T. Stanley seconded. All voted aye.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by C. Henderson and seconded by R. Culpepper. All voted aye.

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