

City Council Meeting
February 2, 2009
6:00pm

Present: Mayor William Isley, Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, David Jones and Brian Skinner. Absent Wayne Tucker

Visitor: Charles McNutt

Mayor William Isley called for a moment of silence. John Coyne led us into the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Isley suspended the regular order of business to recognize our visitor.

Charles McNutt – sign at the Middle School

Mayor Isley advised Carole Dawkins was on the agenda, but asked if Charles McNutt could speak in her place. Mayor asked if anyone opposed to Mr. McNutt speaking. No one spoke of any opposition.

Mr. McNutt, 1101 Canoe Creek Road spoke as an elder of the Springville Presbyterian Church and said it has been brought to his attention that the middle school wishes to put up a flashing sign. He said this type of sign would be too modern and does not meet the historical requirements and hopes the city will not allow this type of sign.

Mayor Isley replied our City Attorney, Bill Weathington has been researching to see if the Middle School is in the historic district. If not, the school would be a governmental building and would not require approval of the city. Mayor Isley advised once all the questions have been answered the city will do what the law allows.

Resolution 2009-01, ALDOT Agreement for Phase One

Resolution 2009-01 is to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the preliminary engineering for roadway and drainage improvements on US Hwy 11 at Springville Middle School. Mayor Isley advised this is Phase One 80/20 grant. Federal funds \$ 160,000/ city funds \$ 40,000 plus any potential overruns. After discussion a motion was made by Katrina Hennings to adopt the resolution approving Mayor Isley entering into the agreement with ALDOT for the preliminary engineering for roadway and drainage improvements on US Hwy 11 at Springville Middle School. Motion was second by Hugh Marlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-02, ALDOT Agreement for Phase Two

Resolution 2009-02 is to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the utility and construction 80/20 grant for the roadway and drainage improvements on US Hwy 11 at Springville Middle School. Federal funds \$ 650,000/City funds \$160,000 plus any potential overruns. Motion to suspend the rules and consider was made by Herbert Toles, second by David Jones. Mayor Isley called for voice votes; Toles yea, Marlin yea, Hennings yea, Coyne yea, Jones yea, Skinner yea and Mayor Isley voting yea. Motion carried unanimously. Council discussed and agreed to wait until the engineering study was complete. Motion to table Resolution 2009-02 was made by Brian Skinner, second by John Coyne. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-03, Agreement with Southeastern Ecological & Energy Services

Resolution 2009-03 is to enter into an agreement with Southeastern Ecological & Energy Services (SEES) addressing solid waste disposal. Motion to suspend the rules to consider was made by David Jones, second by Herbert Toles. Mayor Isley called for voice votes: Toles yea, Marlin yea, Hennings yea, Coyne yea, Jones yea, Skinner yea and Mayor Isley voting yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to table Resolution 2009-03 was made by Katrina Hennings to allow the Council the time to seek further information concerning the agreement. Herbert Toles second the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement for December

Financial statement for December 2008 was presented. Motion to approve all the receipts and expenditures in the statement was made by David Jones, second by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Appointments

Mayor Isley made a recommendation to re-appoint Chip Martin to the Commercial Development Authority for a two year term, expiring in January 2011. Motion to approve was made by David Jones, second by John Coyne. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Isley advised he plans to meet with several citizens who were interested in serving on Commercial Development & Industrial Development Board and will bring recommendations to appoint at the next city council meeting.

Cameras for Big Springs Park

Council discussed purchasing security cameras for Big Springs Park at the cost of \$ 1, 500.00. Earl Peoples explained the cameras had internet capability, recording and backup tapes, which can be played on a computer onsite at the public works building. Motion to approve the purchase of three cameras at the total cost of \$1, 500.00 was made by Herbert Toles, second by John Coyne. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council Minutes

Minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 20th were presented. David Jones made a correction to add item # 4 Sports Complex on page one in reference to seeking grant funding. Several words were corrected to the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes after corrected was made by David Jones, second by John Coyne. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor Isley reports;

1. He explained the process held for the hiring of the Police Chief and that he, Wayne Tucker and John Coyne had interviewed ten applicants. After the interview process they agreed on the same person chosen for the Police Chief position. Mayor Isley said he called each one of the remaining councilmember's and they agreed unanimously on the person chosen by the committee. Mayor Isley advised he contacted Gregory Charles who has accepted the Police Chief position and will attend the work session on March 2nd at 5:00pm to meet the City Council and then will be appointed by Resolution at the City Council meeting at 6:00pm.

2. He read a letter from the County Highway department asking if the city would like to contract for the tar and gravel of city streets. Mayor asked each Councilmember to provide a list of streets at the next council meeting.

3. He stated the audit report for year ending September 30, 2008 is complete and will invite Ben Vance, City auditor to attend the next work session for any questions the council might have.

Brian Skinner, District 7 reported;

1. He thanked Earl for the tour of the property behind The Gardens and invited others to look at the property. He read an email from Charles Griffin, previous Mayor who said this property was purchased for a new sports complex. Skinner said he feels the city should budget more money for parks and if there are not enough funds for a new complex, consider using this property for practice fields.

2. He asked Chief Harvey if emergency lighting has been put in place at the library. Chief Harvey replied Earl Peoples is looking into this to see what can be done.

3. He reported complaints from citizens about additional lighting between Sal's up to the Methodist Church, since it is so dark. Earl Peoples will check with Alabama Power on this.

David Jones, District 6 reported;

He has already discussed items with Earl Peoples and has nothing else to report.

John Coyne, District 5 reported;

1. He thanked the Public Works Department for the repairs to the VFW, which look great.

2. He advised the date for Take your Kid Fishin at Big Springs park is May 23rd.

Katrina Hennings, District 4 reported;

She was told a petition was presented by citizens on Spring Street to install speed breakers due to the traffic during school hours and speeding. Council discussed and agreed there was discussion in the last administration, but made a recommendation to research before considering.

Hugh Marlin, District 2 reported;

1. He asked Earl Peoples the status of the sound system for the Council chambers. Earl said he is looking at different systems to see what would work best. Mayor Isley asked Earl Peoples to research and bring back to the Council soon.

2. He discussed leaving the sign ordinance in place and to appoint a department head to approve banners instead of coming before the city council. Council discussed and agreed to address this in a work session on February 16th to discuss further.

Herbert Toles, District 1 reported;

1. He asked if the cleaning up process had started on the property purchased on Walker Drive. Mayor Isley replied yes the inside is almost ready and also to have the vehicles removed soon.

2. He asked if Louise Campbell, city grant writer was seeking grant funding for a library. Mayor Isley advised she was checking to see what grants might be available for the City to apply.

Mayor Isley called on James Hill, City Attorney to address the flashing sign request from the Middle School. James Hill read amendment #1 from the Historic Ordinance that addresses illuminated signs are not permitted in the Historical District; However if the school is not in the Historical District the school would fall under the City Sign Ordinance.

Since the Historical Ordinance and its Amendments supersedes the City Sign Ordinance we need to determine if the Middle School falls in the Historic District. Mayor Isley suggested we not take any action until status of the historic district is confirmed. Council agreed unanimously.

Motion was made by John Coyne, second by Herbert Toles to adjourn at approx. 7:45pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk

Mayor William Isley