

City Council Meeting
April 20, 2009
6:00 P.M.

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

Visitors: Phillip Gleason representative from “The Gardens” Homeowner’s Association
Bobby Byrd Principal, Springville Elementary School

Mayor William Isley introduced Jerry Rhoades, Pastor of Clear Branch United Methodist Church who was asked to give the invocation. John Coyne led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Isley suspended the regular order of business to recognize our visitors:

Visitors:

Bobby Byrd, Principal of the Springville Elementary School addressed the City Council asking them to consider a contribution to further educate children with new technologies and teaching styles. He is seeking contributions from various businesses and his goal is to purchase document cameras and a LCD projector for the remaining second thru fourth grade classrooms.

He advised the State budget was cut this year and looks like next year, he has applied for a grant, but was denied. He said \$20,000 should cover the cost for the equipment and asked the Council to consider a \$10,000 contribution. If approved by the Council he will call on several businesses for a contribution. Mayor Isley asked the Council if they would like to table at this time or take action. Motion was made by Herbert Toles to approve a \$10,000 contribution towards the purchase of the cameras and projectors. Motion was second by Wayne Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Isley gave a report concerning the status of the streets being paved in “The Gardens”. Developer, Paul Kell has been contacted and plans to pave the streets in the subdivision; However he is still waiting on the approval from the State of Alabama concerning the turn lanes off Highway 11. Mr. Kell has been contacted to put the final wearing layer on Arbor Lane and Trellis Circle, but to hold off on the entrance roads, until the turn lanes on Highway 11 was approved. Once this is complete and signed off by Public Works Superintendent, Earl Peoples the City will start the completion date and re-inspect one year from that date. If the roads meet the City’s specification they will be accepted as City dedicated streets.

Mayor Isley called on Phillip Gleason, Representative for “The Gardens Homeowner’s Association. Mr. Gleason thanked Mayor Isley for the report on the streets; however there is concern with repairs to the curbs and sidewalks. Council Katrina Hennings, replied she has talked with Paul Kell about the roads and feels he will address the curbs and sidewalks. Mayor Isley asked Earl Peoples to visit the subdivision and report to Paul Kell the concerns.

RESOLUTION 2009-09, Federal Economic Monies

Resolution 2009-09 was tabled from April 6th meeting. If adopted this resolution will commit the City to buy products in the United States to help create jobs and boost the economy.

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Mayor Isley called on Attorney James Hill, who suggested certain language be revised to State “we will purchase American produced products pursuant to the guidelines requiring as set forth in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”. Council discussed and suggested if adopted, a copy be sent to vendors that supply the products.

Greg England, United Steelworkers Rapid Response Coordinator, addressed the Council to explain the purpose of this resolution is to make everyone aware that if they receive stimulus money to agree to purchase products from the United States instead of overseas. If we do this we can help boost the economy and help put our people back to work. After discussion, a motion was made by David Jones to allow Attorney James Hill to change the suggested language in the resolution and approve the Resolution. Motion was second by Wayne Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-10, Streetscape Grant

Mayor Isley called for a motion to suspend the rules to consider Resolution 2009-10 at this meeting. Motion was made by Katrina Hennings, second by Hugh Marlin. Mayor called for voice votes: Toles yea, Marlin yea, Tucker yea, Hennings yea, Coyne yea, Jones yea, Skinner yea, and Mayor Isley voting yea.

Council discussed the approval for plans to be prepared by Jones, Blair, Waldrup and Tucker for the streetscape project on Main Street, between Park Avenue and Robinson Street. Brian Skinner stated this was a lot of money for just one block and suggested the city consider changing the scope of the work up to the Methodist Church. Council agreed to contact our grant writer, Louise Campbell to check with someone at the State, to see if we could extend the scope of the work up to 2 or 3 blocks. Ms. Campbell was also asked to check with the engineer to see if there was enough money in the grant to change the scope of the work as suggested. It was also suggested to check with the engineer to see if he could guarantee the plans by the deadline date. After discussion a motion was made by Katrina Hennings, second by Herbert Toles to approve Jones, Blair, Waldrup and Tucker to proceed with preparing the required plans for the streetscape grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Isley provided copies of the following to the Council.

1. Sports & Leisure Committee appointed to provide input and recommendations to the Mayor & Council relating to issues involving parks and recreation. Katrina Hennings is the Liaison appointed to work with committee members.

2. Council Meeting Protocol and Procedure requirements. He feels this will keep the meeting in a much orderly manner, limit time for reports, public speaking, limit questions addressed to department heads on items that could be taken care of prior to the council meeting. Council discussed and suggested the work session start at 5:00pm instead of 5:30pm to allow additional time for discussion. After discussion, leave the work session at 5:30pm and change as additional time might be needed.

Mayor Isley reminded everyone of the town public meeting scheduled for April 23rd at 6:00pm at the Springville Middle School Auditorium. The Public Works Department will take the questionnaires a provide a list of the top 5 concerns the citizens would like to see addressed by the Council.

He presented an award the City received from the State of Alabama National Association, Alabama Chapter of Alabama for Outstanding Planning award for the Comprehensive Plan 2009.

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Herbert Toles requested to place Elaine Street and Mountain Drive for discussion on the agenda for May 11th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Tucker at approx 7:40pm. Hugh Marlin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk

Mayor William Isley, Jr.