

Special Called Council Work Session
July 12, 2010 9:00AM

Present: Mayor William Isley, Wayne Tucker, Katrina Hennings, David Jones, Brian Skinner, Hugh Marlin

Absent: Herbert Toles, John Coyne

Mayor William Isley called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss locations for the sports complex.

David Jones asked whether the decision on the location of the sports complex must be made prior to the July 31 deadline for issuance of the RZED bonds or if the bonds could be issued to purchase property or develop existing property and the final decision be made when more information is available regarding the properties in question. James Hill said that he had requested an answer on this matter from Matt Adams with Morgan-Keegan, who said that he would check with the State of Alabama and report back to Mr. Hill.

The council discussed the proposed locations for the sports park and also a proposal involving the St. Clair County Commission, and the cities of Ashville, Odenville, and Springville to build a Tri-City Complex.

Advantages and disadvantages of each property were detailed and Mr. Jim Walker spoke regarding the issues associated with building a road into the Walker property and wetland issues with that property. Several issues were discussed including the possibility of selling the Walker property, the required buffer zone between the Sparks property and commercial development, options on sale of the Sparks property in the future, and the possibility of purchase of the Wright property or Coon property as additional areas for consideration.

After lengthy discussion, Mayor William Isley asked James Hill to have an answer to the question of whether the property must be specified before the bonds are issued or if there will be more time to continue the discussion after the bond deadline of July 31. James Hill said that he should have the answer for the regular meeting on July 19. All of the council members present indicated that they were in favor of issuing the bonds to be used for a future sports complex, but were unsure of the best location for the complex.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Kelli Lee, City Clerk

Mayor William Isley