

Regular Session Minutes of the Council of the City of Dora, Alabama

January 27, 2015

The Council of the City of Dora, Alabama met in the Dora Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Mayor Randy Stephens. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Randy Stephens.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Stephens. Roll call was taken by Marcy Brown. Present at the meeting were, Robert Busby, Richard Lovelady, Clyde Nix, Betty Sanders, George Sides, Jr., Gary Thomas, and Hezekiah Walker. A quorum was in attendance.

The minutes of the January 13, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Busby to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Gary Thomas. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Mayor Stephens stated that plans were being discussed for ideas regarding a golf clubhouse. This is just in the beginning stages. The employee handbook had been discussed at previous workshops with more planned in the future.

Item # 7 – Bill List – A motion was made by Gary Thomas to approve the bill list for 1/12/2015. The motion was seconded by George Sides, Jr. All in Favor and the motion passed.

Item #8—East Walker Chamber of Commerce Request – Cheevee Whitfield addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the City of Dora entering a contract with the chamber in exchange for the services they would provide to the city. This would be an annual contract in the amount of \$500.00. This fee will be in lieu of the membership fee. Copies of the agreement were left for review by the Mayor and Council.

Item #9 – Resolution #1-2015 ALDOT – George Sides, Jr. made a motion for the passing of Resolution #1-2015, which is the agreement with ALDOT for the grass cutting of the median on highway 78. Clyde Nix seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Robert Busby – Yes; Richard Lovelady – Yes; Clyde Nix –Yes; George Sides, Jr. - Yes; Betty Sanders –Yes; Gary Thomas – Yes; Hezekiah Walker – Yes; and Randy Stephens, Yes. The motion passed.

Item #10 – Park Department Discussions – After a lengthy discussion regarding the power bills at the T.S. Boyd building, Mayor Stephens suggested that the times for basketball practice be shortened to reduce the bills. Mr. Walker stated that since there are only 6 days left for practice that the current schedule for practice remain unchanged. Mr. Nix stated that we need to look for other means to heat the gym. George Sides, Jr., made a motion to keep the same schedule and continue as is until we can make changes for the basketball programs. Richard Lovelady seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

Gary Thomas made a motion to have a one day reduced registration of \$25.00 for one day, January 31, 2015, after that the fee will be \$35.00. Hezekiah Walker seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

After discussing the bill for prior uniforms from Mordecai Sporting Goods in the amount of \$2443.90, Gary Thomas made a motion that before we pay the bill that we gather information of where the uniforms are who has and has not paid, as well as payment arrangements with the park director regarding this bill. Clyde Nix seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

Item #11 – Logging –After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Elmore regarding the cutting of timber on his property and removing it with logging trucks, several suggestions were made on how to get the timber out without damaging the roads. Mayor Stephens stated that after several great ideas on some new suggested routes, that he could contact Jasper Lumber Company to discuss the new suggested route.

Item # 12 – Fire Department Request – George Sides, Jr. made a motion to purchase a streamlight portable scene light in the amount of \$530.00. Gary Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

Item # 13 – Civic Center Renovation – George Sides, Jr., passed information to the Mayor and Council regarding the renovation of the Civic Center. Improvements would involve replacing the lighting and ceiling tiles in the large auditorium, replacing the doors and hardware, painting the walls and stripping and waxing the floors. The funding would come out of the corrections fund account. After discussion among the council regarding what improvements were needed, Betty Sanders made a motion to spend up to \$18,000 for the renovation of the civic center large auditorium. . Clyde Nix seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

Item # 12 – Police Department Request – Chief Duchock requested a mobile classroom that would be given to the police department by the Walker county Board of Education. Owens Brothers would move the trailer for free. Mayor and Council did not want to bring the mobile classroom to the city hall. No motion was made on acquiring the mobile classroom. Request failed due to no motion.

Gary Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Robert Busby seconded the motion. All in favor and meeting adjourned.

Randy Stephens
Mayor

Marcy Brown
City Clerk