

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

January 26, 2016

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 Hezekiah Walker. 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 12, 2016 regular were reviewed. A motion was made by George Sides, Jr. to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Gary Thomas. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Mayor Stephens gave an update on the golf clubhouse, architect still working on finalizing the plans and should have within the week. The architect, Dan Gardner, suggested that we hire an interior decorator to help design the colors and interior design.

George Sides, Jr. made a motion to approve the 2016 fire officers – David Box, Asst. Fire Chief, Trevor Edwards – Captain, Landon Brown – 1st Lt., and Ethan Donaldson – 2nd Lt. Clyde Nix seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Stephens informed the council that the clinic would be ready for lease in February and asked for any suggestions in reference to the rules and regulations for the new lease.

George Sides, Jr. made a motion to purchase a 2016 dump truck for \$34,600.00 for the dump truck. Hezekiah Walker seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Robert Busby –No; Richard Lovelady –Yes; Clyde Nix – No; George Sides, Jr. - Yes, Betty Sanders –Yes; Gary Thomas – No; Hezekiah Walker – Yes; and Randy Stephens, No. The motion failed. 4 – Yes and 4 – No

Richard Lovelady made a motion to purchase a 1999 Freight Dump Truck for \$10,000.00 with a trade in of 1996 Ford 150 in the amount of \$200.00, 1990 F700 - \$500.00, 1987 F800 \$2200.00 making the total amount \$7800.00. Gary Thomas seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Robert Busby –Yes; Richard Lovelady –Yes; Clyde Nix – Yes; George Sides, Jr. - No, Betty Sanders –Yes; Gary Thomas – Yes; Hezekiah Walker – Yes; and Randy Stephens, Yes. The motion passed. 7 – Yes and 1 – No

Item #7— Bill List - A motion was made by George Sides, Jr. x to approve the bill list for 1/26/2016. The motion was seconded by Robert Busby. All in favor and the motion passed.

Item #8 – Paige Skalnik – Paige Skalkik addressed the mayor and council regarding any help that could be given to Dora High School. The mayor stated that while we may not be able to offer monetary support, we could give proclamations from the city, award recognition, as well as proclamation for the February 17 National Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Item #9 – Presentation of the 2014-2015 Annual Audit – Mayor Stephens presented the annual audit to the council and stated that the audit went well and we had no material weaknesses or deficiencies.

Item #10 – Park Restrooms – Discussion was made on the restrooms at the city park and after several suggestions, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #11 – Police Department Requests – Clyde Nix made a motion to approve the installation of new microphones in the police department by Security Solutions in the amount \$941.00. Gary Thomas seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Robert Busby –Yes; Richard Lovelady –Abstain; Clyde Nix – Yes; George Sides, Jr. - No, Betty Sanders –Yes; Gary Thomas – Yes; Hezekiah Walker – No; and Randy Stephens, Yes. The motion passed. 5 – Yes 2 – No 1 Abstain

Item #12 – Fire Department Requests – After discussing the issue with the hiring of a part time or full time fireman, and possibly the hiring of a paramedic, George Sides, Jr. made a motion to table the discussion until more information was gathered and a workshop was scheduled. Hezekiah Walker seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

George Sides, Jr. made a motion to purchase lights to aid the firemen in their calls. Clyde Nix seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

George Sides, Jr. made a motion to send 5 firemen to fire school, which involves an overnight stay, and allow them to spend up to \$1000.00 for the training, hotel room, and food. Gary Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

George Sides, Jr. made a motion to purchase a command board for the fire department at a cost of \$216.00. Gary Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was passed.

Item #13 – Charles Keel Driveway Issue - Mayor Stephens led the discussion regarding the entrance to Mr. Keels property. The city is going to repair the issued with the driveway since the sidewalk project and paving of Sharon Blvd. caused the problem of a deep drop-off causing vehicles to drag as they leave Sharon Blvd. and pull into Mr. Keel’s driveway.

Item #14 – Margaret Taylor – Lockerbie Subdivision – After allowing Mrs. Taylor to address the council regarding the problems with the ditch in the Lockerbie Subdivision, Mayor Stephens stated that the city would look into redirecting the ditch onto the city right of way as to allow the city to work on it. The current ditch is on private property.

Item #15 – Insurance Renewal – Richard Lovelady made the motion to approve the renewal of the yearly annual insurance premium with Boyars Wright Insurance. Gary Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Richard Lovelady made a motion to approve the insurance rider for the safety and loss control at a cost of \$1331.90 (5% of the annual workman’s comp premium). This will give the city a 5% discount on the annual premium. Richard Lovelady also requested that we try to negotiate with Haig Wright a cheaper price. Gary Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item #16 – Street Department Tractor – George Sides, Jr. made a motion to purchase a John Deere 7130 tractor from the State of Alabama DOT at a cost of \$60,000.00. Richard Lovelady seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Robert Busby –Yes; Richard Lovelady –Yes; Clyde Nix – No; George Sides, Jr. - Yes, Betty Sanders –Yes; Gary Thomas – No; Hezekiah Walker – No; and Randy Stephens, Yes. The motion passed. 5 – Yes 3 – No

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

Randy Stephens
Mayor

Marcy Brown
City Clerk