

Council Meeting
April 15, 2019

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Michael Purvis, Vivian Sharpe and Jody Greene.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry and several members of the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor.

Fire Truck Bids: City manager John Flythe advised the council that the low bid presented at the last meeting for a fire truck had been reviewed and does meet the specifications requested. A purchase order will be issued for the truck.

Ord #19-01: This ordinance, establishing a Temporary High Load Factor Schedule THLF-1 electric tariff, was read for the second time. Councilman Paige made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor. It is noted that this tariff was presented at the last meeting and should have been a first reading only with no vote. The vote taken tonight is to be the official action on the ordinance.

Building Encroachment (Dental Equipment LLC): The council was advised that the former Adel Grocery Company building located at 115 N. Maple Street that has been purchased by Dental Equipment LLC is encroaching on the City of Adel's roadway. The amount of encroachment is .023 acres and has been this way for probably 30 years. Attorney Tim Tanner advised we have received the completed plat from Carter Surveying, LLC that identifies tract 2 with the .023 acres. He noted we have three options: (1) lease the property that is no longer needed (2) issue a quit-claim deed or (3) possibly provide an easement. He noted that if the company is financing the purchase of the building, it could possibly create a problem if we lease this portion to them as is could create a title problem. He stated it may be cleaner to deed the property to them since it is such a small amount or grant an easement. He recommended abandoning this portion of the roadway and issue a quit-claim deed to Dental Equipment, LLC. Mayor Duke questioned the cost of the legal fees. Attorney Tanner stated it should be around \$250 and under Title 32, the City could negotiate since the fair market value is under the specified threshold. Councilman Paige made a motion to abandon the .023 acres as depicted on a survey dated February 14, 2019 by Carter Surveying, LLC and identified as tract 2 since it is no longer needed for public purposes. Councilman Purvis seconded. All were in favor. Councilman Purvis then made a second motion to sell the .023 acres to Dental Equipment, LLC at an amount of \$250 which should be equivalent to the fair market value. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Shooting Incident: Chief Castleberry briefed the council on the incident that occurred on Saturday night at The Stage Event Center located at 105 W. 1st Street. There were between 300-500 people present at the location with kids ranging as young as 12 years of age up to adult age. The incident, which occurred just before 1:00 a.m., resulted in the death of an 18 yr. old from Tifton, another victim shot in the back resulting in spinal injuries, a 14 yr. old that was grazed and another that was trampled over. He noted there was a strong presence of marijuana, with drugs littering the Goody's parking lot located across the street as well as the event center itself, as well as alcohol. The crime scene extended over 2 blocks with over 90 shell casings being recovered. He expressed concern about the number of people that were in the building and the number of officers they have to respond. He stated the building inspector had posted the building today and it was his understanding the owner is revoking the lease. He urged those present to find out what information they can as individuals who were present that night are not wanting to talk. He further stated that flyers advertising the event included a caption of "Adel vs Moultrie vs. Tifton vs Valdosta". The GBI has stated there was gang involvement. Attorney Tim Tanner discussed some options to consider in an ordinance, whether it be for an event center or teen center. He noted it is hard to keep control as facilities try to get around the alcohol license requirements with an attempt to shift to a sub-leasee. He discussed the ability to revoke general business licenses. He noted there is always an attempt to get around the requirements but he will present ideas at the next meeting. He also noted the fire department can play a vital role regarding occupancy level. Chief Castleberry further stated that a summons was issued today to the person operating a facility at the intersection of Elm & Pine Streets. They are calling for private parties, such as birthday parties, but charging an entry fee or giving away free drinks. When asked about the mutual aid received Saturday night, Chief Castleberry stated assistance was received from the Cook County Sheriff's Department as well as Berrien, Lowndes and the Georgia State Patrol. It was the consensus of the council for the city attorney to begin work on an ordinance.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke, Mayor
