

**Note: The following council meetings were cancelled due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic:**

March 16, 2020

April 6, 2020

April 20, 2020

May 4, 2020

**Council Meeting  
May 18, 2020**

The meeting was held by teleconference due to the continued social distancing requirements and governor's order of a state of emergency that has been continued until June 12, 2020.

Members in Attendance: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Vivian Sharpe and Jody Greene.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Randy Lane, Brandie Dame and Charles Shiver, representing the Adel News Tribune.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020 and March 21, 2020. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

General Condition of the City: Mayor Buddy Duke opened the meeting by stating that the city is continuing to work with a "skeleton" crew four days a week. Most departments have half their employees working 2 days per week with the remaining half working the other 2 days. There hasn't been a break in the numbers as of yet so we will re-address later the possibility of reopening and returning full staff on Just 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that we have had some tests conducted on a local level that we are waiting results on and want to give that extra window of time before bringing all employees back together. He noted that Mitchell County had 34 positives cases six weeks ago and are now at 385. Cook County is maintaining at 33 positives right now. We want to do what we can to try and maintain a low number. He further stated that in reference to yard debris that remains beside the road, which is related to the tornado held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are continuing to make headway. We do have a knuckle boom that is down and with a short crew, white goods are sitting, but we will get to those later. There remains a lot of debris, it's a slow process, but we are getting to it the best we can.

Ord. #20-03: This ordinance, adopting Article III, "City Marshal" of Chapter 46, Law Enforcement, of the Code of Ordinances, was read for the second time. Councilman Greene made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

Res. #20-03: This resolution, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreements related to the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and City of Adel, was presented to the council. This agreement is for the Alabama Road Improvements that will begin behind the Wal-Mart location and extend over to State Route Hwy 76. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Res. #20-04: This resolution, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreements related to the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and City of Adel, was presented to the council. This agreement is for the turn lanes at the new recreation facility on State Route 37. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Fire Department Bids (Turn Out Gear): Bids were received for turn-out gear and were as follows:

Bennett Fire Products Company	\$12,808.00
The Fire Store	\$13,341.80
Darley Fire Equipment	\$13,329.80

Councilman Paige made a motion to accept the low bid. Councilman Greene seconded. There were no opposing votes.

Fire Department Bids (SCBA Bottles): Bids were received for SCBA bottles and were as follows:

American Safety & Fire House	\$26,192
Municipal Emergency Services	\$23,175

Councilman McClain made a motion to accept the low bid. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

Electric Department Bids (Tree Trimming): Bids were accepted for tree trimming and were as follows:

Asplund Experts	\$103.49 per hour
Kendal Vegetation Services	\$156.54 per hour

Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to accept the low bid. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Property Acquisition: Property has been identified, along with the obtaining of appraisals, for right of way associated with the extension of Alabama Rd. from its location behind Wal Mart over to State Highway 76. A 1.86 acre strip, owned by Sirmans Brothers, Inc., located in Tax Map 0040A, Parcel 006, has been agreed to at a price of \$43,000. A .12 acre strip, owned by AFI Holdings, Inc., located in Tax Map 0040A, Parcel 012, has been agreed to at a price of \$15,000 plus a water and sewer tap, provided

the taps are available within reason. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the purchase of properties. Councilman McClain seconded. All were in favor.

Recreation Bids – The city manager advised that bids have been received for the new recreation complex. The engineer is currently reviewing the low bid and working on value added negotiating for the lighting package and a couple other items. This project will be funded by sales tax proceeds. The bids will be brought before the council upon completion of the engineer’s review for bid award.

Budget Amendments: City Clerk Rhonda Rowe advised the council of the following final budget amendments/fund adoptions recommended before completion of the FY2019 audit report:

General Fund – Amendment of \$51,699.60 (transfer loan amount expense from electric fund to general fund of \$51,000 and \$699.60 from the CDBG fund to general fund)

Confiscated Assets Fund – Amend by net adjustment of \$3,163.15

2018 Chip Grant Fund – Adopt budget to allow for \$239.00 advertising expense

T-Splost Fund – Adopt budget to allow for revenue proceeds of \$93,581.00

Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the budget adjustments with Councilman Greene providing the second. All were in favor.

Housing Authority Appointment: The term for Altheia Paige has expired as an appointee on the housing authority board. The housing authority has recommended Mrs. Paige’s reappointment and she has agreed to continue serving, if reappointed. Councilman Greene made a motion to reappointment Mrs. Paige to the board. Councilman McClain seconded. Councilman Paige abstained since Mrs. Paige is his wife; Councilwoman Sharpe abstained since Mrs. Paige is her sister. With only 2 voting members and 2 abstaining, it was decided to table this item until after the election on June 9, 2020, at which time the vacant seat, council-at-large, will be filled. This item will be brought back before the council after that date.

Alabama Road Route Discussion: Mr. Flythe advised the council that for the completion of the Alabama Road extension, the two critical parcels needed for this project were voted on earlier in tonight’s meeting. There is one other piece of property for consideration that runs behind Wal-Mart over to County Farm Road. Mike Williams, Williams Investment Company, has asked if we could move the north end of the road back towards the interstate to straighten the road. He has agreed with the proposed road design but wants the City to move the current lift station and make a change on the north side by Western Sizzlin. Mr. Flythe noted that we have a housing development looking at property near Wal-Mart and have asked our engineer to check on the demand and available capacity for utilities. If we move the lift station halfway south from its current location, where it would be straight across the interstate from the lift station on W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and do a direct bore, it would eliminate 4 stations that the sewer would have to travel through. The State is pushing to proceed with this 1<sup>st</sup> T-SPLOST project so Mr. Flythe has agreed to meet with Mr. Williams to see if an agreeable solution could be worked out;

if not, and we run into a snag, we will proceed with the road as planned and designed. We are hoping to begin work in the fall of this year. Mr. Flythe further stated that this \$2 million project is being paid for with funds designated through the Department of Transportation. The cost of the right-of-way acquisition may not be reimbursable, which is at \$58,000.

Other Business:

Vivian Sharpe – Has received a lot of calls about yard debris. Also contacted about concerns with the cemetery on Hwy 76. It was noted the cemetery was cleaned on Saturday.

Terry McClain – Has received complaints about speeding on Bear Creek extension. He has been in contact with the city manager and they are working on this.

Buddy Duke – Noted the shelter in place is until June 12, 2020 and he had received a call in reference to a group gathered at the basketball courts at Jim Battle late Sunday afternoon.

The City is continuing to waive penalties and cut-offs for utilities at the present time and working with individuals.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

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Luther L. Duke III, Mayor

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