

Council Meeting
May 6, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Celeste Hayes and Jody Greene.

Others Present: City Manager Mark Barber, City Clerk Rhonda Rowe, City Attorney Tim Tanner, members of staff and the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jr. Chamber Board Members: Three members of the Adel-Cook Chamber of Commerce Jr. Board were present and recognized.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024 as presented. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Georgia Municipal Association Region 11 Officer Selection: The council was advised that the final annual selection of Region 11 officers will be voted on at the annual convention in June. The nominating committee's recommendations, selected by current district officers, have been sent to the council and the ballot must be in by May 17th. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to approve submittal of the ballot with the proposed slate of nominees. Councilman McClain seconded. All were in favor.

Utility Task Vehicle (Street Dept): Bids on a utility vehicle to assist with litter retrieval from roadways, maintenance of downtown areas, and use at festival and special events were received. Bids were as follows:

Stone Outdoor Power Center – Bandit 550 – 2 Seater	\$13,800
Stone Outdoor Power Center – Bandit 750 – 2 Seater	\$15,000
Stone Outdoor Power Center – Bandit 750 – 4 Seater	\$17,000
Honda of South Georgia (Tifton – Honda SXS 700 M4R	\$17,000

This item was included in the FY2024 approved budget in the amount of \$20,000. City staff requests approval to purchase the Bandit 750 – 2 Seater at a price of \$15,000. Councilman McClain asked if the 750 was a larger engine than the 550? He was advised that it was and would have larger towing capacity. Councilwoman Hayes questioned what the wench is for. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve purchase of the Bandit 750 – 2 Seater for \$15,000 with the option to secure financing. Councilman McClain seconded. All were in favor.

Truck Bids (Water Dept): Bids were received on a Super Crew ½ ton 4 x 2 Pickup truck for use in the water department. This vehicle will replace a 2002 vehicle experiencing increased maintenance costs each year. There was only one bid received and it was as follows:

Cook County Ford	\$46,216.52
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This item was included in the current fiscal year budget in the amount of \$37,000. The water department's budget included a vac trailer that will not be purchased this year; therefore mitigating the unfavorable budget deficit if the purchase is approved. Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve the purchase with the option to secure financing. Councilman Greene seconded. The decision was unanimous.

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This item was included in the current fiscal year budget in the amount of \$37,000. The street department's budget included a tractor that will not be purchased this fiscal year; therefore mitigating the unfavorable budget deficit if the purchase is approved. Councilman Green made a motion to approve the purchase with the option to secure financing. Councilman Cowart seconded. There were no opposing votes.

Truck Bids (Sewer Dept): Bids were received on a Super Crew ½ ton 4 x 4 Pickup for use in the sewer department. There was only one bid received and it was as follows:

Cook County Ford	\$47,953.52
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This item was included in the current budget in the amount of \$45,000. Councilman Paige asked why a 4 x 4 was needed. Mr. Barber explained this vehicle will be for use at the sewer treatment plant. Some areas they have to get to out there are wet and muddy. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the purchase with the option to secure financing. Councilman Cowart seconded. All were in favor.

Truck Bids (Electric Dept): Bids were received on a Super Crew ¾ ton 4 x 2 Pickup for use by the electric department. There was only one bid received and it was as follows:

Cook County Ford	\$45,865.04
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This item is in the current fiscal year budget in the amount of \$50,000. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the purchase with the option to secure financing. Councilman Cowart seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Cook County Library Board Appointment: The council was advised that Judy Stracke’s appointment to the board will expire on June 30, 2024. She has agreed to serve for another term if appointed. The appointment will be for a three year term that will begin on July 1, 2024. The library board submitted a letter requesting her reappointment. Councilman McClain made a motion o reappoint Ms. Stracke to the board. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

Staff Comments:

Mark Barber – Provided the council with copies of the electrical rate tariffs for informational purposes.

Provided the council with hard copies of the FY2022 audit report.

Noted that it was Municipal Clerks Week and recognized Rhonda Rowe for her service.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes - Councilwoman Hayes stated that she had several people that have asked her why we need a Starbucks when we have an Elianos. Mayor Duke responded that people come because they want to do business. We cannot deny them a business license to operate. It is a free enterprise. We have a lot of gas stations, but we can’t stop another from being built. It’s a feather in our cap for a nationally recognized company like Elianos and Starbucks to decide to come here. It’s an opportunity for them to come to Adel, just like if we get any other big box type store. Just like we’ve tried to talk to Cracker Barrel, if they decided to come, it’s a plus for us. It’s not a matter of why do we need one; it’s a wow, that we were fortunate enough to attract a nationally recognized company to want to come to Adel, Georgia. It is a positive.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke, Mayor
