

6/21/2021 – Council Meeting Cancelled

Council Meeting
July 6, 2021

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

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

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021 as presented. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

Water Tank Lease Agreement: The owner of the original water tank lease for communication purposes (Power Automedia) has sold his business to FloSports, Inc and needs to transfer the tower lease to the new company. The lease is for the attachment of internet equipment on the water tank to live broadcast racing events. The city attorney has reviewed and made changes to be sure the agreement is in compliance. Councilman Greene made a motion to accept the transfer to the new company. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. All were in favor.

CDBG-MIT Grant Subrecipient Agreement: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the execution of the subrecipient agreement for the grant we were awarded for the installation of the emergency services radio tower communications system. It is basically an outline of the terms and conditions of the grant. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Advanced Cylinder & Tank Discussion: City attorney Tim Tanner advised the council that as requested, he had written a letter to Bruce Roberts, owner of Advanced Cylinder & Tank. Mr. Roberts has responded and intends to have an odor control mitigation plan complete by the end of the month. After a brief discussion, Mayor Duke suggested asking Mr. Roberts to make a presentation at the next meeting outlining his plan.

Insulation Bids (Animal Control Facility): Bids were received for the removal of existing ceiling tile and loose fill blown insulation and replacement with spray foam insulation and new ceiling tile at the animal control building. The existing insulation above the drop down ceiling has become rat infested again after being replaced two years ago. Bids were as follows:

Will Insulation Company	-	\$6,864.00
Quality Insulation	-	\$7,400.00

City Manager John Flythe noted this does affect the health of employees and asked the council to accept the low bid. Mayor Duke noted that rodents can't eat through the spray poly foam insulation. Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve the low bid. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Dr. Treva Gear: Dr. Gear came before the council expressing the need for a formal complaint process. In order to serve the citizens, we need this process available on the website, which also needs to be updated. She stated citizens shouldn't have to get a form to address the council, this is not a secret society, they should be able to come into the meeting and talk. She noted there is no written record at the city concerning complaints about Advanced Cylinder & Tank and others. If nothing's written, it's almost like it didn't happen. You can't pass the buck. It doesn't have to be a digital complaint process or you don't have to buy a program but there needs to be a form available and a person to send it to. People need to know its available. It needs to be actionable as well; that way people won't have to show up at a meeting to get something done. Secondly, she asked what has been done concerning Blockstream? Last time they came here, there was a noise study being done. The Tiveron's and others have been complaining for about 2 years. She asked if anyone had a report? There was no report. She had a copy of a portion of the memorandum of understanding the Adel Industrial Development Authority signed that she gave to the council. It states that noise levels are not to exceed 60 decibels from 500' of the property line of Blockstream. She asked if the other council members were aware of this, outside of the two that serve on the Economic Development Commission. She asked why we can't uphold the document and agreement? We just want yall to uphold the laws, nuisance ordinances and this memorandum of understanding. It's a piece of paper that doesn't mean anything without action. She then held up a canister that she stated contained ethyl mercaptan. She asked the council if they minded if she opened it up since they say it's okay for the citizens of Adel to smell it, is it okay if she opens it? The mayor stated he wouldn't advise it, he asked her not to open the canister. Why do you want to stink up the room? She then stated these residents have smelled it for over 10 years. She then asked for anyone here because of the smell to stand up because you are sick and tired of the ethyl mercaptan, which is highly toxic, being spread throughout the community. It is not alleged, it does give people headaches. It seeps into their home. It is a problem. Mayor Duke then advised Dr. Gear her five minutes were up. She concluded by asking the council to follow the law.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
