

Council Meeting  
August 7, 2023

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

Others Present: City Manager Mark Barber, City Clerk Rhonda Rowe, Police Chief Chad Castleberry, Attorney Tim Tanner, other staff employees and members of the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Greg Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023 as presented. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Alcohol License (Rudyjose Restaurant Services, LLC): The council was presented with an on-premises alcohol license application request from Rudyjose Restaurant Services, LLC located at 112 S. Hutchinson Avenue. All documentation has been completed and reviewed. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the issuance of the license. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Staff Comments:

Utility Billing Update: City Manager Mark Barber advised that the programmer is running parallel testing on the provision of the \$400 credit and 24 month payment plan. We plan to go live with this process on the next billing.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes – Asked about the status of the paving for Lavind Way, Bill Street and Ayers Street? She was advised that we have been told the erosion control plan should be completed sometime in August and that is what we are waiting on before we can move forward.

Executive Session: Councilman Paige made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Following executive session, the council returned to regular session.

Council Comments:

Terry McClain – Asked if there was an update on Blockstream? Mr. Barber advised the services have been off since July 21<sup>st</sup>. The next steps would involve a discussion with counsel.

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, Mayor

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