

Council Meeting
March 17, 2014

Members Present: Mayor Richard C. Barr, members Jody Greene, Chandler Hill, Buddy Duke, Greg Paige and Butch Fausett.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry, Wayne Giddens, members of the public and a member of the press.

Invocation was given by Councilman Fausett.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014 as presented. Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

Mega Mart Alcohol License Renewal: This item was brought back before the council following the issuance of a temporary license through today for Mega Mart located at 100 N. Hutchinson Avenue. Attorney Tim Tanner advised the council that they can either approve the license and grant the renewal or table any action pending a hearing to determine whether or not to grant the license. This hearing cannot be less than five nor more than 30 days from the date of service of notice upon the applicant. It is noted there is a current case pending in court for underage sales that was made by the Georgia Department of Revenue. Councilman Duke stated there were essentially two issues here, one being to decide whether to have a hearing and secondly, we're waiting on the disposition from the court that will be made on March 26th. Attorney Tanner added that the decision before council can be made without consideration of the court decision. Councilman Fausett questioned their prior charge involving the sale of synthetic marijuana and if there was something in the code that prevented the council from issuing a license to sell alcohol due to that incident. The attorney stated the defendant entered a 1st offender plea agreement in superior court, but the answer is no, the issuance of a license is not dependent on any other charges. He also advised the council that they could not deny his application without an opportunity for a hearing. Councilman Fausett made a motion to table any action until the April 7, 2014 meeting. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor. Councilman Paige then made a motion to schedule a hearing for the April 7th meeting and send notification to the applicant. Councilman Fausett seconded. The decision was unanimous. Attorney Tanner stated the council needed to make a decision concerning his temporary license which is set to expire today. Councilman Fausett made a motion to deny continuation of his temporary license until the hearing. Councilman Paige seconded. Attorney Tanner advised we could not deny it. We could allow him to serve until the hearing but we can't take it away before then. Finally, Councilman Duke made a motion to extend his temporary license to sell until April 7th. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor with the exception of Councilman Hill, who opposed.

Alcohol License (Candice Tucker): Candice Tucker has applied for an alcohol license for her business, C & C Crabshack located at 809 N. Parrish Avenue. Following a review of her application, Councilman Duke made a motion to find the applicant qualified to obtain a license based on the information presented

and the clerk is authorized to issue the appropriate license upon payment of all fees. Councilman Fausett seconded. All were in favor.

Dumpster Bids – Bids were received for eight (8 cubic yd) dumpsters for the sanitation department. Bids were as follows:

Bakers Waste Equipment, Inc.	\$1044.00 each
Consolidated	\$1450.00 each
Cook County Welding & Machine, Inc.	\$1770.00 each
Carter's Welding	no bid

Councilman Paige made a motion to accept the low bid. Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

REDLG Intergovernmental Loan: City Manager John Flythe advised the council that he had received a visit from representatives of the City of Nashville. Since the City of Adel is qualified to apply for a rural economic development loan grant (REDLG), they are asking us to apply. They will pay for all the fees and they have sufficient reserves to pledge against the loan which is anticipated to be for 10 years. We will apply for grant funds along with this. Two things need to be decided. (1) Does the council want to do this and (2) Does our council want to retain the grant funds to go to an economic fund for us? If we decide to do this, he would like to run this through the joint development authority which includes Berrien, Cook, Lowndes and Brooks counties. Mr. Flythe stated he would like for us to gain the experience in applying for one of these. This first one will take some "leg work", and attorney's fees but after the first one, we should be on automatic pilot. He asked for permission to go ahead and work this out. He added we will be fully secured with a cash instrument from the City of Nashville. Councilman Fausett verified that if the City of Nashville is paying all the fees it sounds to him that Adel would be acting basically as the fiscal agent since Adel is the only one qualified to apply for this kind of loan. Councilman Duke confirmed they were using this for a gas project and asked if they would receive the credit for the through put. Mr. Flythe stated Nashville would get the credit and they are extending their gas line to Alapaha. They have secured a grant to pay for ¾ of the cost and the balance is what they are wanting to borrow over a 10 year period. Councilman Duke made a motion to authorize the city manager to proceed. Councilman Fausett seconded with all members voting in favor.

Gas Project: The city manager advised the council that we have been approached by the City of Tifton asking for permission to run a gas line over into Cook County to serve a facility. In order to do this, they must (1) petition the public service commission for their concurrence and (2) any city or county wanting to go into another city or county must obtain permission from the incumbent gas supplier for that city or county to give permission. When the question came to our gas superintendent, Mr. Flythe felt we should run some numbers to see if it was feasible for us to serve this area. There are four major users between Adel and Lenox. The numbers do look positive. The gas superintendent has spoken briefly with the City of Lenox and they would be in favor of this but would want a franchise fee. He advised we would be working on this and will forward some numbers to the mayor and council when they are compiled.

Haz-Mat Truck: This truck was originally donated to us by the county and since we longer utilize this vehicle, they have asked that we return it to them. They will be using it for the fire program they are implementing within the county. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve returning the truck to the county. Councilman Duke seconded. The council expressed appreciation for the use of this vehicle. All were in favor of the motion.

Budget Amendments: Mayor Barr advised the council that before the fiscal year 2013 audit is finalized, staff is recommending approval to amend the budget in the confiscated assets special revenue fund by \$8,000 and the technology special revenue fund by \$19,500 to account for capital expenditures previously approved by council. Councilman Duke made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Proclamation for "Purple Heart City" Designation: After asking for all veterans to stand, Councilman Paige asked for the mayor and council's support in proclaiming Adel as a "purple heart city" in honor of the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedom of all Americans. He added that Port Wentworth is the only other city that has adopted this proclamation. It was the consensus of the council to approve this designation. Councilman Paige thanked the mayor and council who have always been pro military as well as Earl Hendrix who brought this idea forward.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Richard C. Barr, Mayor
