

Council Meeting
September 15, 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 and members of the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman Hill.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2014 as presented. Councilman Paige seconded with all in favor.

Ordinance #14-04: This ordinance, establishing the 2014 tax millage rate at 6.401 mills, was read for the second time. Councilman Duke made a motion to adopt the ordinance with Councilman Fausett seconding. The decision was unanimous.

Resolution #14-09: This resolution, adopting the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget, was presented to the council. Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the resolution followed by a second from Councilman Greene. All were in favor. During discussion, Councilman Paige recognized that people had worked hard getting this budget prepared.

Employee Bonuses: Mayor Barr stated the proposed budget includes a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for employees. However, one of the members had expressed giving a one-time \$1000 bonus instead as we had done several years ago. Mayor Barr stated that all our employees need more money, however, his concern is that the \$1000 would be spent and gone immediately as opposed to getting some additional money every week. Councilman Hill stated with the \$1000 they could see the money now, and that makes a difference. Councilman Paige stated that he was more apt to provide the bonus instead of the 2% raise. He also wanted the public to know that no one sitting around the table was in it for the money either. Councilman Fausett stated he wanted the employees to get \$1000 because they need it now. He further stated that he understood the finances between the 2% and \$1000, that with the raise, it would be there and you could figure out that in enough years that would be more money for them, but we've got citizens that need it now and have expressed that to him. Councilman Fausett then made a motion to amend the proposed budget from including a 2% COLA to a single \$1000 payment and make the necessary adjustments to balance the budget. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

Nuisance Abatement Protocol: A general discussion was held on ways to improve handling nuisance abatements and what our current ordinance dictates. This would include nuisances regarding both property and abandoned automobiles. Mayor Barr appointed a committee consisting of Attorney Tim Tanner, Chief Chad Castleberry, Investigator Bruce Hamm, City Manager John Flythe and Councilman Greg Paige to bring back a recommendation to the full council.

Temporary Road Closing (Cook Medical Center): Public Works Supt. Wayne Giddens advised the council of a request to close off James Street and N. Parrish Avenue in front of the hospital for their annual DIVA Day celebration. Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Richard C. Barr, Mayor
