

Council Meeting  
October 6, 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, Audie Rowe, Wayne Giddens, members of the public and a member of the press.

Invocation was given by Councilman Paige.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2014 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Alton White: Mr. White addressed the council concerning some outdated information on the city's website and an inoperable downloadable forms page. Mr. White stated that he would like to see the meeting minutes posted on the site as well. He further stated he would like to see the city's utilization of the public access channel by displaying the meetings on cable tv. As part of the FCC access, a franchise fee is being collected to provide public information on Mediacom. He felt that services available to our community are not being utilized and volunteered his time to help with this. He also expressed that every meeting should include a time for public comments on issues. Not a rant and rave time, but if the council is going to pass something that affects him, he should have the opportunity to express his opinion. He suggested placing a sign-in sheet at the door and allowing individuals five minutes to speak. He concluded by stating there are some things we are lacking in and since he is now retired, and has past experience in telemetry from NASA and the military, he has time to help and offered his services. Mayor Barr advised Mr. White that the council would take his recommendations under advisement.

Police Vehicle Bids: Bids were received for 2014 dodge chargers and were as follows:

Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep	\$23,136.00 each
Akins Ford Dodge Jeep Chrysler Gov't Sales	\$23,430.73 each

Councilman Fausett made a motion to accept the low bid for the purchase of two vehicles. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor. Assistant Chief, Major Rowe, stated that three cars had been approved in the budget and asked for clarification on the number of cars. It was confirmed three cars had been approved. Councilman Fausett then made a motion to rescind his previous motion and Councilman Paige rescinded his second with all in favor. Councilman Fausett then made a motion to approve the low bid for the purchase of three cars. Councilman Greene seconded. The decision was unanimous.

License Plate Reader: The council was advised of a request to purchase a mobile license plate reader (LPR) camera system for use by the police department. Major Rowe explained to the council that this camera continuously scans license plates and alerts the officer if there is a problem with a vehicle. It can be used to identify violations ranging from no insurance and registration to identifying vehicles that may have been used in robberies. It can be utilized to assist with amber alerts and look-outs for alzheimer's patients who may have driven away from home and be lost. It is a tool that can enhance officer safety if they know that a person is wanted before they approach a vehicle. He explained there is a validate button that automatically runs a tag through the GCIC system before that vehicle is pulled over. City manager John Flythe stated this system is not a budgeted item but can be purchased if the council chooses through the use of asset forfeiture funds and technology funds which are both fine driven. The total cost is \$19,995. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the purchase with Councilman Greene seconding. The decision was unanimous.

Service Record Recognition (Councilman Paige): City manager John Flythe stated that he had received a copy of the training courses Councilman Paige has participated in during his tenure and commended him for his efforts.

Property Availability: The council was advised of an on-line auction underway for acreage for sale adjacent to the sewer treatment plant. If there was any interest, the council would need to enter into executive session for discussion.

Executive Session: Councilman Paige made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter. Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

Following executive session, there was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

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Richard Barr, Mayor

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