

Council Meeting  
November 2, 2015

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Butch Fausett, Michael Purvis, Chandler Hill and Jody Greene.

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

Invocation was given by Councilman Hill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Purvis made a motion to accept the minutes of October 5, 2015 as presented. Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

Alcohol License (Happy Management, LLC): Happy Management, LLC, d/b/a Liberty 7 located at 100 Old Quitman Road has applied for a license for the retail sale of beer. Councilman Fausett made a motion to find the applicant qualified to obtain a license based on the information presented. Councilman Hill seconded. All were in favor.

Gas Material Bids: Bids were received for the materials needed for the extension of natural gas service from Adel to the Lenox area. Bids for the material are being received separately in order to save in excess of \$20,000 in sales taxes. Material bids were as follows:

Utilities Supply Company	\$319,557.75
Consolidated Pipe & Supply	\$304,416.32
MT Deason Company	\$295,387.50

City Manager John Flythe advised that after reviewing the bids, it was noted that although MT Deason appears to be the low bidder, they did not bid on 8 items. Taking those into consideration, the low bidder is Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company. Councilman Hill made a motion to accept the bid of Consolidated Pipe & Supply with Councilman Purvis providing the second. The decision was unanimous. Mr. Flythe further noted that the city had previously accepted a bid of \$867,775 for the contractor to perform the labor/installation. There was a right-of-way issue at the time that had to be resolved before the bid was awarded. This has been cleared. This brings the total amount of the project to be \$1,172,191 which is under budget by \$127,808.

Vehicle Bids (Electric Dept): Bids were received for a truck in the electric department and were as follows:

Cook County Ford:

2016 F150 XL Crew Cab -	\$24,924.00
2016 F150 XLT Crew Cab-	\$26,426.00

Jerry Kelley Pontiac GMC:

2016 GMC Sierra Crew Cab -	\$28,169.90
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It was noted this will replace the expedition which will be passed down to the fire department. Councilman Purvis made a motion to approve the bid from Cook County Ford on the XLT package. Councilman Fausett seconded. Councilmen Purvis, Fausett and Greene voted in favor. Councilman Hill cast an opposing vote.

ECG Voting Delegate: Councilman Fausett made a motion to maintain the voting delegates for the Electric Cities of Georgia as the electric superintendent and city manager. Councilman Hill seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Pump Repairs: The council was advised of emergency pump repairs that were required for the lift station on Cook Street located across from Blue Sky. The repairs were \$11,000 and contingency funds were used to pay for this item. The council ratified this decision noting this is helping to get an industry back in business.

Hay Operation Discussion: The council was advised that we obtained bids in 2010 for the leasing of 195 acres of alecia bermuda grass. The high bid was for \$3000 per year. That contract expires at the end of this year. We have experienced problems in the past with other operators; however, the current operator has been excellent with maintaining aeration, fertilizer and has been no disruption to the treatment plant operation. We are asking to extend the contract an additional two years. Mayor Duke stated he recalls a time when we couldn't get bidders. There have been times the grass has contained sand spurs and noted it sometimes takes up to three years to make a healthy crop. Councilman Fausett then made a motion to extend the contract for a minimum of two years. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Alabama Road Drainage Discussion: City Manager John Flythe advised the council that there appears to be adequate drainage on the west side of Alabama Road and we will not do anything with that portion which will save \$77,215. In the event we determine improvements need to be made, the City will install catch basins and perform the work ourselves.

Insurance Consultant: Mr. Flythe advised the council that after meeting with our current agent and two other insurance consultants, it is evident with the passage of Obamacare we cannot do the things internally that are needed to be compliant. We have been told by two of the three companies that we have reporting requirements that have to be filed in January 2016 for the year 2015. We will have to

pay an outside company \$1500 to complete and file the required forms, one of which has to be given to each employee to file with their taxes. This is important because the employees are billed or not billed, penalized or not penalized based on the information we submit. Two of the three companies are top tier providers which gives them certain access to benefits that others do not have. His understanding is we basically have three companies that typically bid so if you have one or a dozen agents bid they are usually going to get the same bid price; therefore, you really need to pick an agent or provider that can provide the services you need. This means this broker will handle all of our employees' insurance needs. We feel there are two qualified companies; however, one doesn't think they have adequate time to get everything done and in place before the end of the year so we are ready to make a recommendation on that one provider tonight. After a question by Councilman Purvis about bids or RFP's, Mr. Flythe stated we are not accepting bids on a policy at this point, we are solely choosing a provider of services and we are running out of time. Mayor Duke added that based on the information presented, we have the facts needed to make a justifiable decision. Mr. Flythe added that he had told our current agent we would have other people bidding on it, so technically he used that term and if the council wanted to do a bid we could do that but ultimately, we're going to have to hire an agent and that agent is going to have to negotiate the price and the things we need. Councilman Purvis stated he just wanted to be clear that when we send out bid requests that companies understand that those do not answer all those items will not be in the bid process like we saw earlier tonight. When we ask for certain specs we expect them to bid it out if they want to be awarded the contract. Mayor Duke confirmed that bottom line is if they come up short, they do not qualify. Mr. Flythe added that were some things noted from last year that were going to be provided, that have not been provided. If we put out a bid package, we would need to have the consultant/agent provide us their qualifications rather than us simply giving them a checklist of items. There are some things we've been told we have to do that some don't realize we need to. Rather than provide an answer, he would like to get an answer back if we're going to do that. Councilman Hill asked about our window of time which was noted to be very short. Mr. Flythe added that if we don't do anything tonight, we need to meet next week and have a decision. Councilman Hill noted that this was a service we are needing to go ahead and do tonight, not something to bid out. Mr. Flythe stated the company that would provide these services along with the IRS compliance at no additional cost next year is Partner's Benefit Group. Councilman Hill then made a motion to go with Partner's Benefit Group out of Valdosta immediately. Councilman Greene seconded. The decision was unanimous. Mr. Flythe stated we would be providing the mayor and council with additional information and before we purchase an insurance policy we will get the concurrence of the mayor and council.

Pastor Phil Morris, Jr.: Pastor Morris addressed the mayor and council concerning an issue in the community, specifically the Delwood Acres area. He thanked them for what has tried to be done. Unfortunately, he stated the spots that were hit were not the ones that needed to be hit. He has been talking with the elderly and they live in fear. It is a shame that our young people have to grow up and look at this when we have resources. He sees people selling dope and young men playing football. Ten years from now it will be those young ones who are locked up. What are we going to do about it and when? He cares about their opportunities. He doesn't care what color they are. He further stated the problem extends over into Glendale Trailer Park. There are gangster problems no matter what they change their names to. If he knows who is peddling the drugs, he is pretty sure the rest know who they

are. Young people are offered \$100 to put drugs in their back pack and go across town. When are we going to take back our city? Show them you can straighten up, fly right, or get out. The minute you turn your back, they will take your stuff. None are exempt. More drugs are being sold at the high school than Jim Battle Park. More marijuana is being smoked at the high school than Jim Battle Park. Mayor Duke stated we could be here all night discussing this concern. He added it starts at home and it takes a lot to make it work. He advised Mr. Morris that activity is being done in this area. He stated they are very interested and are not turning a blind eye. We don't want to do the wrong thing so that the person gets off if something is handled the wrong way. Police Chief Castleberry added that there is an individual who has been instrumental in helping them. There was a search warrant served this past Thursday and they obtained a large quantity. Three search warrants have been served in Glendale over the last 4 months. When we forcibly enter a home, that is serious. We need to have everything in order when we do this. Our eyes are on Delwood Acres. You are being listened to and we have to work on a time line.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

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Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

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Buddy Duke, Mayor

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