

Council Meeting

March 7, 2016

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

Others Present: John H. Flythe, Pam Hamilton, Tim Tanner, Jimmy Walker, Chad Castleberry and members of the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman Butch Fausett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Michael Purvis made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2016 and Councilman Fausett seconded with all in favor.

Fire Department News: Fire Chief Jimmy Walker addressed the Mayor and Council. Chief Walker stated that after several months of planning and waiting for the results of the Public Protection Classification, we received the news that we have been classified as Class 2/2X. Chief Walker stated that in the State of Georgia there are only 12 other departments that are ranked higher than us. He also stated that out of 48,552 departments in the United States, the City of Adel is ranked 132. Mayor Duke commended Chief Walker and his men. The chief in turn thanked the Water Department for their hard work.

Water Pumping Report: City Manager, John H. Flythe reported that the Water Department has been working to reduce our unaccounted for water loss. Mr. Flythe stated that water department has gotten the loss down from 40% to 2%. This is an annual power bill savings of \$18,118.26.

Diesel Truck Discussion: John Flythe stated that we have a 2014 Diesel Work Truck that constantly in the shop for warranty work. Mr. Flythe stated that in talking with Jeff Parker he advised him of another company that has been having the same problems with their fleet of trucks. Water Superintendent, Tommy Rice has spoken with Cook County Ford and they have agreed to take in our truck in trade for a 2016 gasoline unit. We would simply swap the bodies and there would be a balance of \$1,976.54 that we would owe. It was Mr. Flythe's recommendation to approve this request. Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

SPLOST Discussion: John Flythe presented the council with a newspaper article concerning the county's SPLOST recommendations. Mr. Flythe also presented the breakdown of the funds already allocated by the City of Adel and advised the council that they needed to be thinking about what needs we have.

Housing Authority Appointment: Currently Mr. John Humber serves on the housing authority however his term expires on 3-21-16. Mr. Humber has agreed to continue serving. Greg Paige made a motion to reappoint Mr. Humber and Michael Purvis seconded the unanimous decision.

American Association of Electrical Line Workers Plan Agreement: John Flythe stated that the AAELW is an organization formed to provide services and support to workers in the electrical industry. Mr. Flythe stated that we are asking for the Council's approval to allow the execution of the agreement, this would allow employees of the electric department to participate in this group's pension plan through payroll deduction. There is no cost to the city. Greg Paige made a motion to approve this request and Jody Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Southern Ga. Area Agency on Aging: Mayor Duke stated that we had received a request to appoint someone to serve on the advisory council. He stated that currently Ron Mitchell is serving and has agreed to continue serving. Greg Paige made a motion to reappoint Mr. Mitchell and Butch Fausett seconded. All were in favor.

Visitor-Brian Harrell: Mr. Harrell addressed the council requesting reimbursement from the City of Adel for a sewer repair bill. Mr. Harrell stated that his building had sewer problems and they did not have a cleanout. Mr. Harrell had a plumber to identify his sewer problem. Mr. Harrell was asking the city to reimburse him for the total amount of the bill however the City Manager recommend that we only reimburse him for the \$350.00 since this was the cost incurred on the City's side of the connection. A commercial camera was used to identify that is was a City problem. Councilman Purvis made a motion to reimburse Mr. Harrell \$350.00 and Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

The City Manager advised the council that the city has expended \$502,545.94 on the Alabama Road/Wal-Mart project.

Sewer Request-Gladys Morris addressed the council to help correct her sewer problems by locating her sewer line. Mayor Duke stated that he would be in touch with her in the morning.

Councilman Fausett asked the City Manager if a work session was needed to discuss several items. Mr. Flythe stated that he would check on dates and get back with them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Pamela D. Hamilton, Asst. City Clerk

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Buddy Duke Mayor