

Council Meeting

April 4, 2016

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

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

Invocation was given by Councilman Fausett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Alcohol License (Chuy's Mexican Restaurant): Elisabeth Mendoza, owner of Chuy's Mexican Restaurant located at 401 W. 4th Street, has applied for a retail alcohol consumption license and completed the background check. Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the license with Councilman Paige providing the second. The decision was unanimous.

Ron Mozzo: Mr. Mozzo, who resides on Masee Post Road, came before the council to express his concerns with high speeding traffic in that area. He stated that it is like the Daytona Speedway on Friday and Saturday nights as well as the morning times between 7:30 and 7:50 when parents are trying to get their children to school. He added that the speed limit on Dottie Street is only 35 mph but it is used as a cut through to the school and the high rate of speed is just as bad on this road. The average speed on Friday and Saturday nights is 70 to 80 mph and sometimes reaches 90 mph. He talked with Major Rowe last year and a car was placed out there several times and a couple people were caught; however, the problem is continuing. He added now that he is retired he has plenty of time to sit and watch this happening. He sometimes counts as many as 35 to 40 cars speeding through the area. Chief Castleberry advised that he would have someone out there to slow them down.

Road Closure Request (E. 1st Street): City Manager John Flythe advised that Kathi Tillman, daughter of Isaac Caldwell who recently passed away, has requested that the one block long road at the east end of 1st Street where her parent's home is located be closed to traffic. Her mother continues to reside at this location. They own property on both sides of the road with no other property owner to be affected by this closure. After a discussion concerning access to utilities and the city attorney stating we would need a legal description to close the road, Councilman Paige made a motion to close the road provided we received an easement back to maintain utilities. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Work Session: A work session was scheduled for noon on Monday, April 11, 2016 to discuss personnel & financial matters.

Blocking of Railroad Crossings: Councilman Paige expressed a concern with trains blocking the crossings again at peak times of the day including morning, noon and 5 o'clock. He has experienced this himself as well as received complaints from citizens who are sitting at the crossings while on their lunch break.

Elm Street /Turkey Drive: City Manager John Flythe reported on the road cave-in on Elm Street and Turkey Drive. He stated that the contractor installing the gas line blows the pipe through. Where there is a weakness, it caves in. They will fill this back in with dry dirt. In the meantime, this is why the metal is down.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Buddy Duke, Mayor
