

Council Meeting
September 6, 2016

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

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe and Tim Tanner

Invocation was given by Councilman Fausett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Purvis made a motion to accept the minutes of August 15, 2016 as presented. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

Electric Pole Bids: Bids were received for various sizes and classes of electric poles and were as follows:

	Ace Pole Company	Langdale Company
Class 5 – 30' poles	\$80 each	\$85 each
Class 4 – 35' poles	\$126 each	\$133 each
Class 4 – 40' poles	\$161 each	\$173 each
Class 4 – 45' poles	\$204 each	\$205 each
Class 2 – 50' poles	\$312 each	\$338 each

Councilman Purvis made a motion to accept the low bid of Ace Pole Company. Councilman Greene provided the second. The decision was unanimous.

Resignation of Elected Official/Special Election Discussion: The council was advised that Councilman Dextinn Chandler Hill had resigned from office effective August 19, 2016. The city charter requires that a special election be held to fill this vacancy and the election to occur within 40 days. However, with the updated election laws (cited in a memo the attorney had prepared and distributed to each member), there is no way to accomplish this so the two time-lines correspond. In his opinion, and after speaking with the Attorney General's office, state law will control when the election occurs which will be held on November 8, 2016. State law provides that special elections can be held in conjunction with a state-wide general election, however; the special election has to be called at least 90 days prior to the date of the state-wide election. In this case, the resignation was less than 90 days prior to the state-wide election. Furthermore, it states the 90 day requirement shall not apply to special elections held on the same date as a state-wide general election if it is conducted completely separate and apart from such state-wide general election using different ballots or voting equipment, facilities, poll workers and paperwork. In summary, while we can conduct the special election on November 8th, it appears the date Councilman Hill resigned prevents us from being able to use the same equipment, facilities, poll workers, etc.. As to the use of facilities, there is a possibility that the Jim Battle Community Center could

be visibly marked off down the middle with separate poll workers and voting machines on each side to clearly differentiate between the two elections. We do not want to create an undue burden on the voters by requiring them to travel to two separate locations to vote. Mayor Duke suggested the possibility of using the church next door if separation of the community center is not an option. Councilman Paige then made a motion to call for a special election to fill the vacancy in District 1, Post 1, Adel City Council, created by Councilman Hill's August 19th resignation. The special election will be held on November 8, 2016, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Councilman Greene seconded. There were no opposing votes.

Budget Calendar: City Clerk Rhonda Rowe stated the ads concerning the budget public hearing and the 5 year tax digest history would be in tomorrow's paper. The public hearing will be held on September 21, 2016 with budget adoption planned for September 26, 2016.

City manager's comments:

We have received two requests to address the council concerning the proposed annexation/zoning application and those individuals will be notified when this issue comes back before the council.

We are very thankful we did not get what others received with the passing of Hurricane Hermine early Friday morning. He also showed a map we can view or print that hi-lites the different areas that have outages using the command center through the new AMI meter reading technology.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke, III, Mayor
