

CITY OF MOULTON
WORK SESSION
April 25, 2017
@ 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Council Members: Brent White
Jason White
Joyce Jeffreys
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee

Mayor Roger Weatherwax opened meeting by reading a prepared statement concerning the coffee drinkers at City Hall. (At previous meetings Joyce Jeffreys had spoken to Council about the need to do something about this group meeting on a regular basis 2 times daily at City Hall to drink coffee and the parking problems it had caused along with City Hall not being a social gathering place but a place of business. Cassandra Lee had also agreed with Joyce Jeffreys that the situation needed to be handled.)

Statement by Mayor Roger Weatherwax:

“As you all know, the issue of coffee drinkers at city hall has been brought up as a concern. After much discussion and research, I have polled the council individually and the majority agrees that the group presents no problem. As a matter of fact, employees at city hall enjoy having the group around. Although parking can always be an issue at places of business it is of no greater concern at city hall than other areas. The Moulton City Hall is owned by all of our citizens. It has been used for meetings by various groups at various times and will continue to be available to these groups. If and when problems arise we will be happy to look into them. We hope that this issue is now put to rest.”

There was some further discussion about this issue, with Council being divided still on Coffee Drinkers presence at City Hall. Joyce Jeffreys and Cassandra Lee voiced that they didn't agree with them still being allowed to come to City Hall.

Ray Breeden the accountant for City of Moulton had been asked to come to this work session to answer any questions about the annual audit and give a report before Council. Mayor Weatherwax called on Mr. Breeden to give an overview of the audit for 2016. Mr. Breeden spoke to Council and Mayor about the annual audit being a very good audit that everything was in order and the differences in previous year's audits and this year's audit in appearance was because due to Grants a “Single Audit” and a “Regular Audit” was required. Council Members were able to ask questions, Brent White ask if Mr. Breeden would explain the unrestricted funds and he pointed out where those amounts could be found in the audit and

explained to Council that those funds were not allocated to particular areas thus the name “Unrestricted Funds” meaning not restricted to a predetermined cause. His overall opinion about the audit was that it was a “Clean Report” and on the single audit there were no “Findings” which is what you want.

Cassandra Lee was addressed by the mayor about her concerns with the nuisance ordinance. Ms. Lee wanted to make it clear that she was going to continue to push for the nuisance ordinance to be reevaluated so that when a new Building Inspector/Code Enforcer was hired that the City would definitely have an ordinance in place that could be enforced to take care of issues that concerned her and other council members relating to but not limited to personal property, inoperable vehicles, dilapidated structures, and neglected areas by property owners. Her concerns were met with some disagreement of timing of reevaluating the ordinance and hiring the new Building Inspector/Code Enforcer by some Council Members. She ask that the City Attorney be contacted to evaluate the current ordinance and its viability in the areas that have been issues in the past that have not been taken care of. Members of Council and Mayor Weatherwax expressed concern over cost and changing the current ordinance. After discussion among all present it was decided by Mayor Weatherwax that he would have Callie Waldrep – the Assistant District Attorney to look over current nuisance ordinance and would report to council at a later meeting of her professional opinion of its viability.

With no further items to be discussed at this time the meeting ended.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member