

WORK SESSION
May 13, 2019
Minutes

Wendy Hazle spoke to Council about her concerns as a Citizen and historian to her responsibilities that she felt like she had let the Fire Department down in respect to not asking – Why....or if a ladder truck was needed or any other equipment. She expressed how everyone had the opportunity to be involved but may have failed as she felt she had in not being at Council Meeting etc.

Jay Johnson and Chief Jolly spoke to Council about the plans that they were making in getting a fire hydrant maintenance program started. A company they had spoken to that would do a lot of the work and the departments could share the cost.

Emily Farris spoke to Council about the need for upgrades to the desktop computers and also for tablets for the workers out in the field due to the new meter reading system being put in place and also that money to pay for them would come from bond money.

Cassandra Lee spoke on the need to contact the Downtown Redevelopment Authority Members that formed a long time back and see what their plans were concerning the future of downtown. The Council had not heard anything since the formation of the Authority and now with the fire it most certainly would be a time that they should be doing something. Ms. Lee stated if they were not going to be active that there might be a need to appoint others that would be interested in being active.

Mr. Evans was present and spoke also to Council about keeping the downtown look the same as it was prior to the fire when the buildings get replaced. He presented Council with how a similar situation arose in Opelika and how they handled it.

Tammy Roberts was present and called on by the Mayor to speak. Ms. Roberts spoke to the Council on the restoration that they had done to the Jackson House and the different fundraisers and donations that had made it possible. They are planning on installing a HVAC unit and would be needing gas service and request that the City consider helping them in accomplishing this endeavor or in some way donating to further their plans. Brent White stated that he wasn't sure of the Cities ability due to legal terms as how the Cities monies can be distributed to such organizations but if possible he thought it might be something the City would support.

Mayor Weatherwax announced that the Council needed to discuss the matter of the Judge for Municipal Court. Joyce Jeffreys made a Motion for the Council to go into executive session and the Motion was seconded by Denise Lovett. A roll call vote was taken: Cassandra Lee

(Yes), Jason White (Yes), Joyce Jeffreys(Yes), Mayor Weatherwax(Yes), Brent White(Yes) and Denise Lovett(Yes). With all Votes being “Yes” the Council went into executive session at 5:57 pm and was to reconvene after the executive session in the Council Chambers.

The Executive Session ended and the Council reconvened at 6:27 pm in the Council Chambers. Once all Council and Mayor were present back in Council Chambers a Motion to adjourn was made by Denise Lovett and seconded by Brent White.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member