

City Council Meeting
Minutes March 4, 2024
@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax
Brent White
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee
Jason White
Joyce Jeffreys

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Weatherwax followed by pledge and prayer. Council was asked to approve and dispense the reading of the minutes from February 5, 2024 Council Meeting and February 12, 2024 Work Session

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Ordinance 2024-001 on Mayor and Council Salary amounts to be decided for approval will be discussed at work session to be voted on at next Council Meeting. Ms. Cassandra Lee had ask that Council consider raising the pay for Council Members due to the responsibilities and that with the pending election in 2025 this is the time to make those changes. She stated that in order to draw more people to take an interest in these positions the pay which had not been increased since 2008 would help because there is a lot of her time spent dedicated to doing City Business as a Council person, and it will not affect the current members unless they are reelected in 2025.

Resolution 2024-004 Authorizing Emily Edwards and Linda Holcomb “viewing access only” to accounts

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Authorize Mayor Weatherwax to be the delegate to vote at League Business Meeting in Huntsville this Summer.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Deangelo McDaniel needs 2 vehicles to replace 2 older trucks that the park & rec have used for a long time and would like to request \$50,000.00 to possibly be used to purchase 2 vehicles from ADECA or ALDOT to replace those and then those would be sold at the JM Woods Auction.

Motion: Joyce Jeffreys

2nd: Denise Lovett

Deangelo McDaniel addressed Council about the hiring policy being considered on nepotism and how it is adversely going to affect his department if it is decided not to hire family members because most of his summer staff especially the part-time has family members that work for the City in some capacity. So, thru much discussion it was reasoned and voiced by Council that family members can be hired but not supervised by a family member. This will be addressed in the new policy books but due to the need currently this is how hiring practices will be handled unofficially and with the understanding that if family members work in the same department that one can't be made a supervisor at any time due to this.

Deangelo McDaniel also requested permission for Walter Young to represent the City at the 12U All-Star Basketball Tournament for the Alabama Recreation & Park Association State in Gadsden. It could possibly require a 2 overnight stays. He will be leaving on Friday, March 8, 2024 and the estimated cost is between \$600.00 and \$800.00. The Park's 2023-2024 travel budget (line item 01-150-5202) is \$2,000.00 so there is money to cover the trip.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Stanley Nichols ask for approval to attend the ARW's Technical Training Conference – Montgomery, AL, March 11 & 12th the approximate cost for room and Conference fee will be \$900.00.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Ms. Cassandra Lee ask that a copy of the current Ordinance on leash law be sent to Council Members so they can review before the Work Session on Monday night and Chief Craig Knight will have more information on Dog Control and training for that meeting also.

With no other business the Mayor ask for motion to adjourn:

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member