

Work Session Minutes

02/03/2025 @ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Joyce Jeffreys

Cassandra Lee

Jason White

Brent White

Denise Lovett

All elected officials were present.

Darrell Brewer with Alabama Rural Water Association was present to explain the need to increase the Wholesale Water Rate. The last rate increase was in the year 2020. The rate increase before that was in the year 2008. The current contract set to expire in the year 2037 has a set rate of \$1.19 per 1000 for the first 5,000,000. The current rate for water in excess of 5,000,000 is \$1.90. According to the most recent study for the City of Moulton Water Department there is a present loss of .87 cents per 1000 gallons. The study recommends a rate increase to \$3.35 per 1000 gallons above 5,000,000 beginning with the next billing cycle. The wholesale customer was notified November 2024 that the increase was necessary. The wholesale customer has notified their customers of a pending rate increase.

Resolution 2025-004 Lien to be placed on the property located at 14321 Court Street in the amount of \$52,532.61 for the cost incurred by the City to abate the nuisance on this property. The property owner refused to comply.

Resolution 2025-005 Re-appointing Kay Walker and Keith Gilley each to another term on the Planning Commission. Each term is a six-year term expiring February 3, 2031.

Resolution 2025-006 City of Moulton Cemetery Lots to increase in cost per lot from \$1500.00 to \$1600.00 each for the year 2025 beginning March 1, 2025 and for the future cost of a lot to increase by \$100.00 annually. **Resolution 2025-006** also provides for the gravesite opening and closing cost to increase from \$500.00 to \$600.00 beginning March 1, 2025 with an annual increase in cost for opening

and closing to be adjusted by \$200.00 above the contractor's cost for opening and closing of a gravesite. All future annual increases will occur on January 1st.

Permission from Council to let bids for the maintenance and lawn care of the Moulton Memorial Garden Cemetery for a period of one year. If approved the required bid posting will be made and also posted in the Moulton Advertiser.

The Work Session ended and then the Council Meeting was opened.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Linda B. Holcomb, Assistant Recording

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member

Council Meeting Minutes

Immediately following the Work Session

02/3/2025

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Joyce Jeffreys

Cassandra Lee

Jason White

Brent White

Denise Lovett

All elected officials were present.

City Attorney Jeromy Thompson was present.

The Council Meeting was opened with the pledge and prayer by Mayor Weatherwax.

The council was asked to approve and dispense of the reading of the Minutes from January 6, 2025 Council Meeting.

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Brent White

Approve to increase the contract price for wholesale water to the City of Moulton Water Department's only Wholesale Customer – West Lawrence Water Authority to reflect the recommended increase per study from \$1.90 to \$3.25 per 1000 gallons after the first 5,000,000 gallons. The first 5,000,000 gallons is set at \$1.19 per 1000 gallons by the current contract expiring in the year 2037. This contract requires a minimum monthly payment for the cost of 20,000,000 gallons of water to be paid by the Wholesale Customer to the City of Moulton Water Department.

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Approved **Resolution 2025-004** Lien to be placed on property at 14321 Court Street for abatement of nuisance costs incurred to the City of Moulton.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Approved **Resolution 2025-005** Re-appointing Kay Walker and Keith Gilley each to another six-year term on the Planning Commission. The new terms will expire February 3, 2031.

Motion to re-appoint Kay Walker:

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Motion to re-appoint Keith Gilley:

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Approved **Resolution 2025-006** Cost increase for Moulton Memorial Gardens Cemetery lots from \$1500.00 to \$1600.00 with an annual increase of \$100.00 per lot on January 1 annually. The 2025 increase will begin March 1, 2025.

Resolution 2025-006 also provides for a cost increase of opening/closing (interment) from \$500.00 to \$600.00 with an increase of \$200.00 above the opening/closing contractor's invoice on January 1 annually. The 2025 increase will begin March 1, 2025. Council Member Casandra Lee requested the Minutes reflect that future reassessment of the fees would be at the determination of the Council.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Approved to let bids for a one-year maintenance and lawn care contract for the Moulton Memorial Gardens Cemetery with a natural disaster clause included in the contract. Proper procedure for bid posting will be followed.

Motion to Adjourn: Brent White

2nd: Jason White

Motion to Adjourn: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Time of Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Linda B. Holcomb, Assistant Recording

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member