

Members Present: Shannon Jinks, Bernita Lewis, Jerry Sweat, Michael Morrison, Larry Waters, and City Attorney Sam Edgar (Mayor Larry G. Taylor-absent)

Invocation: was given by Pastor Leon Lee, Voice in the Wilderness Crying Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Shannon Jinks

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Council member Morrison. Seconded by Council member Waters. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of October 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting
Motion to approve October 10th, 2023, Regular meeting minutes by Council member Jinks.
Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

Speaker:

1. Jamie Hutchinson, 219 Floyd Street: About house flooding during Hurricane Ida. Mrs. Hutchinson briefly discussed her issues with her property due to the last hurricane. She had a lot of flooding in the main living area and is having to replace the flooring. Currently can't replace the flooring due to financial issues and needs to be replaced due to a young grandson & nephew for safety purposes, so she's reaching out to the City Officials for some assistance. Her flood insurance won't cover it due to her property not being in a flood zone. City Attorney Sam Edgar told Mrs. Hutchinson that the City wasn't liable to fix her issue unless it was done by the City due to a change in the water flow. Council member Jinks told her to contact Action Pact regarding assistance and gave her a name and number to contact.

2. Justine J. Parkhurst, d/b/a JJ & Jay's Tire & Tube, 934 S. Pierce Street: Property Maintenance issues, Court found guilty of continued storage of used tires and building wall of tires. (NO SHOW)

Action Items:

1. **Appointments:** Library Board of Trustees:

- a) Recommendation: Reappointment of Amber Smith, 4-Year Term: (January 1, 2024- December 31, 2027)
- b) Seek new appointee for 4-Year Term (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2027), Betty Sykes does not wish to serve another term.

Motion to approve reappointment of Amber Smith by Council member Waters. Seconded by Council member Lewis. Motion carried. City Manager Al Crace told the council that they need to be thinking of someone to appoint and take Betty Sykes position.

2. **Acknowledgement:** Municipal Election of November 7th, 2023:

- a) Mayor, Districts 2 & 4,
- b) Authorized the adoption of Mixed Drink Ordinance, &
- c) Approval of the extension of the SPLOST 2024 for 6 years.

3. **Approval:** Updated amendments to the City’s GMEBS retirement plan with GMA. Regular update for national policy changes. Motion to approve updated amendments to the City’s GMEBA retirement plan with GMA by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

4. **Approval:** Authorize SPLOST 2018-Water Sewer funding for this expenditure. Maintenance replacement of Wastewater Treatment Plant master pump & motor for \$10,670.00 from Southern Water Technologies of Decatur, AL. The delivery is about 13 weeks because this is a custom mfg. pump. Motion to approve purchase by Council member Waters. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

5. **Tabled:** Bidding City-wide Pothole repairs. The city plans to self-perform this work in 2024. Original motion by Council member Morrison. Seconded by Council member Waters. Motion to table bidding for pothole repairs by Council member Morrison. Seconded by Council member Waters. Motion carried.

Department Monthly Reports:

- 6. **Financial Report:** City Clerk Amanda Taylor
- 7. **Police & City Court:** Chief Andre Brinson
- 8. **Code Enforcement:** Arthur Outler
- 9. **Public Works:** Richard Jones
- 10. **Water & Sewer:** Richard Jones
- 11. **Solid Waste:** Richard Jones
- 12. **Theatre:** Trina Taylor

City Attorney’s Report:

- 13. **Update:** None

City Manager’s Report:

- 14. **Update:** None

Mayor and Council Issues:

Citizen Comments:

Ms. Alicia Peterson spoke regarding an issue she has been having with her neighbor’s dogs. Mr. Casteel (Alicia’s neighbor) was found guilty in court for numerous violations, but Ms. Peterson is still dealing with the nuisance and doesn’t know what to do to get anything resolved. She's spoken to Arthur Outler (Code Enforcement Officer), David Alderman (Animal Control Officer),

several police officers, as well as Probate Judge Joe Boatright. City Attorney Sam Edgar told Ms. Peterson to give him a call the following day so he could tell her what she could do to get the issue resolved.

Executive Session:

Motion to adjourn by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Waters. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at the Mayor & Council Meeting Room

Calendar of Events:

10:00, Thursday, Nov. 16 th :	Public Hearing, CDBG Kick Off Hearing
5:30, Mon., Nov. 20 th :	Christmas Lighting Festival, Courthouse & Goldwasser Park
Thurs., Nov. 23 rd :	Thanksgiving
11:30-1:00, Thurs., Dec. 7 th :	City Christmas Luncheon, Lions Club
2:00, Sat., Dec. 9 th :	Christmas Parade
8:00, Thurs., Dec. 14 th :	Wake Up Bacon- Pineland Bank

Amanda Taylor
City Clerk