

December 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Edwards with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Edwards, Lewis, McKenzie, McClendon, and Harden.

Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes as presented by the Clerk, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

City Clerk received and presented the appraisal for the building located at 110 Municipal Avenue. A motion to sell 110 Municipal Avenue and use funds for future improvements within the City was made by McKenzie, second by Harden, 5/0.

Attorney Dan Cox will prepare an advertisement for sale of the property as a net bid and forward the ad to Clerk Schilling.

Staff is receiving questions related to the RFQ the City published for Development of Design Standards – Downtown Overlay and Highway Commercial Overlay. Attorney Cox will draft guidelines for interested companies that will protect the character and aesthetic integrity of the City, keeping the small-town feel.

Attorney Cox stated the EAR Report is almost complete and should forward to the Council by the end of this week.

The Worm Gruntin' Committee submitted a request to Mrs. Schilling to reserve Depot Park, April 10, 2021. Council agreed to the request.

The financial and adjustments reports were approved by signature of the Council.

Public Works Director, Leonard Tartt, stated the City submitted a request for forgiveness for costs related to relocating a portion of 8" main, 22 services, and 6 fire hydrants along the bike trail on Hwy 98. The estimated cost is \$160,000 for the state to do the relocating. However, DOT denied the request for forgiveness and Mr. Tartt and the Public Works Department will do the relocating in-house at a lesser price.

Councilman Harden inquired about the progress of the FRDAP grant. Clerk Schilling stated the grant is in the commencement phase and the funds will be awarded once the commencement documents are finalized. This process takes approximately 6 months.

Councilman McKenzie reminded everyone of Mr. Tartt's retirement and the need to advertise the Public Works position. Mr. Tartt stated he plans to advertise the Plant Operator position in January or February, 2021.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by McKenzie.