

CITY OF MOULTON
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
@ 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Council Members: Brent White
Jason White
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee

Absent: Joyce Jeffreys

Mayor Weatherwax called to order the meeting and ask for a motion to dispense reading of the minutes for August 21, 2017 and approve them. A motion to this affect was made by Jason White and seconded by Brent White, with all in favor.

The Job Description for Jeff Brewington needed to be updated to read: Department – Street, Department Code: 140-104 and Grade 9 which is the position of Foreman – Street, Sewer & Cemetery the motion to make these changes was made by Brent White, and seconded by Denise Lovett with all in favor.

Mayor Weatherwax made the recommendation for Mark Bowling to get a one-step increase in pay due to the fact that he had met his 6 months and agrees to continue as Assistant Gas Superintendent. Motion was made by Brent White to this affect and seconded by Jason White, with all in favor.

Approval for Patricia Morgan to attend an educational seminar on October 6, 2017 in Hoover, AL was introduced by Mayor Weatherwax and a motion was made by Jason White and seconded by Denise Lovett with no objections.

United Way had contacted Ms. Joyce Jeffreys requesting permission to do a road block on October 7, 2017 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the intersection of Hospital St and Court St. A motion was made by Denise Lovett to approve this date and time for a road block conducted by United Way and the motion was seconded by Jason White, with all in favor.

Mayor Weatherwax ask Mark Heflin to give a brief explanation of the Spatial Net Fly Over cost and what this information is used for. The Cost to the City of Moulton will be \$25,000.00 for this flyover which is used in correlation to GIS points and is done approximately every 5-6 years to keep information current. Mark Heflin explained the importance of the information obtained through this service and that others are also a part of helping in total cost for obtaining the information as they also use the information (911, County Solid Waste, Joe Wheeler etc.) due to the cost being prorated among these different entities it makes it feasible for the City of Moulton to participate and obtain much needed information especially about Utilities. A motion was made by Brent White to pay for this service and seconded by Denise Lovett, with all in favor.

Resolution 2017-011 was introduced about the CBDG grant in the amount of \$450,000 to construct improvements to the city's sanitary sewer collection system and it was adopted and approved that the City would enter into Contract with Gulf Coast Underground, LLC in the amount of \$382,900.00.

Motion was made by Brent White to adopt and approve Resolution and seconded by Denise Lovett. A Roll Call vote was taken also Cassandra Lee-Yea, Jason White-Yea, Roger Weatherwax-Yea, Brent White-Yea, and Denise Lovett-Yea so with all in favor unanimously Resolution 2017-011 is enacted.

Several requisitions in the amount above \$5,000.00 dollars were presented to Council for approval by Mayor Weatherwax: 1) Gas Dept --- for Leak Survey with Lisco \$7,068.00

Motion was made by Denise to pay and seconded by Jason White with all in favor.

2) Sewer Dept --- Jetter Pump rebuild to Harben Inc. \$5,505.90

Motion was made by Brent White to pay and seconded by Denise Lovett, with all in favor.

3) Water Treatment Plant --- Liquid Copper Sulfate \$5,978.53--- to Thorton, Musso, Bellemin. Motion was made by Brent White to pay and seconded by Jason White, with all in favor.

4) Paving --- Quality Paving \$9,726.50

Motion made by Denise Lovett to pay and seconded by Jason White, with all in favor.

The Hillsboro Gas Pipeline is now complete and Allen Hughes was present at Council Meeting to answer questions by the Council in respect to change orders that had to be made to the original plans and cost(see attached breakdown of changes). Mr. Hughes explained the issues that caused changes to incur in the original cost and gave a handout that also had the breakdown of total project cost. Brent White made the motion to approve & accept the changes that had to be made to complete project and proceed to pay as necessary, motion was seconded by Denise Lovett with none opposing.

Notes from previous meeting:

The TAP project for Byler Rd Sidewalk Project bids came in on August 17, 2017:

1) Bull's Construction Group, LLC, PO Box 6401, Huntsville, AL 35813 for \$650,153.00

2) Triple J Construction LLC, 62 Co Rd 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053 for \$681,078.00

The decision to table this discussion from the August 21, 2017 was made in order for the Mayor to get more information since the bids came in above the Grant amount of \$500,000.00.

Mayor Weatherwax informed the Council that after talking to and meeting with the engineer and Cassandra Lee this morning the engineer recommended to rebid project and get it under the \$500,000.00 by shortening the distance of the sidewalk. The sidewalk would have to start at Hwy 33 and go Byler Rd West as far as the \$500,000.00 would take it which is approximately at the Pinhook Rd intersection and due to the restrictions of the TAP Grant would have to stop there if it is possible to reach that point and not enough money to proceed to the next intersecting road. Also we would need to bid the project that goes from Hwy 33 to the High School parking lot for the \$800,000.00 Grant and include finishing the Byler Rd Project West from Pinhook Rd towards AL Hwy 157 in order to extend it as far in that direction as could be obtained with the funding and according to specifications of the Grant.

Cassandra Lee voiced her opposition to not accepting the bid and continuing with the project because District One had been promised sidewalks for years and now finally have gotten approved and everything set to move forward and all else needed was for the approval of Council to accept bid and proceed. Mayor Weatherwax and other Council members stated that they were not in favor of accepting a bid higher than the \$500,000.00 but by shortening the length and rebidding the City would only be responsible for the \$100,000.00 that Council had approved to be responsible for according to Brent White in the beginning when the question had originally been posed to Council about trying to get a Grant for sidewalks on Byler Rd. Then there was more discussion between

Cassandra Lee, Brent White, and Denise Lovett over the details of where the sidewalks were originally proposed to stop and then per engineers it was thought that Moulton-Danville Rd might be achievable but Ms. Lee said that it was her understanding that they would go to Moulton-Danville Rd. Ms. Lee addressed members in her district that were in attendance at the Council Meeting and ask if any of them would like to make comments to the Council and Mayor on their feelings about the sidewalk being delayed or not being done at all. Several in attendance voiced their opinions about the Council not taking the sidewalks in the Byler Rd area serious and how they feel that they are always the last ones to receive funding for projects. Some of the attendees seemed to think that they had been confused about several issues with the sidewalk project either on their own account or because of misleading information. Cassandra Lee continued to express the importance of this project to her and her District because of the danger in the area of speeding vehicles with children, handicapped individuals and elderly walking daily on Byler Rd. Ms. Lee's frustration was apparent and expressed to Council and others because of her concern for her District and obligations she promised her constituents before being elected and since.

After an extended time of back and forth between Council Members and attendees, Mayor Weatherwax said that there were two options and he recommended that the Council vote to rebid and shorten the distance of the sidewalk project that would begin at AL Hwy 33 and proceed down Byler Rd West to get the bid amount down to \$500,000.00 and believed that this would go to the Pinhook Rd intersection then to bid the AL Hwy 33 East to the High School Parking Lot for the \$800,000.00 Grant and include in that bid continuing from Pinhook Rd West on Byler Rd as far as could be met under the Grant restrictions. A motion was made by Brent White to rebid Byler West project once distance is reevaluated so that it would fall in the \$500,000.00 range and so the City would only be obligated to pay \$100,000.00 thinking that the project would go to Pinhook Rd, and to include in the Byler Rd East project (AL Hwy 33 – High School parking lot) finishing the Byler Rd West project with funding from the \$800,000.00 Grant approved for that area the motion was seconded by Denise Lovett. Cassandra Lee opposed the motion and second but other members voted in favor of the motion, so by a vote of 4(Denise Lovett, Brent White, Mayor Weatherwax, Jason White) to 1(Cassandra Lee) the project will go back to bid with adjustments made in the distance from AL Hwy 33 West on Byler Rd, Byler Rd East will go from Hwy 33 to High School Parking Lot and then include Byler Rd West from Pinhook Rd to wherever the funding will take the sidewalk in respect to Grant specifications.

Motion to adjourn was made by Denise Lovett, and seconded by Jason White.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member