

CITY OF MOULTON
COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 2020
Immediately following Work Session
@ 5:00 PM

Present – Mayor Weatherwax

Brent White

Joyce Jeffreys

Cassandra Lee

Denise Lovett

Absent: Jason White

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Weatherwax followed by pledge and prayer.

This part of the meeting was a Public Hearing at the request of Susan Borden Robinson on the property owned by her at 409 East St., Moulton, AL. Renay Saint was ask to conduct the hearing since it pertained to a nuisance being posted on the property. Mr. Saint started to present the situation to the Council and was interrupted by a lawyer present that was there on behalf of Ms. Robinson. The lawyer ask that Ms. Robinson be granted an extension on this matter due to the fact that she was in Florida on business and was not able to attend this meeting. The Council had evidence of the different steps that had been taken by Mr. Saint to resolve this issue with the property prior to this date. Cassandra Lee spoke directly to the lawyer for Ms. Robinson and made him aware of that this just didn't happen that this house had been a problem for several years. He was ask by Ms. Joyce Jeffreys if he had seen the property to which he answered "No", he hadn't but planned on going by after this meeting – he stated that he was only contacted to be at this meeting at approximately 3:00 PM today. He continued to say that Ms. Robinson would like to have it extended until the next meeting so that she would be able to be present. Mr. Saint reiterated that he had spoke to the husband on Friday about the property and had told them what needed to be done was to present a detailed plan for the repairs including a time frame that the work would be completed and all had to be done by State Code. Mr. Saint said that all that was being ask of the Council was to declare or not declare the property a nuisance tonight. Brent White ask that if Ms. Robinson presented a plan Mr. Saint will speak with her representative following meeting on the details of this matter.

Motion that property is a nuisance: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Cassandra Lee (aye), Joyce Jeffreys (aye), Denise Lovett (aye), Brent White (aye)

The second item on the agenda Mayor Weatherwax ask that the minutes from the August 3, 2020 and August 10, 2020 Council Meetings and August 10, 2020 Work Session be dispensed and approved.

Motion: Joyce Jeffreys

2nd: Denise Lovett

Resolution 2020-020 was presented for the annual transportation plan for next year.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Proclamation Declaring September 30, 2020 NICU Awareness Day in Moulton

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Budget for 2020-2021 had been presented by Emily Edwards at previous meetings and Work Sessions and it included a 3% cost of living raise for all employees. Mayor Weatherwax recommended that the Council approve the budget including the 3% cost of living raise for all employees because the auditor along with Ms. Edwards said that the budget could handle this for the employees. Brent White ask that if that is what they advise that everyone else agreed with it he would also but cautiously because the Grade and Step program for increases in pay is there for a reason and that it needed to be looked at before Budget time next year to prevent over extending the finances for the City. Cassandra Lee agreed with Mr. White. Joyce Jeffreys said that she thought that all the employees deserved a raise and was glad that the City was able to give it.

Motion: Joyce Jeffreys

2nd: Denise Lovett

Council Member Brent White ask that the Council go into executive session for the purpose of pending litigation. Mayor Weatherwax ask for a roll call vote: Cassandra Lee (aye), Joyce Jeffreys (aye), Denise Lovett (aye), Brent White(aye)

Motion to go into executive session: Brent White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Mayor Weatherwax announced that the Council will return in approximately 15 minutes --- they exited the Council Chambers at 5:23 PM

Council and Mayor returned to Council Chambers at 5:35 PM and Mayor Weatherwax ask that the meeting be reconvened.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Roger Weatherwax ask that the Council give him permission to act on the behalf of the City of Moulton in the matters of Property the City has an interest in.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

There being no more business on the agenda a motion to adjourn was requested.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member