

Work Session Minutes

June 12, 2023

@ 5:00 PM

Present for the Meeting were: Mayor Roger Weatherwax
Cassandra Lee
Joyce Jeffreys
Jason White
Denise Lovett

Absent: Brent White

Jeremy Jeffreys the auditor for the City of Moulton was present to discuss with the City Council the importance of taking advantage of the monies the City has that can be invested in short term CD's in 5 mth increments and will be able to increase returns because the current rate is lower than can be received. Council agreed if the rates could be increased and that the money to be invested is liquid assets then they approved to do the transfers. Mr. Jeffreys will prepare a Resolution for the next Council meeting to address the investments.

Mayor Weatherwax spoke to Council on a plan called Simple Grants – this is a specialized group that searches and helps to obtain Grants that the City could use to improve several needs of the City. Mayor Weatherwax had gone and spoke with Cordova about their success in getting grants since signing up with the Simple Grants program. In 14 months, they had received around 14 million dollars in grants and it had only cost them approximately \$3,500.00. To sign up with this program it would be \$8,500.00 and then \$130.00 per hour for their work in searching and helping to get grants. Mayor Weatherwax stated that he felt like this would be good for the City and would be asking at the meeting following Work Session for the Council to approve to move forward with this endeavor.

Hand and Arendall Harrison has been contacted to give an estimate for redoing the employee handbook and job descriptions this estimated cost will be less than \$10,000.00 and Council will be asking to approve moving forward with them to

get started on this. Councilwomen Cassandra Lee and Denise Lovett agreed that this would be reasonable to contract with them to help in getting everything updated and legal which could also help in obtaining grants.

Caleb Harville Gas Superintendent was present to explain that in the following meeting he would be asking Council to approve the Drug and Alcohol Misuse Drug Plan that is now needed to stay in compliance with the regulations expected of all Gas Departments. When the EPA comes each year to do inspections they also check to see if drug testing has been done of the employees – each year at least ½ of the employees have to be drug tested per requirements that are a little different from the current City Drug testing program.

Mayor Weatherwax stated that in the regular meeting he would be asking for used trucks/vehicles one each for the water department, street department and fire department he would like to have around \$50,000.00 set aside to purchase if any are available in Montgomery like the ADECA trucks that had been purchased before. The Fire Department has about \$11,000.00 that they can put in to help cover the cost of purchasing a vehicle for their department for the Fire Inspector.

Gary Hubbard was present and addressed the Council with his concerns about Rosenwald Street needing to be widened for the safety of those who travel it. This street goes to a school and needs widening and curb and guttering if possible because it is dangerous. Mayor Weatherwax stated that he and the Street Superintendent were aware of this need and had been out looking to see what could be done and with the Grant Program mentioned earlier they are hoping to find some funding to do this project.

The Kelley Group should be in the process of fixing the issues at the Water Treatment Plant that have been discussed at previous meetings.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Jason White, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member