

Work Session Minutes
July 14, 2025
@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax
Brent White
Cassandra Lee
Jason White
Denise Lovett

Absent: Joyce Jeffreys

Resolution 2025-011 to Change the Pay Grade for Grade III Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators from Grade 8 to Grade 9 on the pay scale. This had been brought to Council at previous meeting and was decided to be discussed at the Work Session. The Council discussed why it was not previously done, and it was stated that in error it was not moved to the same Grade as the Water Treatment Operators by Mayor Weatherwax. On the recommendation of Jason White – Councilman the change should be done at budget time due to at that time also making other possible pay changes it would be a more proper time to do so. Council was in agreement to wait until budget time.

Resolution 2025-014 Mrs. Teri Dutton previously worked for the City as part-time for several years but was not classified at that time as being eligible for retirement but she did work more than part-time hours, so the City is obligated to pay their part to Alabama Retirement Systems for the time she worked and the retirement benefit wasn't paid, in the amount of \$20,180.59.

Emily Edwards – City Accountant informed Council that she was starting to talk to supervisors about the Budget for the next year and would be having supervisors come soon to a Work Session with the Council on Budget.

The council was made aware of an invoice from Quality Paving for \$20,765.00.

Traffic Lights at the intersections of Seminary St & Court St and East St & Court St need to be replaced and Shoals Electric is the only one that does this type of work

so they will be the ones doing the work which will cost approximately \$25,000.00. Accountant Emily Edwards said that the Gas Taxes could be used for the repairs.

The Old Willow Tree Building on the square belongs to the City because it was given to them after the fire next door to it. The damage has gotten worse, and it is in need to be demolished – per the fire inspector and building inspector. The City will have it looked at to see about cost and if any can be saved. Once determined, bids will be let for the job to be done.

Mayor Weatherwax told the Council that he had been approached about the County giving the City the property where the old jail and annex was located along with \$50,000.00. The Council questioned why the County would want to give it to the City and Mayor said that it would need site work done to direct the water away from the buildings on the square. Council ask for a engineer to look at it and give an estimated cost for the work that would have to be done – no matter what it would be used for before they would accept the offer from the County. Council was concerned that the cost would not be cost effective for the City even with the \$50,000.00 the County was also giving. Mayor Weatherwax expressed that if the City owned it – we would take better care of it and could use it for whatever was determined to be used for in the future.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member