

[January 13, 2025]

# Regular Meeting Minutes

## Key Staff Attending

Vickie Nail-Mayor  
Donal Prestage- \_Mayor Pro Tem  
Theron Harris  
Verdie Williams  
Carolyn Blackshear-**ABSENT**  
Lindsay Bennett-**ABSENT**  
Duann Davis  
Gina Sheridan  
Nivea Jackson

The Mayor began the meeting by welcoming all of the guests and Council. The Mayor gave the prayer and the meeting attendees recited the pledge in unison. The Mayor gave each Council member a document with the Mayor's appointments of Council and their departments. The Mayor advised the Council that she would address any concerns that they may have. Councilman Prestage is questioning whether the sitting Mayor can head a department. Councilwoman Verdie Williams adds concern on the appointments. Williams states that it is not normal for the Mayor to head a department. The Mayor states that she is separating Water/Sewer from Streets and Lanes and wants a councilmember over each. Nail states that since Councilman Williams absence, she has filled in as the Department head over the Police Department. The new Chief and I have been working together to build that department and make changes, states the Mayor. Verdie Williams responds, stating that she feels like the Mayor fulfilling that role is a conflict of interest. Prestage supports that comment by saying the Department head should be assigned to a Councilmember to suffice conflict of interest with the day-to-day supervisor. **Verdie Williams makes a motion to appoint Councilman Harris over the Police Department. Harris must abstain from the vote, leaving no quorum of the Council to vote. Williams amends her motion to table the discussion until next month when a quorum would be available.**

**Motion by: Verdie Williams**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Donald Prestage**

**Motion: Carried unanimously**

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mayor Nail introduces Mike Sanders and unveils his plans for the potential Circle K stores. The store is petitioning to Council about a need for parking. The Council was provided with blueprint copies

and Circle K has been informed about the local number of parking spaces needed for the store. They are asking that the City be made aware of the current ordinance on parking and to advise the project manager if they are willing to approve an ordinance for the amount of spaces the business would need, if a fast food restaurant was added in the plans of the business. Davis, City Attorney, advised that no variance is needed, however an amendment to the current ordinance would suffice the project's needs. The Council was given an accompanying handout with a concept drawing of the potential business and an arial layout of the parking lot. Mike Sanders gave the Council and audience a chance to ask questions.

### **PD Enterprise Lease**

The next item on the agenda, was the discussion of the Enterprise rental car. The Police Chief, Matt Lynn explained to the Council the ins and out of the lease. The Council was given a handout at the planning session showing the analytics and costs of the lease over a 5year term. Councilman Harris and Councilwoman Williams asked several questions concerning the type of vehicles being leased and the detailed costs. Williams requested a quote for doing the program for 3 years instead of 5yrs. Kris Whiteside, who was on the phone to answer questions about the lease, noted that a shorter lease means a higher premium. Williams acknowledged but, request the quote anyway. Whiteside complied.

The Mayor stopped to hear department updates from department heads.

Rodney-Water/Sewer and Street/Lanes

Fire Department- Verdie Williams

Recreation-no report given

Police Department- Matt Lynn

No discrepancies noted.

### **Sprayfield Lease**

The current lessee is making bi-yearly payments. Once in May/June and another in January. The Attorney has been requested to amend the current lease to include the new dates. The City will place the ad in the newspaper in February to receive sealed bids and the Council will vote on the submissions in March. The lease would begin in April 2025. Duann Davis advises she would be ready to post the lease. Donald Prestage makes a motion to list the spray field lease in the paper.

**Motion by: Donald Prestage**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Verdie Williams**

**Motion: Carries unanimous**

### **Tree Cutting at Armory**

Daniel Anderson has volunteered to cut down the trees on the lawn at the Armory. Anderson will take down the trees if the City will agree to let him have the trees free of charge. **Councilman Prestage has recused himself of this vote.** After Councilman Prestage recused himself, there was not enough Council present for a quorum. This item will be tabled to be heard by a full Council.

### Water Sewer Equipment Sale

Councilman Prestage and Rodney DeLoach have a list of items; a zero turn that is good for parts, old tools, a 2012 pickup, and a chipper that will be listed for sale. Councilman Prestage would like to list these items on Gov Deals for bid with the sale proceeds to be earmarked for future purchase of public works equipment. Councilman Theron Harris made the motion for the items to be listed on Gov Deals with sale proceeds being earmarked for the future purchase of public works equipment.

Motion by: Theron Harris

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Verdie Williams

Motion: Carries unanimously

### Building Inspector Updates

Don Powell gave the Council an update of how many permits and what was collected by him in permits.

### Car Sale Bid Opening

A total of eight bids were opened. 6 total bids for the Charger. The highest bid being from Ashley Riggers for \$4500 and 2 bids for the Crown Victoria. The highest bid for the Crown Victoria was from Thomas Overstreet in the amount of \$2525. The motion to accept the bid for each vehicle was made by Donald Prestage

Motion by: Donald Prestage

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Verdie Williams

Motion: Carries

## Executive Session-Personnel and Legal

Motion made by: Verdie Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Donald Prestage

Motion: Carries unanimously

**Motion to go to Regular Session: Verdie Williams**

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Donald Prestage

Motion: Carries unanimously

The Council has reviewed the Personnel and legal matters. There will be no action per the Attorney's recommendation.