

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, David Walker, Alex Boykin, Jr., Betty Mack, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITOR: Phyllis Overstreet.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Councilperson Foster gave the invocation.

Councilperson Mack made the motion to approve the agenda to include the deletion of item 5 to discuss insurance coverages to be replaced with an executive session to discuss the salary of an employee. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Mack made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2005 meeting as received. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the Budget and Finance Reports as presented. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Commission Reports.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that there was nothing new with economic development in the City. He told them everything was well in the Police Department. Councilman Sandifer said some policy changes needed to be made in all departments concerning retirement. He informed Council that Attorney Mike Malone had been contacted who was willing to come and discuss retirement policies and the present TERI Program with Council.

Councilman Sandifer told Council that he was looking at an automobile maintenance program for the Police Department. He asked if the City needed so many police cars? Councilman Sandifer said at one time Council thought it was a good idea for each officer to have a car and drive it home so they could be seen in their neighborhood. He said that now most of their neighborhoods have moved out of town since most of the officers live out of town. Councilman Sandifer said a few things needed to be polished up on and he proposed a four hour workshop before the next Council meeting.

Councilperson Foster voiced that they needed to start somewhere and she asked that policies from other towns be secured.

Councilman Sandifer said he was trying to save the taxpayers' money and went on to say that the City was giving the same services at a cost of a one million dollar increase over the past years.

Clerk Watson was asked to contact Attorney Malone to set up the workshop.

Councilperson Johnson informed Council that no one was present at the Chamber of Commerce Office. She said the Sanitation Department was doing well and that the Summer Youth Workers had returned back to school. Councilperson Johnson assured Council that the department would be available to help with the TreasureFest and Sesquicentennial Celebrations.

Councilman Boykin asked Councilperson Foster if the Sanitation Dept. could cut the Ness Park every week due to the start up of the Youth Football Program.

Councilperson Johnson said she would talk to Mr. Sweatman to see that the park was continuing to be cut weekly.

Councilperson Johnson informed Council that flowers needed to be placed in the planters at the Ness Parks and that the Sandifers had volunteered to donate the flowers and plant them.

Councilman Walker informed Council that everything was running smoothly in the Fire Department.

Councilman Boykin informed Council that the lighting of the new baseball field was underway. He asked Council's advice as to whether a contractor should possibly be hired to maintain Ness Park and he also asked them if maybe they needed to consider an athletic director's position to run the Summer Baseball Program at the park since the two volunteer directors would not be running the program in the future.

Councilperson Johnson told Councilman Boykin to be sure and give the two directors something in appreciation for all they had done over the years.

Councilman Walker asked if they were talking about a fulltime athletic director?

Councilman Boykin said a fulltime director was not needed but that a part time position was needed.

Councilperson Foster informed Council that business license renewals were being received.

Under New Business.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to set the Sales Tax Credit Factor at .001513 for the 2005 Tax year. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

After Clerk Watson explained the request from Bell South for an easement to place a fiber optic cable line through Ness Park and that he had contacted a lawyer with the

MASC to review the easement, Councilperson Foster made the motion to pursue such an easement. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson, Chairperson of the Sanitation Commission, informed Council that the Sanitation Commission had met last Thursday to review the Grapple Loader Truck proposals in depth. She said at this time the Commission was recommending that the City accept the proposal from Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc. of Monroe, North Carolina at a price of \$92,275.00.

After some discussion of the proposals, Councilperson Foster made the motion to accept the proposal from Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc. of \$92,775.00 for the Grapple Loader Truck. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilman Sandifer voiced it was great to be able to have enough reserves in which to dip in order to purchase the truck.

After Councilman Sandifer presented the Sesquicentennial Parade request for October 1, 2005 at 12:00 p.m., he made the motion to approve the parade request. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum asked who would be participating in the parade?

Councilperson Foster informed Council that the Driver Club Members, the antique car owners, several floats as well as Miss Sesquicentennial would be participating.

Councilman Walker made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the salary of an employee. Councilperson Mack made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to come out of the executive session. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum announced that no action had been taken in the executive session.

With no further business, Councilperson Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Clerk

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Mayor