

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2004 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, David Walker, Betty Wells, Betty Mack and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Phyllis Overstreet, Fire Chief Timmie Taylor, and students from Job Corps.

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

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present except Councilperson Foster.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Martha Hammett informed Council that the Bamberg Rescue Squad would be loosing their parking in front of their building next door during the Widening 301 Project. She told Council that years ago they had discussed with the City the possibility of combining the properties to develop a parking area. She told Council she was here to get suggestions from Council. Mrs. Hammett informed Council that the area behind the Rescue Squad building could be developed to allow for 40 parking spaces.

Councilperson Foster entered the meeting in progress.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the City would be loosing some parking in front of City Hall due to the Widening 301 Project. He said there would be some legal questions concerning the joint venture but said they needed to move forward with the project.

Mayor McCollum explained that a contractual agreement would be needed to move the project forward.

Councilperson Johnson gave her blessings to move the project forward.

Mayor McCollum asked Clerk Watson and Mrs. Hammett to contact City Attorney Monroe Hiers and the Rescue Squad's Attorney Billy Kemp to get them started on the legalities of such a venture.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2004 meeting as received. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Wells made the motion to approve the Budget and Finance Report as presented. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Commission Reports:

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the Buildings Commission would be meeting to review the plans for the addition and renovation of the Police Department.

Councilperson Johnson had no report but informed Council that she would have a person on next month's agenda.

Councilman Walker told Council that he had no report for the Fire Department but said he wanted Chief Timmie Taylor to sit in on the executive session.

Chief Timmie Taylor informed Council that the Fire Department had been awarded a \$16,888.00 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in which the Department plans to match the City's 10% share of \$1,688.00 to come from the Brush Truck Fund. He said this meant the City would not have to bare any costs for the grant.

Council applauded Chief Taylor for receiving the grant.

Councilperson Wells informed Council that the Summer Youth Workers were headed back to school. She told Council that several dog complaints had been received during the month.

Councilperson Mack informed Council that Manager Ellis and Clerk Watson were still meeting to discuss the medical insurance proposals. She told Council that the Insurance Commission would be meeting soon to discuss the proposals for medical insurance coverages.

Councilperson Mack introduced the Job Corps SGA Officers who were present at the meeting. Each member gave his name, position in the SGA and the name of their hometown.

Council welcomed each of the students.

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

Under Old Business:

Clerk Watson presented each member of Council with the new revised Code of Ordinances for the City of Bamberg. He explained that the new Code of Ordinances were now condensed and very simple to understand. Clerk Watson told Council that the first reading of the adoption ordinance could take place at the next Council meeting.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to set the Tax Credit Factor for the tax year 2004 at .001516. Councilperson Johnson made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 2004-5 to join the SCMIRF. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Mack made the motion to approve the agreement to join SCMIRF. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

After some explaining by Clerk Watson, Councilman Walker made the motion to set the Depreciation Threshold for Fixed Assets for the City of Bamberg at \$3,000.00. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

After Clerk Watson explained the meaning of a Stewardship Threshold for Fixed Assets, Councilperson Johnson made the motion to set the Stewardship Threshold for Fixed Assets for the City of Bamberg at \$500.00. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-04 to borrow \$185,000.00 from Enterprise Bank for the addition and renovation of the Police Department. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

After some discussion, Councilman Sandifer made the motion to set the limits on travel allowances for meals for all personnel at \$60.00 per day. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-05 to amend the Business License Ordinance Levying A Business License Tax On Retail Telecommunication Services. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the discussion of the 2005 July 4th Celebration, Council agreed to continue with the event. Mayor McCollum asked Councilperson Johnson to work with him in securing the entertainers for the event.

Councilman Sandifer made the motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations incident to the Fire Service Contract with Bamberg County. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

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

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

During the announcements, Councilperson Foster asked about the progress of the USA Enterprise Building.

Councilman Sandifer informed her that the BCEDC was still hearing that everything was on go with the Mungo Company locating the USA Building.

Councilperson Foster asked if UPS had been notified that Council was not willing to allow them to place a drop box on the birm.

Clerk Watson explained that he had tried to notify the UPS representative without success.

Councilperson Foster asked when Manager Ellis would be able to update Council concerning the deeded SCAT Park property and the proposed project to place fire hydrants in the Wren Street area.

Mayor McCollum assured Council that he would contact Manager Ellis to see when he could meet with Council.

After receiving a few recommendations from a Job Corps student, Councilperson Johnson thanked the students for coming to the Council meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor of Bamberg