

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT. Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Ella Bamberg, Janeth Walker, Teresa Hannibal, and Nancy Foster. Clerk: Bruce Watson. VISITOR: Jerry Durgan.

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

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present except Councilman Fralick.

Mayor McCollum informed Council that the City's appraisal of City Hall came in at \$325,000.00 as compared to the one done by the BPW which came in at \$225,000.00. He asked Council for their ideas as to what they wanted to propose to the BPW Commissioners. Mayor McCollum told Council they must also be concerned with how the office help will be divided, and whether the BPW would continued to transfer monies to the City each year. He asked Council for their ideas.

Councilperson Sandifer and Foster both said they felt it would be in the best interest of the citizens to have the BPW remain at City Hall with the City Renovating the Civic Center. They said the City and BPW was owned by the citizens of Bamberg and that this would be the best for them.

Councilperson Walker asked where the extra funding would come from if more monies were needed to renovate the Civic Center?

Mayor McCollum said even with the BPW's money the City would have to seek grants for the additional funding.

Councilperson Hannibal said the employee issue was an eye opener to her and that she would like to have more information.

Councilperson Foster, saying she thought the appraisal would be higher, said she felt the venture would save the BPW a lot of money instead of them having to build a new service center.

Councilperson Bamberg said she felt the BPW and City needed to move forward and work together.

Councilman Sandifer told Council that Clerk Watson needed to remain and work with both the BPW and the City.

Clerk Watson explained to Council that due to the City's debt limitations the City could still borrow close to \$300,000.00 to either add to the BPW's money or they could decide to stay at City Hall and renovate the Civic Center in phases. He cautioned Council that grants could be found for public use projects but that they would be hard to secure to renovate for administrative office space.

Mayor McCollum said he would like to ask the BPW for \$325,000.00 with the employees remaining the same as they are and that he would like to be assured that the transfer of money would continue from the BPW.

Councilperson Walker said she felt monies were available to help the City renovate the Civic Center.

After more discussion, Council agreed to present the City's appraisal to the BPW Commissioners and to meet with them on September 24th to ask what they would be willing to offer.

During the announcements, Councilman Sandifer informed Council that Councilperson Foster had been selected as Bamberg County Industrial Citizen Of The Year and that she would be recognized Thursday night at the Southern Carolina Alliance's Annual Meeting.

Council applauded her for her award.

Councilperson Foster informed Council that she was given a huge plaque today during an event at the Governor's Mansion.

Councilperson Foster reminded everyone that the dedication ceremony honoring Coach Al Ramsey would be held at 11:00 a.m. this Saturday at the Foster Park. She said the Ramsey Family was excited about the event.

Mayor McCollum assured Council that he would get them on the BPW's agenda for next Monday's meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor