

April 8, 2014, City Council Work Session Minutes

Mayor Stoy, Council Members Gary Ates, Willie Basby, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon were present along with City Manager Ray Gibson.

Absent was Councilmember Charles Cranford.

The following was presented by City Manager Ray Gibson.

Item # 1 - Resolution 16-14: Request to approve the adoption of the Bleckley County Hazard Mitigation Plan pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

This information is on disk for viewing. The Mitigation Act is a joint plan for the City and County. Mr. James Pope will present at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Item # 2 - Resolution 17-14: Request to approve a financial services agreement with Kidwell & Company Inc., for the City's bond refinancing.

City Manager Gibson discussed the details of the Kidwell & Company, Inc., agreement. Town Hall meetings will be scheduled for discussion and information purposes.

Item # 3 - Resolution 18-14: Request to approve a contract with Paulk Landscaping Inc. for management and landscaping maintenance of City owned property.

The contract cost with Paulk Landscaping is much lower than the current contract with Pulaski County. The City will also utilize Police Community Service for additional assistance.

Item # 4 - Resolution 14-14: Request to approve a hold harmless agreement with Ms. Leola Sheneth Jones.

Ms. Sheneth Jones said that she would settle for \$2000.00.

Item # 5 - Resolution 19-14: Request to approve an Immediate Threat and Danger (ITAD) grant for Lake Linda sewer line issue.

Lake Linda has been closed approximately two months due to a leakage. The City will apply for a grant that will help with the cost of lining the terra cotta pipe.

City Manager Updates

- 1. Sewer Line at Wood Oak Subdivision:** Surveying work being completed on Thursday, April 10, 2014 and then an RFP put together for work to be completed.
- 2. Bond Refinancing:** Meeting with Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisor all day on Thursday, April 10, 2014 to get all information together and plan for moving forward.

- 3. Lake Linda Sewer Line Issue:** We are in the process of applying for an Immediate Threat and Danger (ITAD) grant from DCA. The project is estimated to cost \$100,000.00 and the ITAD grant would only cover up to 50%.
- 4. Fire Department:** We are utilizing SPLOST funds of approximately \$12,500.00 to move from analog to digital.
- 5. Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Disinfection System:** The contracts are being executed with Lanier Contracting to complete the work over the next few months. Cost of the work is \$192,000.00 and SPLOST.
- 6. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** The application was submitted on April 1, 2014 to DCA and the City should hear back around June or July of 2014 as to whether or not the sewer line project got funded.
- 7. Fence Adjacent to Dollar General and Cedar Hill Cemetery:** In discussion with Dollar General corporate to have the issue looked into. The City has requested a privacy fence be erected along the Dollar General property line in the hopes it could be a joint City/Dollar General project. The main goal is to keep the trash from blowing onto the cemetery.
- 8. Conversion to Update QS-1 Software:** This process has started and will take up to 4 or 5 months before we are where we need to be. We will hopefully be uploading the 2014 budget by the end of April.
- 9. 2013/2014 Financial Audit:** This process should be completed by the end of April and presented to City Council at the May meeting. We will then be moving forward with the financial audit for the 6 month period from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Our audits have been late the last 5 years and it is our goal to change this process moving forward. The financial reporting issues have made this most difficult but we are getting where we need to be.
- 10. Pot Hole Repairs:** The City received a quote from Everett Dykes Paving in the amount of \$7,500.00 per month which was not within the City's budget. We are currently looking at different options as well as seeking out additional quotes.
- 11. RFP for Engineering Services:** An RFP for Engineering Services has been prepared and will be advertised within the next week.

Council Discussion Items

Councilmember Tommy Guyton inquired about a financial statement from the Recreational Department. Councilmember Basby wants a member of City Council to attend meetings as in the past.

Wal-Mart will begin the hiring process on April 14, 2014.

Mayor Stoy gave out copies of the City Charter for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Guyton and seconded by Lemmon to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Executive Session

- A.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). The subject discussed was [identify the case or claim discussed but not the substance of the attorney-client discussion].
- B.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).
- C.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- D.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).
- E.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).
- F.** Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- G.** Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- H.** Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was [identify the matter but not the substance of the discussion].
- I.** Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a)(1).

A motion was made by Councilmember Ates and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to exit Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned.

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk