

MINUTES OF THE DEMOPOLIS COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2016

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tim Soronen
 - Fire- Vernon Waters- submitted
 - Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds
 - Building Official-Julius Rembert
 - City Hall-Mallory Courtney
- Court
Public Works-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with an invocation by Charles Jones followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson added under new business number 6 public assembly application from Demopolis High School. Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend the agenda to add public assembly application under new business number 6. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

The council reviewed the minutes of August 30th and September 1, 2016. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Announcements:

Reports from Departments:

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Fire Chief Waters announced the Fire Department received another AIG Equipment grant for breathing apparatuses. The total of grant is \$148,000, and I'm requesting to pay the grant writer's fee of \$6,748

and the department would cover match \$7,086 from the 2016-2017 budget. The council agreed to table under the council meeting.

Projects:

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole solicited bids for demolition of the concrete brick structure at the corner of Arcola and Second Avenue. One bid was received at \$2,950 and preparing the necessary paperwork to accept the bid and move forward. Also since the last meeting, grass has been cut on Arcola Road and Laura Street. The cost is \$125 each that has been paid and lien has been placed on these properties.

After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept the only bid from Eaves Construction to demolish the concrete brick structure on Arcola Road at \$2,950 and place a lien on the property. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Unfinished Business:

Access from Roman Alley: Mr. Poole stated to connect Roman Alley to Pettus Street there are two (2) lots that would have to be purchased. One of the property owners are willing to sell and the other is not. Mr. Poole stated he has written the property owner with a price of the appraised value assed by the Revenue Commission and has not accepted the offer. Mr. Poole stated the other alternative is commendation of the property. Mayor Grayson asked Mr. Poole to contact Will Barrett concerning Cemex another alternate to connecting Roman Alley to McNamara Road. No action was taken.

Ditch on Decatur Street: Councilman Jones stated he had talk to Chickasaw Containers to get the cheater containers and was told to give him a couple of days. Councilman Jones told them he would have to have the containers within two (2) weeks. He stated a bill of sale would be done because the container has serial numbers on them.

Bid Results on 2 Toro Greenmaster 3150: Park and Recreation Director, Walker Reynolds, reported the lowest bid Beard Equipment for John Deere \$1,108 month for 36 months. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept the lowest bid. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

New Business:

Resolution 2016-49 Proposed Budget 2016-2017: The proposed budget was presented to the council for review at the last council meeting. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-49 Budget 2016-2017. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Resolution 2016-50 Budget Adjustment: Resolution 2016-50 is a budget adjustment for police security at Shelton State. This money has been received at City Hall and requesting it to be put back in overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-50. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: no	Councilman Cole: yes

Demopolis Industrial Development Board appointment-resignation Stephen Morgan: Mayor Grayson stated Stephen Morgan has recommended Chip Hammonds to fill his vacancy. Mayor Grayson stated normally this spot is filled with someone from West Rock. Councilman Nelson made the motion to suspend the rules and vote tonight. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Chip Hammonds to Demopolis Industrial Development Board. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Public Assembly application-Demopolis High School DECA: Public Assembly application is for American Heart Association held on November 12th at 8am-10am. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve application. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Planning Commission board appointment-resignation Max Bailey: Mayor Grayson received a resignation letter from Max Bailey. The floor was opened for nominations. Councilman Cole nominated Thomas Bell. The council agreed that the nomination be left open until the council meeting.

Public Assembly application-Demopolis High School Homecoming: Public assembly application is for Demopolis High School Homecoming October 7th at 1pm. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the application. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Meador made a motion to adjourn the September 1, 2016 council meeting.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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