

Minutes
Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2024

Call to Order:

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Roll Call:

Commissioner Traughber: Present, Vice Mayor Pettus: Present, Mayor Edwards: Present. City Manager Breeding: Present. Mayor Edwards declared that there was a quorum to conduct business.

Prayer:

Mayor Edwards opened in prayer.

Previous Minutes:

Mayor Edwards motioned to approve earlier minutes from August 5, 2024. Second by Vice Mayor Pettus: Ayes: Commissioner Traughber, Vice Mayor Pettus, Mayor Edwards. Minutes Approved.

Communications from Mayor:

Mayor Edwards updated the Board on the final Farmers Market in September and the Fall Festival on October 19th. He mentioned that he had been in talks with a band and had already reserved the Petting Zoo.

Aquatic Clean-Up Grant (TWRA): Mayor Edwards announced that the city was able to potentially accept a grant from TWRA for a stream cleanup for a blue line stream inside the city limits. City Manager Breeding is evaluating it to determine the details. The \$1,000 grant can be used to reimburse for supplies and services used in cleaning up the stream. Mayor Edwards mentioned he would have to speak with several property owners about accessing the stream along their properties

City Manager Report:

City Manager Kevin Breeding updated the commission on the budget and reported that the City is on track.

Culverts/Drainage Project: City Manager Kevin Breeding updated the commission on the culverts/ drainage project. He had spoken with a culvert cleaning company, and he and Mayor Edwards had gone out and looked at several culverts and marked several for jetting and repair. Once they are jetted and can be evaluated, ditch work can be done to improve drainage if needed. He mentioned that he and Mayor Edwards thought that some of the extensive drainage issues being looked at might be resolved by simply opening culverts and letting the water move.

Commission Remarks:

Hearing none, remarks closed.

Citizen Comments:

Hearing none, comments closed.

Old Business:

Hearing none, moving to New Business.

New Business:

Railroad Street Paving: Mayor Edwards presented the Paving Bids for Railroad Street, which were: Sessions

Paving: \$43,380 Meadows Contracting: \$39,575 Thorough Sealers: \$45,500 Rawls Paving: \$34,300 Crown Paving: \$97,550 City Manager reminded the commission that It didn't have to necessarily go with the lowest bid if there were any concerns with the companies or the bid. Commissioner Traughber complimented the work done by Rawls Paving and said that given the work last year and the bid amount, she would favor using them. Vice Mayor Pettus motioned to approve and award the paving project to Rawls Paving. Commissioner Traughber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Solar Farm Moratorium Extension to 2025: Mayor Edwards updated the commission on the Solar Farm Moratorium that was implemented in 2024 and mentioned that there had been some progress but that there were several Planning & Zoning aspects that the city was working on and recommended extending the moratorium to another year, expiring in October 2025. Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve it, which Vice Mayor Pettus seconded. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

St. James Missionary Baptist Church Proclamation: Mayor Edwards presented a proclamation celebrating St. James Church and its Mortgage note-burning ceremony on September 15th. Mayor Edwards commended Vice Mayor Pettus and City Manager Breeding for creating the Proclamation. Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve it, which Vice Mayor Pettus seconded. Voice Vote: In Favor Commissioner Traughber, Vice Mayor Pettus & Mayor Edwards. Opposed: None. Approved 3-0.

Adding Zoning Variance Request to Fee Schedule: Mayor Edwards stated that a property owner approached him regarding an extension on their building. Mayor Edwards and City Manager Breeding updated the Commission on the need to pay for the cost of a Variance Request, such as signage, legal ad postings, and along with related expenses. They proposed a \$250 Variance Request Fee. Vice Mayor Pettus inquired about the process and wanted to ensure that the city didn't set any precedence by approving various Variance Requests. Mayor Edwards mentioned that the requests were all on a case-by-case basis and explained the relationship between the Legislative and Planning/ Zoning Appeals boards. Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve it, which Vice Mayor Pettus seconded. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Mayor Edwards asked that City Manager Breeding move forward with the Proclamation honoring Korean War Veteran and Prisoner of War Tom Caroland.

Adjourn:

Mayor Edwards made a motion to adjourn, which Vice Mayor Pettus seconded. Voice Vote: In Favor Commissioner Traughber, Vice Mayor Pettus & Mayor Edwards. Opposed: None. Meeting Adjourned.


Mayor

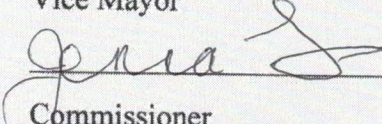
Date

10/7/24

Absent

Vice Mayor

Date


Commissioner

Date

Absent

City Recorder

Date

10/7/2024