

**Minutes
Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2024**

Call to order:

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

Roll Call: Mayor Edwards performed the Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Traughber, Vice Mayor Pettus, Mayor Edwards was all present and City Manager Kevin Breeding was present.

Prayer:

Mayor Edwards opened the meeting up in prayer.

Previous Minutes of July 01, 2024 Meeting:

Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve previous minutes, seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. All in Favor. Previous minutes approved.

Communications for Mayor:

Events/ Activities:

Mayor Edwards mentioned that there were two more Farmers Markets left for the year (August & September) & the Fall Festival would take place on October 19th.

2024/2025 Community Donations – Band

Mayor Edwards discussed a potential donation to the Jo Byrns Band. The Commission discussed that the Jo Byrns Band was often overlooked and that they felt a donation of \$300 to the Band would be helpful in continuing to grow the program. Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve the donation. Seconded by Commissioner Traughber. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Tornado Siren Grant

Mayor Edwards updated the Commission on the Tornado Siren Grant. He spoke with TEMA last week to get an update on the grant. The TEMA Grant Manager informed him that FEMA was several years behind and was reviewing grants from 2021 at the moment. Mayor Edwards voiced his concerns that once FEMA gets around to reviewing and potentially approving the grant, then the equipment picked would already be older technology by that point and that he was concerned about the duration of the grant review. He mentioned that it may be beneficial for the Commission to consider purchasing a system outright to bring the system to the community. Commissioner Traughber inquired about the possibility of purchasing a system and the grant being approved to have another siren. Mayor Edwards mentioned that would create the need for maintenance of two siren systems for yearly maintenance. Mayor Edwards asked the Commission to consider the options and discuss it further. Commissioner Traughber proposed acquiring updated quotes on equipment and evaluating the options afterwards. Mayor Edwards agreed that they would seek updated quotes and reevaluate.

Investment Pool - \$50,000 Transfer from General Fund

Mayor Edwards relayed a recommendation that the City reduce the General Fund balance by transferring \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Investment Pool. City Manager Breeding mentioned that it's a smart move and that the Investment Pool's interest rate will generate additional income. Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Food Truck Proposal-

Mayor Edwards discussed that a food truck had inquired about potentially setting up at the Club House once a month to serve food.

City Manager Report:

2024-2025 Budget Report

Jackson Street Culvert/Street Issue

City Manager Breeding informed the commission of a failing culvert that is creating a sinking hole in the pavement adjacent to the Highway on Jackson Street. He mentioned that he had spoken with TDOT and after discussion, TDOT kindly agreed that they would repair the roadway and replace the culvert with no expense to the City.

Commission Remarks:

Hearing None, Moving on to Citizen Comments.

Citizens Comments:

Mayor Edwards brought forward a concern regarding speeding along Sory Street. A resident inquired about a potential speed bump. City Manager Breeding informed the board that the current speed limit would make it legal for one to be placed. Mayor Edwards mentioned that they could get the speed bump up if the commission thought it was needed. Commissioner Traughber inquired about the costs of the speed bump. Mayor Edwards responded that he didn't know the exact cost, but he would pull the information and factor in the need for "Speed Bump" signage.

A citizen mentioned a rough area of pavement on Lowe Lane. City Manager Breeding mentioned that we could look at it.

Old Business:

Ordinance 2024-04: Regulation Establishing Dates & Times for Fireworks: Second and Final Reading

Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve the Second & Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-04. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Bids for Backhoe/Dump Truck Services

City Manager Breeding presented the bids that were received for utilizing a Backhoe/Operator & Dump Truck/Operator for various ditch work around the city.

- a. Ark Construction - Backhoe/Operator - \$140 per hour - Dump Truck/Operator - \$120 per hour
- b. Miller Trucking - Dump Truck/Operator - \$140 per hour - No Backhoe Bid
- c. Shouse Contracting - Backhoe/Operator - \$160 per hour - Dump Truck/Operator - \$110 per hour

Mayor Edwards inquired about tracking expenses. City Manager Breeding mentioned that with the projects that they City is looking at it should only be for a few days at the most as far as expenses. City Manager Breeding did mention that they would evaluate culverts as work was being done and he had a company that could clean them out if needed. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed that Ark Construction appeared to be the best fit for needed equipment and that they submitted a competitive bid. Mayor Edwards made a motion to award the contract to Ark Construction. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Landscaping Bids-

- a. Watts Landscaping - \$1500
- b. Hogan and Hogan - \$1500

- c. Elkins Brothers - \$1876.03
- d. Tri-Star Groundworks - \$2800

Mayor Edwards presented four bids for landscaping at City Hall and the Park. Mayor Edwards mentioned that the rocks have been problematic and that many of the bushes were too close together and several of them had died and were looking bad. The Commission focused on the matching bids of Watts Landscaping & Hogan & Hogan. After a brief discussion and after reviewing both bids, the commission agreed on Watts Landscaping. Mayor Edwards made a motion to award the landscaping work to Watts Landscaping. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Robertson County Coon Hunters Association

City Recorder Richards spoke with the representative of the Coon Hunters Association, and it was proposed for \$1200 for a 3-day event with no campers/RVs with tent only and expectations for clean-up, etc. They must present the proposal at their next meeting and will let us know. The event would not happen until 2026.

New Business


Bids for Blinds for Clubhouse:

Mayor Edwards presented the quote received for blinds for the Clubhouse. Mayor Edwards mentioned that the City had been looking for some durable and simplistic blinds that would handle the wear and tear of all the events and activities that take place at the Clubhouse. The company offers a one-time no question asked replacement for each set of blinds. He mentioned this would wrap up the Main Area additions until the Phase 2 renovation later in the winter.


Mayor Edwards made a motion to approve the purchase of new blinds for the Club House for \$1,496.50. Seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Traughber: Yes, Vice Mayor Pettus: Yes, Mayor Edwards: Yes. Approved 3-0.

Adjourn:

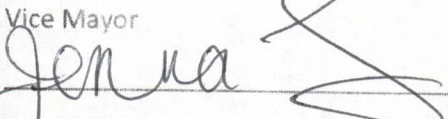
Mayor Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Mayor Pettus. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.


Mayor

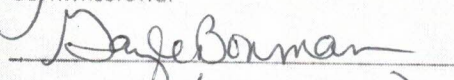
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Date


Vice Mayor

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Commissioner

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Date


City Clerk (Temporary)

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