

STATE OF ALABAMA)(
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN)(

The City Council met in an Agenda Meeting at 5:30 p.m.,
Delchamps Room, 161 North Section Street,
Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Monday, 9 January 2017.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Jay Robinson, Jimmy Conyers, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Karin Wilson, City Attorney Marion E. Wynne, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks. Councilmember Robert Brown was absent.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. The City Council reviewed and discussed the agenda for their meeting to be held today at 6:00 p.m. Agenda Item Number 6: a resolution that the City Council approves the selection of The Cassady Company, Inc. to perform a Professionals Engineering Study for Gas, Water and Sewer Utilities was discussed. Gas Superintendent Robert Rohm was asked if a "Gas" study was needed; and Mr. Rohm replied no. Water & Sewer Superintendent Dan McCrory was asked if a "Water" study was needed; and Mr. McCrory replied yes for flow and capacity.

Mayor Wilson stated this is a huge asset and a study is needed for future and budget needs. Councilmember Boone commented we need a plan for a five to ten-year future growth. He questioned using a company out of the Tuscaloosa area and not local. Mayor Wilson replied we need a base-line study only with fresh eyes to review the system. Councilmember Robinson stated we need to get this figured out in a quick timeframe. Mayor Wilson said it is her job to select and present to the City Council. Councilmember Boone replied it is our job to approve. Mayor Wilson commented the company prequalified and is local; and was to be working with Cowles.

Council President Burrell said that Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch ("HMR") is local and qualified; and they work with Mobile Area Water and Sewer System ("MAWSS"). Councilmember Robinson asked if we could add "HMR" to the resolution for study. City Attorney Wynne said the City Council approved the Quality Based Selection Process for selecting a professional service via a resolution: the Mayor selects and the Council approves. If there is a roadblock: the Mayor selects and the Council does not approve, we need a reconciliation to reach a compromise and move forward.

Council President Burrell commented this is a two-step process and we are trying to find a compromise to find fresh eyes, local, and qualified. Councilmember Conyers said we do not need to wait and should move forward.

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Agenda Item No. 17: a request from the Eastern Shore Optimist Club requesting \$2,000.00 and use of the Fairhope Civic Center for the Dogwood Trail Pageant was discussed next. Councilmember Conyers mentioned the date needed to be changed to Saturday, January 14, 2017 instead of January 21, 2017.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Jack Burrell, Council President


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk