

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

The City Council met in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m.,
Delchamps Room, 161 North Section Street,
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 4:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Councilmember Boone mentioned the upcoming Harbor Board meeting; and said the scope of work may need amending. City Liaison Robert Rohm stated these are small items that will be addressed.
- Councilmember Conyers said he had attended both the Historic Preservation Committee and the Library Board meetings.
- Council President Burrell commented he had attended his first Museum Advisory Board meeting.
- Purchasing Manager Dan Ames addressed the City Council and stated he has been working on Fire Works.
- Economic and Community Development Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council and stated she has been working on grants through the BP Portal.
- Gas Superintendent Robert Rohm addressed the City Council regarding the gas case iron pipe replacement per year; and using a contractor takes away the City's liability.
- Public Works Director Jennifer Fidler addressed the City Council and gave an update on the multi modal project being 45 percent complete; recycling is now running baler and skid steer; and mixed paper and cardboard will bring in approximately \$10,000.00 quarterly.
- Planning Director Jonathan Smith addressed the City Council and said that Planning Commission items have decreased due to the moratorium.
- Community Affairs and Recreation Director Sherry Sullivan addressed the City Council and said the New Year's Eve Celebration went well; lights are now being put on the trees; and we are getting ready for Mardi Gras and Spring Events.

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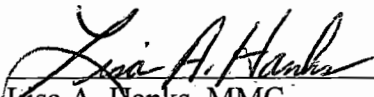
- Electric Superintendent Jimmy Cluster addressed the City Council regarding the tree that fell this past weekend causes a power outage. He thanked his guys for handling this outage and restoring all power so quickly especially in the extreme cold conditions.
- Mechanic Supervisor Tim Bung addressed the City Council regarding a new card swiping system. Mr. Bung mentioned that Robertsdale saved close to 50 percent on gas consumption after installing this system. Dan Ames commented this will help with security measures too. It gives the City protection, reports are saved, and it flags maintenance.
- Chief Chris Ellis addressed the City Council and said he was elected once again as Chief. He said in 2016 they had 921 calls which was 71 calls above 2015.
- Water and Sewer Superintendent Dan McCrory addressed the City Council and stated one of the lift stations also went down this past weekend due to the fallen tree. He said the Police Department, Water Department, and Electric Department were all called out.
- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council regarding the Building Summit held here; and will held again in Fairhope.
- Recreation Director Tom Kuhl addressed the City Council and said his department has been mowing for spring events and at the Soccer Complex.
- Chief Joseph Petties addressed the City Council regarding an ordinance for regulating golf carts in Fairhope; Shop with a Cop; and "Path to Peace" Sunday afternoon at Fish River Church.
- Mayor Wilson handed out a summary for a City Engineer and an in-house City Attorney.
- IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council and reported that we are 95 percent complete with the new Police Department devices.
- Council President Burrell questioned the lift station, backup generator, and spillage this past weekend. Mr. McCrory replied that a grant was applied for a few years back, but only a few were funded.
- Council President Burrell commented he appreciated the reports.
- Mayor Wilson commented we must have a Comprehensive Plan for right-of-ways. She mentioned being in Washington, D.C. next week to attend the U. S. Conference for Mayors.

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- IT Director Jeff Montgomery brought up the WiFi in downtown Fairhope. He said this was a third party handling and the equipment was out of date, so they turned it off. He said we still have several "Hot Spots" around Fairhope. Council President Burrell commented companies were interested in the business, but when told they had to lease the spots they went elsewhere.
- City Treasurer Deborah Wilson addressed the City Council and stated the AT&T lease is still being negotiated. Council President Burrell stated we will need an ultimatum and get this settled.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:19 p.m.


Jack Burrell, Council President


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk