

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearta; Larry Johnson, Melvin Powell, Charles Jones;  
John Hayes, City Manager; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk; Kimberly Reid,  
City Attorney

ABSENT: Councilman Randy Hill

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearta

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

Mayor Yearta introduced Mr. Hayes as our new City Manager and welcomed him to the City

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1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) SHIPP PARK COMPLAINT – BONNIE BYRD

Mr. Byrd complained that he was embarrassed and harassed at his Family Reunion at Shipp Park because of the police presence. He was given a citation for loud music. There are certain restrictions that are not known by the renter of the park. Mr. Johnson suggested that Mr. Byrd's rental fee should be returned. Mr. Byrd said in his opinion, if it continues as is, the park should be closed down. The park rules must be looked into by Council. Mr. Powell asked Mr. Hayes to look into this complaint.

3) JACK TUTTEN / NTS – NEW CITY HALL PHONES

Mr. Tutten was invited to answer questions in reference to the new phones for City Hall. The new phones will integrate with the phones that are currently in use. The system can handle IVR or Receptionist, depends on your preference. He can configure the phones to show another incoming call. The Receptionist may see phones that are in use and transfer calls during a lunch period. All changes will tie into the existing system. ShoreTel has no plans of dropping coverage of this system. Other lines could possibly be added in the future.

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3) PEANUT FESTIVAL – JEAN BROOKS

Ms. Brooks requests the same sponsorship for the festival as in the past from the City. The City gave \$2500 last year, and agrees to support with the same this year.  
***Consent Agenda***

5) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONTRACT – KAREN RACKLEY

Ms. Rackley asked for consideration of the above contract and asked for questions. The contract was acknowledged and no questions were asked. ***Consent Agenda***

6) MARGARET JONES LIBRARY REQUESTS – LEIGH WILEY

Ms. Wiley presented a 5% increase to their budget from the City. The County gave a 3.9% increase. She informed the Council of the major renovation project that was funded by the legislature. Ms. Wiley stated that there is a \$10,500 local match that she would like divided between the City and the County. Mayor Yearta noted the Library is a valuable asset to the community. The Council agreed to fund the match along with County. Mr. Hayes questioned the timing of the request. It is easier before the budget is passed. ***Tabled***

7) PLAQUES QUOTE – MR BARKER

Each plaque is \$3500. The special mounting for Pine Street and the Pedestrian Mall are \$1200 each. It was suggested to get plaque for City Hall and wait on the others. Mr. Powell favors purchasing all except the Pine Street Project. The plaques acquisition will be put on hold and voted at the next meeting. ***Place on Agenda***

8) NEW CITY HALL BLINDS – MR. BARKER

Mr. Barker presented examples of blinds and costs. The windows are very lightly tinted at this time, but will price a darker tint. The Mayor asked Mr. Hayes to bring a recommendation back to the Council.

9) CHEMICAL PUMPS – ROMAN FERGUSON

Mr. Ferguson told the Council the present pumps were 10-12 years old, wearing down and causing bad sampling. Mayor Yearta asked Mr. Ferguson along with Mr. Hayes to get a recommendation in regards to the pumps.

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- 10) LIFT-STATION PUMPS – ROMAN FERGUSON  
Councilman Johnson stated this was a big ticket item and recommended Mr. Hayes look into the lift-station pumps requested by Mr. Ferguson.
  
- 11) ADVANCE DISPOSAL CONTRACT  
Mayor Yearata stated he talked with Advance and he agreed to come to the next meeting and bring a presentation. *Place on Agenda*
  
- 12) QUOTE COMPUTER / NTS – PUBLIC WORKS  
Councilman Johnson stated the computer Jinny uses has crashed and NTS highly recommends replacement. The Council asked Mr. Hayes to look into this request.
  
- 13) QUOTE COMPUTER DRIVE THRU WINDOW  
Ms. Curry shared with the Council that an old computer had been tried, but was not compatible, and could not be used effectively. The new computer will cut down on wait time for customers at the drive-thru. Mr. Powell asked Mr. Hayes to look into the computer purchase.
  
- 14) ORDINANCE 2006-05 CEMETERY LOT FEES  
Councilman Powell referred this item to Mr. Hayes for recommendation.
  
- 15) JW HOLLEY YOUTH CLUB, INC. AGREEMENT – ATTORNEY REID  
Attorney Reid presented several questions for clarification by Council regarding the contract above. She asked if general liability insurance of \$1,000,000 would be required, and if they would require the Club to indemnify the City for claims- All Council agreed to both items stated above. Ms. Reid also noted that it was not clear whether this would replace the Woolard Center, Daisy Gamble, or both. Mr. Powell proposed that the Youth Club serves grades 6-12. Ms. Reid will remove provision in contract that references Woolard City employees working for the Club. The times of operation of the Club is questionable also. She will wait to hear back from the Council and Mr. Hayes on this issue. It was decided the term would be 1 year unless terminated.
  
- 16) STREET NUMBERTS/SIGNS/DIRECTIONAL  
Councilman Powell referred this item to Mr. Hayes for recommendation

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CITY ATTORNEY

- Executive Session for Personnel
- Board of Elections Contract is with County attorney for review

CITY MANAGER

- Focus on budget and how to address concerns
- Will make changes to agenda to provide more detail and information

WARD 1 - NONE

WARD 2 – NONE

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Hayes to look at contract for Shipp Park, and see what needs to be done to accommodate citizens, and the attitude of SPD
- Condolences to the Hill family in the loss of their brother

MAYOR

- Mayor Yearta shared with Mr. Johnson in conveying condolences for Mr. Hill

Mr. Johnson moved to convene an Executive Session for Personnel, seconded by Mr. Jones – *Motion Carries*


EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:00 PM

Motion by Mr. Powell to accept minutes as read in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*

The meeting was duly adjourned by Mayor at 8:45 PM – *Unanimous Consent*



  
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William J. Yearta, Mayor

  
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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk