

**CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 @7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Johnson, Councilmen Walter Dupree, III, Isaac Jackson, Jr; City Manager, John Hayes; City Clerk, Carolyn Williams, City Attorney, Lester M. Castellow

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

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1) SWEARING IN CEREMONY – WALTER L. DUPREE, III, - WARD 1  
ISAAC JACKSON, JR – WARD 2

Amid a standing room only crowd, two new Councilmen were administered the oath of office by City Clerk, Carolyn Williams, for the City of Sylvester. Mr. Walter L Dupree, III, will represent Ward 1 and Mr. Isaac Jackson, Jr. will represent Ward 2. Both Councilmen had a host of family, friends, and well-wishers present. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson welcomed them to the Council and they took their respective seats.

2) INTRODUCTION/NEW CITY ATTORNEY – LESTER M. CASTELLOW

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Johnson introduced Lester M. Castellow as the new City Attorney for the City of Sylvester. Attorney Castellow stated that he looks forward to the opportunity.

3) SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Carl Rowland, County Administrator, brought information pertaining to an opportunity to apply for mitigation funding as a result of the tornadoes and hurricane. Worth and 15 other counties along with their municipalities are included in a 32 million dollar grant thru HUD. Mr. Rowland touched on how half of the funds had already been divided to Dougherty, Worth, Camden, and Glynn Counties. He explained that the County wants to apply for a countywide grant- including municipalities, school system, radio system- and construct 3 towers and run fiber. DCA is strong on rural broadband. A pre-application must be submitted by January 15. A grant writer is on contract with the County and has agreed to give assistance. To move forward, the support of the City Council and the Board of Commissioners is required. *Consent Agenda*

SHELLEY MCPHAUL

Ms. McPhaul introduced the new staff of BFHS. She told the Council they were welcome to visit the shelter. Mr. McPhaul said they were not finished with reorganization, but if there were problems, please call.

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KAREN RACKLEY

Welcomed everyone to the Chamber and she look forward to working with the new Councilmen.

4) 2020 MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR PRO-TEM-----	LARRY JOHNSON
CITY MANAGER-----	JOHN HAYES
CITY CLERK-----	CAROLYN WILLIAMS
AIRPORT-----	JOHN HAYES
CITY ATTORNEY-----	LESTER CASTELLOW
CITY RECORDER-----	WILLIE WEAVER
LIBRARY BOARD-----	LARRY JOHNSON
MEAG COMMITTEE DELEGATE-----	JOHNSON, HAYES
RECREATION BOARD-----	JOHN HAYES
DELEGATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS DIRECTOR----	LARRY JOHNSON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY-----	LARRY JOHNSON
CITY SOLICITOR-----	JAY CROWE
INDIGENT DEFENSE ATTORNEY-----	CHAUNTILIA ADAWAY
CITY CHAPLAIN-----	DR. WILLIE MAE MARLIN

*Consent Agenda*

5) BEER LICENSE APPLICATION – MEKESHIA TRAVIS/CIRCLE K

This application has been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager.

*Consent Agenda*

6) COUNCIL APPROVAL TO APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM LARRY JOHNSON AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL FOR CDBG

It was decided that the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Larry Johnson as Certifying Official for CDBG will be placed on the *Consent Agenda*

CITY MANAGER

- Two dates set for retreat, March 6-7 or March 19 and 20. Eric Roberson, Facilitator

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- Need to schedule budget meeting, has identified Finance Director, Feb 3rd in the evening will be a good time for meeting
- Sanitary sewer improvements on Ayers Street-awarded to Hancock & Sons-start date January 13
- 2019 CDBG Seabrook Drive/Kingsdale area need water main replacement
- Infrastructure concerns-Economic Development loan in process
- Woolard Center has leak problem-several bids from 32-44 thousand dollars. Will e-mail information on center to Council for next meeting
- Half-million dollars in fund requests from Dept. Heads

All Departments heads came forward and introduced themselves to the new Councilmen

CITY ATTORNEY

- Look forward to working with Mayor and Council

WARD 1

- Mr. Dupree stated that if anyone needed him, just call and he will get back with them

WARD 2

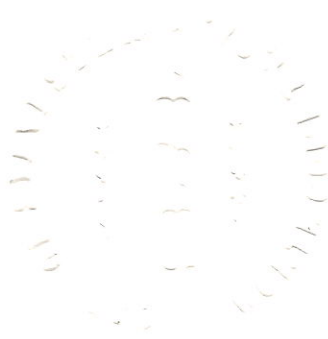
- Mr. Jackson noticed some of the guys out after hours getting the job done, and he appreciated it. He is willing to work with all, just give him a call

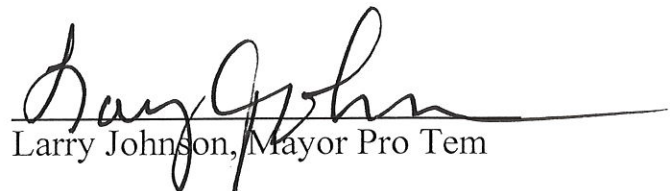
MAYOR PRO TEM JOHNSON

- Mr. Johnson would like to see all staff work together as a team to get things done. Mr. Hayes would like issues or concerns sent to Breonna or himself and they will maintain and keep Council abreast of present status of issue or issues

Mr. Dupree motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Jackson – *3-0 Motion Carries*

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson duly adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm – *Unanimous Consent*



  
Larry Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Carolyn Williams, City Clerk