

**Minutes
Working Meeting
April 24, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

Call to order

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Mayor Bobby Jenkins, Mayor Pro-tem Sandra Willis, Aldermen Betty Jones, Annie Howard, Willie Downie, and David Hamm were all in attendance as well as Chief of Police Tarris Bivins, Fire Chief Gregory Fairbanks, Public Works Director Corderal Gilbert, and City Clerk Adria Hull.

Invocation

Alderman Hamm gave the invocation.

Agenda

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Howard to approve the agenda as written. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Applications for Beer and Wine License

- I. Danny Lake d.b.a. 1902 Restaurant & Inn*
- II. 657 Cuthbert Inc. d.b.a. Cuthbert Food Mart*
- III. 272 Cuthbert Inc. d.b.a. Country Corner*

Motion made by Alderman Willis and seconded by Alderman Hamm to approve the applications for beer and wine license. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Committee reports

Administration/Finance – Alderman Downie reported that the fire department has a few employees going to school; and the Public Works Director has two part-time positions that he would like to convert to one full-time position.

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation – Alderman Willis reported that the committee is still looking for a lifeguard; and they haven't set a date for the cemetery clean-up.

Mayor Jenkins mentioned the proposal to cut Henderson Cemetery for \$200 per month during cutting season; and suggested changing the Cemetery, Parks & Recreation committee meeting days from Thursday to Wednesday with the time being the same.

Public Safety – Fire Chief Fairbanks informed the council of the department's required CPR training with Jamie Sauls on May 4th. The cost of the training is \$25 per person; \$350 for the fire department. Training isn't required for the police department, but Chief Bivins would like his department to be included as well.

Motion made by Alderman Downie and seconded by Alderman Willis to pay Jamie Sauls for CPR training for the fire and police departments. Motion carried by roll call.

Chief Bivins reported an early Friday morning murder; a car accident on Saturday that caused a power outage at the park; Camp Street accidental shooting; and submitted a quote for a taser purchase from Randolph County Sheriff's Office and a body cam quote from Stunt-Cam.

Motion made by Alderman Shingles and seconded by Alderman Hamm to approve the police department purchase for the tasers and accessory equipment for \$4000. Motion carried by roll call.

Motion made by Alderman Shingles and seconded by Alderman Hamm to approve the purchase of eight body cams from Stunt-Cam for \$3260. Motion carried by roll call.

Public Works – Alderman Hamm reported that public works has 3 trucks to be placed on surplus; the city having issues with locates so the committee is looking into charging when public works has to go out and repair lines. The fees would be a minimum \$150 for water, \$300 for sewer, and \$500 for gas. Hopefully, this will deter residents from digging without acquiring proper locates.

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Howard to declare two pickup trucks and an the old limb truck as surplus. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Howard to set damage as stated above. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Howard to approve the purchase of a street cone kit for public works. Motion carried by roll call.

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Howard to approve the purchase of a curb dresser for public works in the amount of \$3710. Motion carried by roll call.

Superintendent Gilbert reported holding off on the emergency lights for the trucks; needing to order four dumpsters for approximately \$7200; and G-DOT preparing a detour to make repairs to the bypass railroad.

Mayor Jenkins updated the council on the business cards being ready; finalizing the website with South Fire; Administrative Professionals' Day; the Chamber hosting a Ladies in Business Day; status of the water tower restoration; the weather alarm repair; and the Hospital Authority hiring a consultant.

Executive Session: Personnel

Motion made by Alderman Shingles and seconded by Alderman Hamm to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Shingles and seconded by Alderman Hamm to return to open session. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Continuing Business as a result of Executive Session

Motion made by Alderman Willis and seconded by Alderman Downie to allow an employee to convert two weeks vacation to sick time for health reasons. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Willis to increase the public works employee pay rate from \$9.00 to \$10.25 per hour. Motion carried by roll call.

Motion made by Alderman Willis and seconded by Alderman Hamm to approve the dumpster purchase from Iron Container for \$7200. Motion carried by roll call.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderman Willis and seconded by Alderman Hamm to adjourn. All votes in favor; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Bobby Jenkins, Mayor

Adria Hull, City Clerk