

Cuthbert City Council
Working Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2023
5:00 P.M.

Call to order

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

Invocation

Alderman Hamm gave the opening prayer.

Agenda

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

Committee reports

Administration/Finance – Alderman Downie gave the report for the administration and finance committee. The fire department has two trainees that are ready/doing pretty good; the police department has two potential hires lined up.

Mayor Jenkins is trying to work out the application process for the alcohol license for a liquor store; hoping to have it in place by June 1st.

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation – Mayor Jenkins informed the council of the city to be awarded a \$2.1 million grant for renovations to Iris Gardens, Day Park, and the city pool; he projects the city pool to open for swimming during the first week of June.

Alderman Willis reported that public works sprayed the cemetery for weeds; the committee is waiting until fall to trim/cut bushes. Black Live Matter has volunteered to provide assistance with the clean-up.

Public Safety – Alderman Shingles asked Chief Fairbanks to give the update for the fire department. The fire department needs a desktop computer for the dayroom; oil change is due for the fire trucks and the county is willing to pick up the cost on the truck that runs in the county. Alderman Shingles informed the council that the window replacement quote for the police department will be June 8th at 10 a.m.

Public Works – Director Gilbert gave updates for public works. Road repairs have started. Based on the costs to rent a double draw roller packer, Director Gilbert recommended that the city purchase a used one as a cost savings to the city.

Motion made by Alderman Hamm and seconded by Alderman Downie to approve the purchase of a double draw roller packer for \$12,00. Motion carried with a roll call.

The shed has been put up at the pool; and June 17th is the estimated date for the pool clean out.

Executive Session: Personnel

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

The Council entered executive session at 5:36 p.m.

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

The Council exited out of executive session at 6:11 p.m.

Continuing Business as a result of Executive Session

Motion made by Alderman Willis and seconded by Alderman Downie to accept the resignation from Justin Mock, move Darius Dorsey from seasonal to full-time, and to adjust the pay rate for Tommy Parkman and Raymond Johnson. All votes in favor; motion carried.

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Bobby Jenkins, Mayor

Adria Hull, City Clerk