July 6, 2021

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Jimmy Money called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Dexter Glanton, Brendt Murphy, Eddie Jones, Vincent Feggins and Jimmy Davis, Jr. Also in attendance was Spence Danzey and Melissa Wilson, City Clerk.

Mayor Jimmy Money gave the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

Awards of Appreciation –

Appreciation awards were presented to Officer Wesley Harrison and Investigator Joshua Behringer for life-saving action at a home at 565 Singletary Road.

Visitors –

Mr. Ira Skipper spoke concerning parking in the street on Julia Drive. Spence Danzey will check to see if a Resolution could be drafted concerning no parking on the street.

Ms. Dorothy Baker did not attend.

City of Abbeville Dispatch –

Chief Eric Blankenship spoke about the on-going issues with the current dispatch situation. He mentioned that the City of Headland had better equipment and better technology. He also mentioned that moving the dispatch center to the City of Headland would save the City of Abbeville approximately $25,000 a year. Chad Sowell, with the 911 Board said the Board would pay most of the costs associated with the move. Upon a motion by Jimmy Davis and second by Brendt Murphy, the Council voted unanimously to move the dispatch center to the City of Headland, and provide 30 days notice to Henry County.

Weather Sirens/Department Heads –

Upon a motion by Jimmy Davis and second by Vincent Feggins, the Council unanimously voted to repair all the weather sirens at a cost of $19,444.36. Upon a motion by Jimmy Davis and a second by Vincent Feggins, the Council voted unanimously to not accept the maintenance contract for the sirens at a cost of $8,280 a year.

Jerry Green stated that the Subway entrance road has been temporarily repaired and once supplies have been received a more permanent fix would be done.

Director of Parks and Recreation –

Mayor Money announced that Keith Barnes would be the new Parks and Recreation Director at a salary of $45,00 a year. He will begin work on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Approval of Minutes -

Upon motion by Brendt Murphy and second by Vincent Feggins, the Council voted unanimously to approve the June 21, 2021 minutes.

June 2021 Bills –

Upon motion by Brendt Murphy and second by Dexter Glanton, the Council voted unanimously to approve the June 2021 bills.

Other Business –

Melissa Wilson announced the City was awarded $607,954.32 in American Rescue Plan money. The city has already received $303,977.16 and we will receive the other half next year.

At 7:15 p.m. upon a motion by Brendt Murphy and second by Jimmy Davis, the Council voted to go into Executive Session.

At 7:32 p.m. upon a motion by Jimmy Davis and second by Vincent Feggins, the Council voted to exit out of Executive Session.

Upon motion by Jimmy Davis and second by Brendt Murphy, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

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