

CALLED MEETING, LAKE BLACKSHEAR-CORDELE, GEORGIA SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21, 2010 11:00 A.M.

Those present were Mayor William Yearta, Councilmembers Melvin Powell, Randy Hill and Charles Jones; City Manager Deborah Bridges; Tommy Bozeman, Assistant City Manager; and Kathy Wise, City Clerk. Councilman Larry Johnson was absent.

The purpose of the called meeting was to discuss approval of the previous minutes, demolition of the blue house at 208 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and the line truck bids.

Upon motion by Hill and seconded by Jones it was voted to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carries.

a) Approval of Minutes

i) Regular Meeting – January 19, 2010

ii) Work Session – February 1, 2010

iii) To consider demolition of the blue house at the city barn at 208 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Upon motion by Jones and seconded by Hill it was voted to accept the low bid from Altec of \$162,691 for the purchase of a 47 foot Sheave Hydraulic Digger Derrick line truck. One other bid was received from Beck Motor Company for \$169,324. Motion carries.

\$150,000 was already budgeted for the purchase of the line truck from reserves. Upon motion by Powell and seconded by Hill it was voted to give approval for the Mayor and Councilman Powell to sign to withdraw funds from the MEAG flexible operating trust account. Motion carries.

The Mayor duly adjourned the meeting about 11:10 a.m.

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William Yearta, Mayor

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Kathy E. Wise, City Clerk

WORK SESSION CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor William Yearta; Councilmembers Randy Hill, Larry Johnson and Charles Jones; Debbie Bridges, City Manager; Assistant City Manager Tommy Bozeman; and City Clerk, Kathy Wise. Councilman Melvin Powell was absent.

The invocation was given by Rev. Albert Clinton.

#### NO SPEAKER APPEARANCES

The South Isabella Street water main extension bids were discussed. Carter and Sloope, consulting engineers, recommended that we accept the low bid from Radney Plumbing, Inc. with a bid total of \$149,830.86 for Alternative A and \$127,192.60 for Alternative B. Alternative A utilized 10" water main and is the preferred alternative. Alternative B utilized 8" water main and was bid in case Alternative A exceeded the funds available. A called meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the bids.

All are in agreement to sponsor the Gold Level of \$500 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany dinner on March 23 at Darton Cavalier Arena. Their summer program has served kids from the City of Sylvester and this event provides essential funds to serve over 4,000 young people at 11 units of operation.

Giving money for the support of food programs was discussed. Most felt that we should not choose any single organization to donate to.

Worth County Pre-K has asked that we put a notice of registration for the 2010-2011 school year on our utility bills prior to the registration date of March 15, 2010. All are in agreement.

Councilman Jones discussed a petition from residents on Willingham Street to put speed bumps on their street to slow the traffic. We will investigate and bring back after further study.

The Worth County Economic Development Authority annexation will be on the next agenda.

The City of Sylvester will be hosting the MEAG Power Board of Directors meeting on April 21-22, 2010 at Southern Woods Plantation. The City will provide the dinner.

Police Chief Alfred Anderson presented a slide show presentation on the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Excess Property Program (1033) which allows the Police Department to get much need equipment at no charge from the Department of Defense. Between the time of joining the program in December 2009 and February 2010, we have acquired \$107,737.91 worth of property.

We need to get our projects for 2010 SPLOST to the county. They will have a meeting on March 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

A need for an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce was discussed. Mrs. Bridges, City Manager, will get with the city attorney and bring back to Council.

Our ordinance requires that pawn shops be bonded. We will study the issue some more to decide how much the bond should be.

Georgia Cities Week is April 18-24, 2010. We will have “The Great Sylvester Cleanup” during that week and the City Manager will be meeting with department heads to plan more activities.

GEMA is in the process of reviewing the pre-applications and the Council will have to determine the method to use to value the property. Alicia Sorento, GEMA, is looking up more information on the mobile home buyouts.

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT:

1. Mrs. Bridges and Mr. Bozeman had a webinar today on the Electric Cities of Georgia energy grant that we will be participating in. The on-bill finance program is due March 10. The three programs are on-bill loan, on-bill tariff and interest rate buydown. We can say we want to participate but we are not obligated until we sign a contract.
2. The Department of Transportation came down Friday and they are providing in-house environmental assistance on the transit project at the old depot.
3. The Staff retreat will be scheduled for this month. The budget work sheets will go out this week.
4. Mrs. Bridges met with the engineer at State Street and they are addressing that issue. The Driveway issue is also being addressed.
5. We received notice that our retirement costs are up about \$1500 per month.
6. Tommy Bozeman has been in contact with two companies for an outside vendor on the employee drug testing.
7. Because the leak at the Isabella water tank is minor, the contractor has suggested that we wait until they do the yearly cleanout to address the leak.

#### COUNCILMAN JONES:

There is a lot off of Highway 82 with overgrown brush and a lot of debris that needs to be cleaned up.

#### COUNCILMAN HILL:

Councilman Hill would like blinds to be put up in City Hall before the MEAG meeting.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

We have citizens interested in paying with credit/debit cards in City Hall. Also, maybe have the ability to pay utility bills on the City website.

The meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.

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William J. Yearta, Mayor

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Kathy E. Wise, City Clerk

CALLED MEETING, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 3, 2010 1:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor William Yearta, Councilmembers Randy Hill and Charles Jones; City Manager Deborah Bridges; Tommy Bozeman, Assistant City Manager; and Kathy Wise, City Clerk. Councilmen Larry Johnson and Melvin Powell were absent.

The purpose of the called meeting was to discuss the bids on the South Isabella Street water main extension.

Upon motion by Jones and seconded by Hill it was voted to accept the low bid from Radney Plumbing, Inc. with a bid total of \$149,830.86 for Alternative A utilizing the 10" water main. Motion carries.

The Mayor duly adjourned the meeting about 1:03 p.m.

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William Yearta, Mayor

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Kathy E. Wise, City Clerk