

Council Meeting
February 17, 2025

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Celestine Hayes and Jody Greene.

Others Present: City Manager Mark Barber, City Clerk Rhonda Rowe, City Attorney Tim Tanner, members of staff and the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025 as presented. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Jr. Chamber of Commerce Board Members: Mayor Duke introduced Shani Patel and Ximena Jaimes, Jr. Chamber Board Members, who were in attendance.

Ord. #25-01: This ordinance, rezoning property of Frederick Horne, George Horne and Christopher Horne on S. MLK Jr. Drive from R-8 to GB, was read for the second time. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to deny the rezoning request. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

Police Vehicle Bids: City manager Mark Barber advised the council that the FY 2025 budget includes approved vehicle purchases in the amount of \$245,100 for the police department. At the February 3, 2025 meeting, a single Ford Explorer was approved for purchase from Cook County Ford in the amount of \$49,587. However, the Police Chief requested three vehicles making the total purchase from Cook County Ford \$148,761 as the cost per vehicle did not change. Staff is requesting the approval to purchase the two additional vehicles in the consolidated amount of \$99,174, bringing the total purchase cost from Cook County Ford to be \$148,761 for three vehicles. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the purchase of the two additional vehicles. Councilman McClain seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Fire Hose Bids: Bids were received for 1000' of 5-inch large diameter fire hose. There was only one bid received and it was as follows:

FireLine, Inc.	\$11,820
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Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve the bid. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Chamber of Commerce Dinner: The Chamber's Annual Dinner will be held on February 27, 2025. The council was advised to let us know by Monday if they plan to attend.

Fireman's Banquet: The annual banquet will be held on February 24, 2025. All members are invited to attend.

Public Hearing (HB581): The first of three public hearings concerning HB581 will be held this Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm; the remaining two will be held on February 26, 2025 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes – Inquired on when we would be meeting concerning rezoning. Mr. Barber advised that we had originally tried to set it up for the end of January but due to illness with both parties we had to postpone. He will work this week on trying to get it scheduled.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
