

Called Council Meeting  
February 27, 2025

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

Others Present: Mark Barber, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, a member of the press and one citizen.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Decision on HB581: Mayor Duke called the meeting to order concerning HB581 and the determination as to whether we want to opt in or out. We have had three public hearings concerning this issue and need to make a decision. City Manager Mark Barber stated that he felt the council had done their due diligence and asked the right questions. No matter what decision is made, they have reviewed the material presented. It is a difficult decision when you are trying to do what's best for the taxpayer concerning property taxes, while at the same time trying to provide general fund services to the citizens, specifically police and fire services. It's a fine line but stated they have done a great job with the situation. Councilman Greene made a motion to accept HB581, opting in. Councilman Cowart seconded. The decision was unanimous.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

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Luther L. Duke III, Mayor

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