

December 4, 2023 – Meeting Cancelled

Council Meeting
December 18, 2023

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

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 November 20, 2023 as presented. Councilman McClain seconded with all in favor.

Alcohol License Application (Hayan 9 LLC): The council was presented with an alcohol license application from Hayan 9 LLC d/b/a Gaskins Grocery located at 1103 S. Hutchinson Avenue. The required payment and submittal of all documentation has been completed and reviewed. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the issuance of the license. Councilman Greene seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Alcohol License Renewals: The council was presented with a list of current alcohol license holders who have completed the requirements for a 2024 renewal license and are as follows:

Sophia Mart, Inc.
Heny Enterprises, Inc.
Krina & Shiv, LLC
Keshav 8, LLC
Kakezai, Inc.
Super Petroleum 22, Inc.
Reynolds IGA Foodliner, Inc.
Happy Management, LLC
ADEL SAI 1995, LLC
Super Petroleum 23, Inc.
Shree Verai Mata, LLC
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP
J Mar Industries, LLC
Deeplaxmi 9, LLC
Super Petroleum 21, Inc.

Mehgi Corporation
Circle K Stores, Inc.
Rudyjose Restaurant Services, LLC

Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the renewal applications. Councilman McClain seconded. There were no opposing votes.

Lawn Mower Purchase: Three quotes were received on a lawn mower for use by the street department to maintain city rights-of-way. The mower is an approved FY2024 capital item. The quotes were as follows:

Chris' Mower Clinic	\$10,659.00
Stones Outdoor Power	\$11,000.00
Powerhouse Outdoors	\$11,595.62

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the low bid. Councilman Cowart seconded with all in favor.

FY 2022 Budget Adjustments: City Manager Mark Barber explained that the State Department of Audits recommends and allows you to make budget amendments to reflect transactions more accurately at fiscal year end by matching budget to actual transactions. The proposed adjustments will reduce our revenue budget as well as the expenditure budget. He noted that the major revenue amendments are the result of (1) the original budget included \$5M in loan proceeds for property that was not purchased for a city hall (2) received \$551,000 from TE Grant that was not included in budget appropriations (3) received \$55,000 for rent proceeds on tower leases not included in original appropriations (4) received \$1.2M from GTIB loan proceeds not included in the original budget appropriations. The remaining differences consists of various positives/negatives in individual line items. It was also noted that a revenue and expenditure budget for the asset forfeiture fund needs to be approved. Councilman McClain made a motion to approved a revenue amendment decreasing the general fund revenue budget for FY2022 by \$2,581,730 as well as decreasing the general fund expenditure budget for FY2022 by \$3,799,655. Councilman McClain's motion also included amending the budget by establishing budget amounts for the asset forfeiture fund in the amount of \$15,375 for both revenues and expenditures. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor.

Staff Comments:

Mark Barber – Introduced Carly Morris who is attending the council meeting on behalf of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Board.

Introduced Tambra Griffins, the new code enforcement officer. Ms. Griffins stated her overall goal is to help bring people together to clean up the city.

Reminded the council of the employee Christmas Luncheon to be held December 21, 2023.

Council Comments:

Celestine Hayes – Inquired about the construction of Alabama Road. Work is being done on this construction but nothing yet on Lavind Way. The city manager stated that there is some work being done on Lavind Way in the form of engineering, just nothing you can visibly see yet. He will follow up to see when mobilization can be expected.

Terry McClain – Asked about an update on the cryptocurrency moratorium. City attorney Tim Tanner advised he will have an ordinance ready for a first reading in January. Councilman McClain stated he would like to have a work session on the ordinance.

Executive Session: Councilman McClain made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Following executive session there was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
