

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF TUSCUMBIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The Tuscumbia City Council met on November 16, 2015 with Billy Shoemaker, Mayor and Council Members Randall Davis, Richard Coates, George Johnson, Sr., Robert Mitchell and Martha Smith. JoAnn Armstead, City Clerk, Tom Hefflin, City Attorney and Department Heads Anthony Logan, Hugh Stanley, and Luster Echols, were also present.

Mayor Billy Shoemaker called the regular scheduled meeting to order @ 6:00 p.m. Invocation was provided by Robert Mitchell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance that was led by Randall Davis.

Council Member Mitchell made the motion to adopt the Minutes of November 2, 2015 (Regular Scheduled Meeting); seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS

Council Member Smith made the motion to approve the expenditures for the month of October 2015 in the amount of \$617,341: General Fund \$342,913; Payroll \$140,727; and Special Funds \$133,701. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coates. The motion was unanimous.

Robert and Annie Perry provided a presentation on the National Park Service signs that follow the historic Trail of Tears through Tuscumbia. The Council agreed that Public Works department would provide the signs to help identify the route traveled by the Trail of Tears.

Council Member Davis provided the mayor and council a handout regarding the Campground Feasibility Study. The proposed RV Park will be located on the west side of Spring Park, across the creek and will provide approximately 50 slots. The study will require a cost estimate, permits needed and an execution plan before determining if this project is feasible. Council Member Mitchell made the motion to contract with The Kelley Group for the Feasibility Study of the RV Park in the amount of \$6,500 (Task Order No. 8). The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion was unanimous.

Geraldine Thompkins, 603 E. Trenholm Memorial Drive, informed the mayor and council about the properties located within her neighborhood that need to be demolished, especially 707 and 709 Trenholm Memorial Drive. Luster Echols, Building Official, requested the council budget \$20,000 for the removal of these properties. Council Member Davis requested that more information be provided regarding the process of condemnation. Tom Hefflin will research the legal issues and get back with the council. Bart Taft informed the council that CDBG funds are available for demolition. Mayor Shoemaker requested each council member provide a listing of houses/buildings that need to be demolished in their districts.

After a brief discussion on the sale of surplus property, the council agreed to re-advertise for the sale of two fire trucks and adopt a local policy on the declaration and disposition of all surplus property. Council Member Davis made the motion to follow protocol and sale surplus property as previously done by authorizing the city clerk to advertise for bids; the motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. The motion was unanimous.

Tom Hefflin will seek appointments for the Board of the Riverbend Center for Mental Health, due to the resignation of Joseph "Skip" Nichols.

OTHER

City Offices will be closed on November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving Holiday. Employee's Luncheon will be held on December 8th, 11:00 a.m., at the Roundhouse. Police Department's Dinner will be on December 8th, 6 p.m. at the Roundhouse.

With no further business Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion Carried.