

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

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| Those Present: | Greg Thompson | Mayor |
| | Wayne Adcock | Vice-Mayor |
| | Lee Malcom | Council Member |
| | Myoshia Crawford | Council Member |
| | Nathan Purvis | Council Member |
| | Larry Bradley | Council Member |
| | Norman Garrett | Council Member |
| | Nathan Little | Council Member |
| | Jimmy Richardson | Council Member |
| | Debbie Kirk | City Clerk |
| | Paul Rosenthal | City Attorney |

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Logan Propes, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, Beverly Harrison, Chris Bailey, Mike McGuire

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. March Monthly Reports

The Department heads presented the monthly reports.

Remove Item – Utilities Item D. Approval – Out of State Travel for Electric under Committee Information.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. Discussion – Appointed Positions Length of Terms

Finance Director Logan Propes explained this to be a general discussion concerning the length of terms for appointments. The length of time that a person serves on a committee varies, the terms vary depending on the particular committee. The committee terms range from three years to six years. It has been requested that the terms be unified, that all of the appointment terms be changed to three years.

Council Member Norman Garrett stated that he feels all of the committees should serve for the same length of time. He suggests a three to four year appointment time, and the appointees need to make sure that they show up for the boards.

Council Member Larry Bradley stated that he does not understand the duties and functions for each of the committees. Therefore, it is hard to make any recommendations for term limits.

Council Member Lee Malcom stated she feels the service times should align. She also feels that Council should be apprised of their tenure, if they have been taking advantage of training courses, and their attendance.

Council Member Garrett suggested having three to four year term limits across the board, four years being the maximum. He does not believe that someone should be appointed for a longer time than the Council Members who are appointing them.

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal explained that many of the boards are created by state enabling legislation, which will dictate the term appointment periods. Therefore, there will be some limitations as to what can be changed.

Mayor Thompson stated that more information needs to be gathered, and then possibly get synopsis of the duties for each of the boards.

No Action.

2. Airport

a. February 8, 2017 Airport Commission Minutes

The minutes are for informational purposes only.

No Action.

Mr. Chris Bailey gave an update. He stated that the March Airport Commission Meeting will be tomorrow. The automated weather observation system (AWOS) will be installed by the end of April. He explained they are meeting with two private investors concerning the building of new hangars. The fuel farm sales have grown more than ever before. Mr. Bailey stated that he and Cy Nunnally will be attending the GAA Conference at the end of the week.

3. Public Works

a. Great American Cleanup Week, April 17 – 21, 2017

Mr. Danny Smith explained the week of April 21 to be Great American Cleanup Week, which will allow the citizens of Monroe to bring any of their trash, scrap metal, tires (limit 10), and any recyclable items to the transfer station free of charge. He stated this leads up to Earth Day which will be April 22.

b. Discussion – North Lumpkin Street

Finance Director Logan Propes discussed the potential of converting North Lumpkin Street to a one-way street, running north from East Spring Street to East Highland Avenue. He explained the dumpsters in the alley could be alleviated by creating a zone for the dumpsters. This would allow the dumpsters to be serviced without tearing up the infrastructure. The angled parking would also provide more parking spaces, which would be a big benefit. Mr. Propes stated it would allow better streetscaping, and would not impede the loading zone.

Council Member Larry Bradley stated that he believes this to be more of a community issue than a Public Works issue, even though it involves dumpsters. He recommends having a Public Hearing at the April Council Meeting to hear input from the public about making the street a one-way. He stated that the public should have an opportunity to weigh in with their opinions.

The committee recommends to Council approval of having a Public Hearing at the April Council Meeting to hear input from the public concerning making the street a one-way.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Utilities

a. Approval – Storm Drain Rehab

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks discussed the repairs of the storm drain at 416 McDaniel Street. He explained it has deteriorated to the point that it warrants replacement or rehabilitation. The pipe needs to be lined instead of being replaced due to the location; it is too close to the foundation of the house and next to a hundred year old oak tree. He is requesting the rehab be done by Southeast Pipe Survey, the lowest bidder, for the amount of \$15,522.00. He explained that the rehab expense was included in the 2017 Budget.

The Committee recommends contracting with Southeast Pipe Survey for the storm drain rehab for the amount of \$15,522.00 to Council.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Approval – Cherry Picker Yearly Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Brian Thompson presented the request to purchase the yearly maintenance agreement for the oldest Cherry Picker (CAP1000), which grooms and prepares all TV signals from the satellite to be broadcasted. It also allows ads from Comcast on the networks, so there is revenue involved with the devices. The agreement includes technical support, software support, and licensing support. Twenty-four hour replacement of physical hardware is also included. There is a single bid from AMT (Advanced Media Technologies, Inc.) who is a vender authorized by the manufacturer. The service agreements are not available from anywhere else in our region.

The committee recommends the purchase of the AMT yearly maintenance agreement for the amount of \$12,155.00 to Council.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Approval – Underground Wiring Policy Amendment

Mr. Brian Thompson presented the request to amend the Underground Wiring Policy. The addition to the policy would require builders and developers to install conduit from the service location, for both electric and telecommunications, to the right-of-way from each residential home. This would reduce confusion and timing issues that can occur when closing on a home. It could also avoid future damages to a yard should the wiring ever need to be replaced. It will also eliminate any future need for a dig permit, which takes three days. He explained the rate schedule would be updated to include a \$300.00 charge for the underground power fees in residential services, with an additional \$3.50 per foot to be charged for anything over 150 feet.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the Underground Wiring Policy Amendment as presented.

*Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

d. Approval – Out of State Travel for Electric

Removed from agenda.

e. Approval – Out of State Travel for Telecom

Mr. Brian Thompson presented the request for two employees to travel to Huntsville, Alabama to attend the ADTRAN Broadband Training Event. He explained that ADTRAN pays for all the expenses. Mr. Thompson stated he would like to send Mike McGuire and Justin Milligan to the training event.

The committee recommends to allow out-of-state travel for Mike McGuire and Justin Milligan to attend the ADTRAN Broadband Event in Huntsville, Alabama, April 10-13, 2017.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

5. Public Safety

No Items Scheduled.

6. Economic Development

Economic Development Specialist Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She stated the Walton Proud Bus Tour Celebrating A+ Education will be next week. Saturday, April 22, will be the Neighborhood Clean-up Day which is organized by the housing team. The Car Show will be on March 18 and the Farm to Table Dinner will be on April 29.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Upcoming Public Hearings
2. Appointments (3) – Tree Board
3. Resolution – Georgia Cities Week, April 23 – 29, 2017
4. Approval – 2017 Concert Series Contracts for DDA

There was a general discussion on the above items. There was no action taken.

V. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

1. Approval – Out of State Travel for GUTA

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks requested permission for Tommy Arnold to travel to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the Southern Gas Association Spring Conference & Expo. GUTA will have a booth display at the conference, which will showcase our training facility. Tommy Arnold will also do a training session. Mr. Middlebrooks explained the total cost to be \$1,787.00 which includes the cost of the booth.

To allow out-of-state travel for Tommy Arnold to attend the SGA Spring Conference & Expo in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 13-17, 2017.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

VI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

VII. ADJOURN

*Motion by Richardson, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

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I. Approval of Agenda

II. Real Estate Issue (s)

1. Real Estate

Real estate matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*


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