

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

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
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Absent:	Nathan Little	Council Member
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Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Chris Croy, Bill Owens, R.V. Watts, Logan Propes, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley	
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Visitors:	Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, Chris Bailey, Beverly Harrison, Patrice Broughton	
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I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Nathan Little was absent. There was a quorum.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. May Monthly Reports

The Department heads presented the monthly reports.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. Approval – Municipal Tax Digest and Collection Agreement

Finance Director Logan Propes discussed the agreement for Municipal Tax Digest and Collection with the Walton County Tax Commissioner and Walton County Board of Commissioners. He explained that the agreement would make it more efficient and more cost-effective to the citizens and businesses. Both the City and County taxes would be consolidated into one bill, eliminating duplicate processing costs. The Tax Commissioner’s office has software that is updated by the state each year and annual training. The service fee would be the standard 2.5% of the collection amount, which would be estimated at \$67,820.00. He explained that the Tax Commissioner has a much higher collection rate. Therefore, the cost for services and the gain in collections should net out to cover the cost of the agreement.

Council Member Nathan Purvis questioned if the City taxes would be able to be viewed on the County website once they are merged to one bill. He stated he feels that would be a big plus for the general public. He also questioned if there is a dedicated tax person at the City and if their job would change.

Mr. Propes answered that the City taxes would be included on their website with the County tax bills. He stated that currently the tax collection and services for the City are spread out through finance and customer service. He explained that it is an annual contract which is renewable.

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal explained that some ordinance changes would be required concerning timing and fees. The City’s due dates, delinquency dates, and fees will need to be changed in order to match with the County because their structure is different.

Mr. Propes stated that essentially means the millage rate adoption would need to be moved forward about three weeks.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the agreement for tax services.

b. Approval – Surplus Items

Finance Director Logan Propes requested approval to surplus a list of vehicles and equipment as presented. He explained that the items have outlived their useful life; the maintenance cost exceeds the cost to use the items. He is requesting to surplus the items on GovDeals in accordance with state law.

The committee recommends to surplus the items on GovDeals to Council.

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

2. Airport**a. April 13, 2016 Airport Commission Minutes**

The minutes are for informational purposes only.

No Action.

Council Member Nathan Purvis explained that Mr. Larry Fussell was unable to attend, but wanted to relay that they are aggressively seeking a buyer for AirDevil Aviation. There have been some inquiries, but nothing concrete as of yet.

3. Public Works

No Items Scheduled.

4. Utilities**a. Approval – Plastic Gas Line Installation**

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks requested approval to hire Harrison & Harrison, the low bid contractor, for the amount of \$90,350.00 to replace the steel gas lines on Carver Drive. He stated that during a recent leak survey it was discovered that those pipes have deteriorated. He explained that this leaves no choice except replacing the lines. The request is to replace the steel gas line with plastic gas line, with the funds coming from the 2016 CIP Budget.

The committee recommends to Council for Harrison & Harrison to replace the steel gas line with plastic gas line for the amount of \$90,350.00.

*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 discussed the activity being seen around Monroe, such as new construction and new neighborhoods. It helps economically that they have very little vacancy downtown. She stated that some of the larger parcels around Monroe have been receiving interest from potential buyers, retailers, and brokers. The first concert will be this Friday. They are preparing for the interns that will be helping for the summer.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**1. Upcoming Public Hearings**

- a. Rezone – 506 South Broad Street**
- b. Variance for Sign – 1100 North Broad Street**
- c. Variance for Sign – 1557 South Broad Street**

2. Approval – June and July Meeting Schedule**3. Approval – Out of State Travel**

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

V. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion by Adcock, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

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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 |
| | Jimmy Richardson | Council Member |
| | Debbie Kirk | City Clerk |
| | Paul Rosenthal | City Attorney |
| Absent: | Nathan Little | Council Member |
| Staff Present: | Logan Propes | |

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Personnel Issue (s)

1. Personnel Matter

Personnel matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Garrett.
Passed Unanimously.


MAYOR


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