



Alabaster City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Meeting at 6:00 pm
1953 Municipal Way – Conference Room

Thursday January 2, 2020

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

- Roll Call:
 - Sophie Martin
 - Rick Ellis
 - Stacy Rakestraw
 - Greg Farrell
 - Russell Bedsole
 - Scott Brakefield
 - Kerri Pate

Others Present: Brian Binzer, Lisa Glasgow, Patrick Johnson, Jeff Brumlow, Fred Hawkins, Mayor Handlon, John Haggard, Mark Frey, Chief Rigney, Tim Hamm, Candace Connell

Agenda Items:

1. **Workers Compensation Carrier - Candace Connell** – Upon the recommendation of the HR Director and Administration, the City will be changing carriers for Workers Compensation, changing from Travelers to MWCF. This change will result in an approximate \$5,000 savings and should resolve some of the claims-paid issues experienced during the past year.
2. **Bond Refunding Update – John Haggard** – Mr. Haggard discussed GO 2020 bond refundings and reviewed the updated terms from Frazier Lanier with Council. Jason Grubbs and Rod Kantor will have details on the new Bonds for consideration on Monday.
3. **Road Vacation Request for Unopened Alleys and Street across from Thompson Intermediate – Jeff Brumlow** – City Attorney Jeff Brumlow revisited a request from Walter Scott on behalf of Zanthos DMD to vacate unopened alleys and street on property located across from Thompson Intermediate. This property was platted over 80 years ago and has never been developed. The City still does not have the signed paperwork with the vacation request.
4. **Accept Grant for Abbey Wooley Park** – Council discussed the acceptance of the grant from The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for Abbey Wooley Park revitalization in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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5. **Veterans Park Land Clearing – Authorize Final Payment to Shelby County PARA** – The City authorized an MOU with Shelby County PARA Group for construction labor and materials associated with the expansion of Veterans Park on July 1, 2019, with City providing funds of \$11,680.00. Shelby County PARA has exceeded this amount by \$6,184.06 with the new total being \$17,864.06. Overage due to material burning and ADEM stabilization requirements. Council will consider during next Monday’s regular Council Meeting.
6. **Accept Drug Free Communities Grant** – Council discussed the acceptance of the Drug Free Communities Grant that was awarded to the City of Alabaster in the amount of \$125,000.00 / year for five years. This grant will be used to expand the Alabaster for Tomorrow Program and contract with Brandon Mathews as Program Director.
7. **MOU with Brandon Mathews, Director of For Tomorrow Prevention Team** - MOU with Brandon Mathews, Director of “For Tomorrow Prevention Team”, which is funded by the Drug Free Communities Grant.
8. **Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board** - Mayoral Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board – Larry Crawley and Rick Benson.

Discussion Items:

- There is a possibility the City could have the option to purchase some ACS property, but it is speculation at this point.
- Under the new bridge on Thompson – someone has sprayed graffiti
- America’s Thrift Store is placing boxes around the City again
- Mark Harris and the Mayor are looking into a plan offering the new recycling bin 4 days per week with the fifth day being used to empty the container
- There was a couple of complaints about fireworks being shot during the New Year. Public Safety will investigate updating the City’s Noise Ordinance
- A window in the old Best Buy building has been broken out – Brian will notify owner
- Keith is going to advertise the Thompson Warrior Football Championship Win on the billboard
- GA Foods now asking for April to get out
- Sophie meeting with Luke about newsletter

Council Member **Farrell** made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Council Member **Ellis**. Council President **Brakefield** called for a voice vote. All were in favor and Work Session adjourned at 7:35 PM.



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Scott Brakefield, Council President