



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

**Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Call to Order: 6:01 pm**

- Roll Call:
  - Sophie Martin
  - Rick Ellis
  - Stacy Rakestraw (6:10)
  - Greg Farrell
  - Russell Bedsole
  - Scott Brakefield
  - Kerri Pate
  
- Russell Bedsole called in by phone to listen to meeting.

Others Present: Brian Binzer, Lisa Glasgow, Patrick Johnson, Jeff Brumlow, Tim Ham, Deputy Chief Grant Humphries, Fred Hawkins, Mayor Handlon, Chief Love, John Haggard, Briana Harris, Chris Grace, Steve Provost

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment – Barge Design, Brian Binzer** - Chris Grace and Steve Provost with Barge Design Group were present to discuss a Needs Assessment for the city's parks & recreation. Mr. Grace and Mr. Provost discussed the three tasks of the assessment: Demand / Needs Analysis, Stakeholder Workshop, and Community Survey. Each can be performed individually and can provide useful information to the City on which it can make decisions about the future development of the park system and / or individual parks. The cost for all three tasks would be \$45,000.00. Mr. Binzer spoke regarding the assessment and how he felt it would benefit the City in providing the park systems level of service and the future needs of parks system.
  
2. **IT Department Request for New Position – Patrick Johnson** - Patrick Johnson, IT Director discussed the need for a new IT position that would be primarily for Public Safety. Mr. Johnson stated, that if approved, he would like to hire this position through a Temporary Employment Company. This position is budgeted in the FY20 Budget and would be paid by Police and Fire Departments. This position would start as a temporary position and work into a full-time position. The Council agreed to go forward with this position.
  
3. **Discussion of the FY20 Budget – John Haggard, Mayor Handlon** – John Haggard, Finance Director / Treasurer and Mayor Handlon presented the Council with the proposed FY20 Budget for discussion, explained changes since their first look at budget, went through the budget carefully with Council, and answered any questions the Council had.

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4. **Capital Projects / Improvements** - Brian Binzer asked the Council to bring 3 – 4 items they would like to see as capital projects or capital improvements in the future. Mr. Binzer provided a handout / PowerPoint with numerous suggestions.

**Scott Brakefield** – Parks, Recreation Center, Mountain Property, Library

**Stacy Rakestraw** – Hwy. 17 / Fox Valley improvement, Temporary Traffic Lights, Aquatics Center

**Kerri Pate** – Upgrades to Parks, Veterans Park Restrooms, Traffic Calming Devices

**Greg Farrell** – Echoed the others regarding improvements to parks, discussed the possible future use of the Depot

**Rick Ellis** – Update parks, Meeting Space, Improvements to areas on Hwy 31

**Sophie Martin** – Additional Speed Limit Signs, Traffic Calming Devices, Weatherly Club Drive

5. **Proposed Partnership with Shelby County and Alabaster City Schools for a Large Soccer Field** – Council President Scott Brakefield and Mayor Handlon discussed their meeting with Shelby County regarding partnering with them and the Alabaster School Board to build a large soccer field. The Council were favorable to this partnership.

In closing, Scott Brakefield asked that Mr. Binzer provide a drawing of the plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the Municipal Complex at the next Work Session.

Council Member **Farrell** made a motion to adjourn. Council Member **Rakestraw** seconded. Council President **Scott Brakefield** called for a voice vote. All were in favor and **Work Session adjourned at 9:27 pm.**

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

  
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Scott Brakefield, Council President

