

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2014

The City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama met in regular session at the Municipal Complex in said City on Monday evening, April 14, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yank Lovelace, who presided as Chairman of the meeting. A Workshop was held in the afternoon at 3:30 P.M. with the same members present at roll call, as well as City Clerk John Angel. Chief Weaver and Captain Salter addressed the Council concerning a transition after Chief Lawrence retires; the possibility of renting the property at 100 Young Street (Robert Watson), paving project bidding dates, the new City Strategic Plan as it relates to ACE (Steve Yuhasz) and Department hiring policies were discussed.

Councilman Watson then led the City Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Lovelace noted that the City's custom is to have an Invocation during the first Regular Meeting of each quarter; the floor was given to Councilman Littles, who then introduced Reverend Robert Watson, the Pastor at the Peace and Goodwill Church (Ridge Road). Reverend Watson then gave a brief prayer.

At roll call, the following persons were found to be present: Councilmen Pat Poole, Frank Cotten, Bill Littles, Joe Watson, Fred Barton and Mayor Yank Lovelace.

John F. P. Angel, City Clerk, was also present and acted as clerk of the meeting. A quorum being present, Mayor Lovelace announced that the meeting was open for transaction of business.

When Mayor Lovelace asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 24, 2014, there were none mentioned. As there was no discussion or changes to the minutes, Mayor Lovelace then asked if the Council would accept the March 24, 2014 minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Cotten to approve the minutes of the last Council Meeting as presented. Passed Una.

Mayor Lovelace then welcomed a number of visitors that were in the audience.

The Mayor then asked if the Council Meeting Agenda presented by the Clerk required any additions or deletions. City Clerk John Angel deleted the Introduction of a Limited Campfire Ordinance for the CCC Park, as it has been determined that the Fire Chief's authority to issue permits for these activities is sufficient. A Resolution allowing DMD Engineers to apply for a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) project was added, Councilman Watson added a discussion about Earth Day and Councilman Barton added a discussion with Robert Watson concerning the leasing of City property at 100 Young Street. As there were no further items added or deleted, nor any discussion about the Agenda, a vote to approve the Agenda, as amended, was taken. Passed Una.

The only item under Old Business was a discussion by Reverend Robert Watson, again of the Peace and Goodwill Church on Ridge Road, who has come to Council with the hope of leasing the City's property at 100 Young Street for use as a Community / Intervention Center. The building will house personnel and resources to which people in crisis can call for help. The thought is to become a 24/7 operation as soon as feasible, with normal office hours expected to be from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Councilman Watson asked if an agreement could be voted on; Ed Hines stated that the details should be worked out and the final agreement put into an Ordinance. It was noted that the building needs work, so it was recommended to at least vote to allow Reverend Watson access to the building so his group could determine the immediate need.

A motion was made by Councilman Barton and seconded by Councilman Watson to allow Reverend Robert Watson and his group access to the building as recommended. Passed Una.

The first item under New Business was the approval of the City April 2014 Accounts Payable.

A motion was made by Councilman Cotten and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve the City April 2014 Accounts Payable as presented. Passed Una.

Steve Yuhasz then took the floor and stated that the City has participated in the Alabama Community of Excellence Program since 2003, with one (1) successful recertification. That periodic work has been completed for the upcoming recertification, with the result being a Strategic (Action) Plan which the City leadership will follow as resources become available. In order to implement the Plan as it is being submitted to the State, Mr. Yuhasz presented the following to the Council for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-0414

**APPROVAL OF THE RECERTIFICATION REPORT
SUBMITTED TO THE
ALABAMA COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE (ACE) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama created the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) Program emphasize Assessment, Leadership Development and Strategic Planning, and Implementation and Comprehensive Planning in Alabama municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brewton attained the status as an Alabama Community of Excellence on May 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brewton was recertified by the ACE program in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brewton is under consideration for recertification by the ACE program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama approves, and shall implement as resources are available, the recertification report submitted to the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) program.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of April, 2014.

Yank Lovelace, Mayor

ATTESTED:

John F. P. Angel, CMC, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Barton and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve the ACE Resolution No. 14-0414 as recommended. Passed Una.

Mayor Lovelace then discussed property which was recently leased for access behind the Bank of Brewton and the recently demolished Fair Store. A plan to dirt, sod and upgrade the area was designed by the Tree & Beautification Board, with a quote for the work put together by the Public Works Department at a cost of \$23,955.00; Mayor Lovelace requested the following be approved for implementation by that Department. It was noted that the lease for this area is for thirty (30) years, with a cost of \$1.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-0414-1

WHEREAS, the City of Brewton has leased certain property, less structures, in the Boardwalk area behind Bank of Brewton and the former Fair Store demolition site; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brewton intends to beautify that area, specifically with sidewalks, landscaping and lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has reviewed the intent for this project and has submitted a quote for materials (attached).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama, that the submitted quote for the beautification of the leased downtown property be implemented by the Public Works Department, at a cost of \$23,955.00.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of April, 2014.

Yank Lovelace, Mayor

ATTEST:

John F. P. Angel, CMC, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Watson and seconded by Councilman Barton to approve Beautification Resolution No. 14-0414-1 as recommended. The following vote was recorded.

YEAS: Councilmen Cotten, Littles, Watson, Barton

NAYS: Councilman Poole

The motion passed by majority.

City Clerk John Angel took the floor and stated that in January, the City received a document from ALDOT concerning the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which has the theme of “Progress in the 21st Century”. Applications are due in May and DMD Engineers is working on a plan to emplace sidewalks near the Golf Course at Old Castleberry Road to head north to the new Middle School. Mr. Angel requested the Council’s permission to allow DMD Engineers to apply for this particular project using the following.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-0414-2

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DMD ENGINEERS, INC.
TO MAKE APPLICATION TO ALDOT FOR
DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Brewton, Alabama is interested in applying under Alabama Department of Transportation’s, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for sidewalk improvements, and

WHEREAS, DMD Engineers has the staff and expertise to prepare the City of Brewton’s application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama as follows:

That an application be submitted to ALDOT and that the Council commits to 20% of the Construction Cost plus the Engineering cost and authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents required by the application.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2014.

Yank Lovelace, Mayor

ATTEST:

John F. P. Angel, CMC, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Barton and seconded by Councilman Cotten to approve Beautification Resolution No. 14-0414-1 as recommended.

Mayor Lovelace then appointed a Committee of Councilmen Joe Watson and Pat Poole to research two (2) nominees for upcoming Industrial Development Board (IDB) vacancies, to be reported at the next Regular Meeting (Monday, April 28, 2014).

Councilman Watson then took the floor and announced that Earth Day will be Saturday, May 3, 2014, with the City Landfill open, at no charge to City residents, from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Electronics, however, will incur a \$7.00 per item disposal fee, with no dumpsters placed throughout the community because of past abuse (specifically, tires). Oil and battery recycling will be available at all auto parts locations.

There were no Announcements.

There were three (3) Comments, the first being an introduction by Bub Gideons (seeking to be elected as the County Tax Assessor). Mr. Gideons was not present, so the floor was then given to Tiffany Smith, who took the floor and asked the Council’s permission to use Jennings Park for a Family Reunion on Friday, July 4, 2014, from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM (in time for the East Brewton fireworks). Mayor Lovelace asked where they would set up; the answer was in the vicinity of where the Choo Choo Market is held.

Councilman Watson asked Ms. Smith to check with Public Works Director Craig Jerkins about any issues he might have and also asked them to make sure the area was cleaned up after their event.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson and seconded by Councilman Barton to approve the Family Reunion in Jennings Park as requested. Passed Una.

The third comment was from Bentley Martin of the First United Methodist Church wanting to raise money to counter malaria in Africa through a 5K Mosquito Run on Saturday, May 10, 2014, beginning and ending at the church. The event will begin at 5:30 PM and Chief McGougin is aware of the routes and will have personnel to monitor the event.

A motion was made by Councilman Cotten and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve the 5K Mosquito Run as requested. Passed Una.

Another invitation for Bub Gideons to take the floor was then given, but he was still not present.

There being neither any further comments from the floor nor any further business to come before the Council, the meeting was then adjourned.

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John F. P. Angel, CMC, City Clerk

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