

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2014

The City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama met in regular session at the Municipal Complex in said City on Monday evening, June 23, 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 Finance Committee, that being Councilmen Barton and Cotten, as well as City Clerk John Angel, concerning the FY2015 Annual Budget. Councilman Poole also attended. Beginning at 4:15 P.M., several requests for support were discussed.

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

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

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 June 9, 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 June 9, 2014 minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson 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. As there were no items added or deleted, nor any discussion about the Agenda, a vote to approve the Agenda, as presented, was taken. Passed Una.

There were no items noted under Old Business.

The first item under New Business was a discussion concerning financial support requested by John Robert Fountain for the Adult Softball League. Mayor Lovelace stated that the Council has discussed it and the request will be referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee, as they oversee those activities.

City Clerk John Angel then took the floor for the approval of a CDBG Pledge Resolution; he called Ray Madden and Paul Darnell (DMD Engineers) to take the floor. Mr. Darnell stated that this is actually the application procedure for the next grant, which will be similar to the one in Alco recently completed. The application will be for a combination of water and sanitary sewer upgrades in the area bound by Jackson Street, Sowell Road, Granberry Street and Douglas Avenue. This project will alleviate complaints of poor water quality in the area, as well as include sewer slip lining on Granberry Street from Douglas Avenue to Sowell Road and on Jackson Street from Douglas Avenue to Sowell Road. Several cast iron water mains with lead fittings will also be replaced. It was noted that since the bulk of the project is water, then the Water Board will pay the match on this project. Mr. Madden added that he would keep any street damage to a minimum when the mains are replaced (Underwood Street especially). Councilman Barton asked if the damaged streets would be repaved if cut; the answer was the penetrations would be small enough to be patched; the laterals (services) would be bored under the streets. It was noted that the application is due July 10, 2014, with construction beginning around this time in 2015. The following was then presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-0623**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brewton, Alabama is hereby making known its intention to apply to the State of Alabama for a Community Development Block Grant under the provisions set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for Community Development Block Grant assistance adheres to the guidelines as set forth in the State of Alabama's Community Development Block Grant Action Plan and the provisions set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as revised; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brewton desires to apply for these funds in order to construct water and sewer improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislative body of the City of Brewton recognizes the Mayor of the City of Brewton, Yancey E. Lovelace, as the appropriate official authorized to act on behalf of the City in such dealings.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Brewton, Alabama that the City of Brewton hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Brewton, Yancey E. Lovelace, to act on behalf of the City of Brewton in dealings with the State of Alabama, to sign any and all necessary application papers for the **Community**

Development Block Grant application, and to sign any necessary documents, contracts, and other agreements concerning the implementation of the proposed project if the application is funded by the State of Alabama.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City of Brewton, Alabama that the City of Brewton will provide \$150,000.00 in local revenues as local match to be utilized in conjunction with the requested Community Development Block Grant funds to complete the proposed project.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 23rd day of June, 2014.

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Yank Lovelace, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John F. P. Angel, CMC, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Barton and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve Pledge Resolution No. 14-0623 as presented. Passed Una.

Mayor Lovelace asked Ray about South Alabama Gas doing surveys on their pipeline, resulting in drill holes close to the lines. Mr. Madden explained that this is a “Close Interval Survey”, done on transmission lines when it appears the line is not flowing at max capacity. These holes are used to verify the integrity of the pipe every ten (10) feet. The holes will be filled with resin so future drilling will not be necessary.

That was the last item under Old Business.

There were no Announcements.

There were three (3) comments, the first being from Maverick Singleton for the use of Jennings Park. Pastor Singleton requested permission to erect a tent for a Revival in Jennings Park for five (5) nights; July 7 – 11, 2014 from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. each night. The tent would seat from 50 – 75 persons at max capacity. Councilman Watson was concerned that the use of the park for other citizens would be limited with a tent in the way. The response was the tent would be emplaced on the clay area close to the Hainje’s warehouse; but traffic could be a problem Mayor Lovelace stated that there is a lot on Lee Street behind Deslonde’s Tires which is flat and would have more visibility for the activity. City Clerk John Angel said he would map it out for them after the meeting. Because of the time crunch, it was suggested that permission be given for Pastor Maverick to negotiate with the Mayor for either location.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson and seconded by Councilman Barton to approve Pastor Singleton’s negotiation with Mayor Lovelace for either of the two (2) places for the tent Revival. Passed Una.

Billy Murphy then took the floor on behalf of his Senior Baptist Association and asked permission to use Jennings Park on Thursday, September 11, 2014 for a senior citizen Peanut Bowl from 12 noon to about 5:30 P.M. This is a one (1) day use in the vicinity of the Choo Choo Market area.

A motion was made by Councilman Cotten and seconded by Councilman Barton to approve the Senior Baptist Association Peanut Bowl as presented. Passed Una.

Finally, Emmie Jernigan took the floor as the Regional Director of the Women’s Business Center and stated that they have received a Federal grant through the Rural Business Initiative (three (3) years) to promote female owned or operated businesses in the area, and they are a 501 ( c ) 3 organization. They have set up an office in the English Realty office with the mission to begin with the Brewton / Atmore area. Regional Director equates to responsibility for Washington, Clarke, Conecuh, Monroe and Escambia Counties. Brewton will be the example of ‘what is working’ (concerning female owned businesses) and a welcome program will be developed to entice more of these businesses to Brewton. Programs presented at the J. L. Fisher Center and Hope Place are also possible, as are training programs for wait staff at restaurants. Ms. Jernigan then asked for \$5,000.00 to assist with her matching the grant funds.

Councilman Watson asked if the organization was tied in with the Chamber of Commerce and the other economic development programs. Ms. Jernigan said they were not, but they can offer one on one counseling and success workshops through these organizations. It was then suggested that they draft a Contract for Services (vis a vis John L. Fisher Center) so that, if approved, the City would have an instrument to allow for the appropriation of the funds, if approved.

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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Yancey E. Lovelace, Mayor