

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2014

The City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama met in regular session at the Municipal Complex in said City on Monday evening, March 24, 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. An "America in Bloom" project concerning beautification, a lease with the Bank of Brewton concerning property near the Boardwalk, the possibility of renting / selling the property at 100 Young Street and project bidding issues were discussed.

Councilman Littles 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, 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 10, 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 10, 2014 minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Cotten and seconded by Councilman Littles 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, including members of the Wilson Family, owners of Brewton Iron Works. A Proclamation honoring the company's 92 year longevity was then read to the audience and then presented to Earl Wilson. A second Proclamation stating the Mayor's recognition of all those who contribute to National Service in the City was then read; this Proclamation will be forwarded to the local office in charge of these operations.

The Mayor then asked if the Council Meeting Agenda presented by the Clerk required any additions or deletions. City Clerk John Angel added a discussion concerning an updated lease of Bank of Brewton property as it pertains to the Boardwalk, as well as requests from the Greenlight Committee sponsored by Councilman Barton, both added to New Business. 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 an update from Ryan Pitts concerning the current City trash pickup operation. Mr. Pitts stated that the operation is proceeding, but he is at 80% for filling the holes left by the clamshell truck operator. Mayor Lovelace asked if he was going to schedule an inspection of any damage; Mr. Pitts said that from now on, they would perform an inspection monthly for this type of damage. The other 20% of the damage would be repaired by tomorrow (3/26) and his two (2) vehicles are now painted black.

The first item under New Business was a bid tabulation for the upgrade of the City's Main Sewer Pumping Station. DMD reviewed the proposals from five (5) respondents, with the low bidder having been verified having submitted an adequate bid. Based on their recommendation, the following was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-0324**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brewton plans to upgrade its main sewer pump station on US 31 South; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brewton did legally advertise the bid opening date, and the bids were opened, read aloud and recorded on Tuesday, March 18, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the bidders are identified at the attached bid tab; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended by the City Engineer that the identified bidder has submitted an adequate Base Bid and is also the low bidder.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama, that the submitted bid for the Brewton Main Sewer Pump Station Upgrade be, and is hereby awarded to, **Beasley & Company, LLC**, for the amount stated in the bid sheet (**\$366,573.00**).

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this the 24th day of March, 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 Cotten and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve Award Resolution No. 14-0324 as presented. Passed Una.

Mr. Angel continued with a bid tabulation to replace sidewalk sections which could not be reworked by Precision Concrete, those being the east and west side of Douglas Avenue (US 31) from Granberry Street to Evergreen Avenue. No engineer was involved, but four (4) local contractors were solicited, with the following result.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-0324-1**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brewton plans to replace sidewalk areas on Douglas Avenue (US 31) from Granberry Street to Evergreen Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brewton did solicit quotes from local contractors, and the quotes were reviewed, read aloud and recorded on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Brewton, Alabama, that the replacement of sidewalk sections on Douglas Avenue (US 31) from Granberry Street to Evergreen Avenue be, and is hereby awarded to, **Creamer Dozer Service, Inc.**, for the amount stated at the bid tabulation (**\$66,805.00**).

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this the 24th day of March, 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 Poole and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve Award Resolution No. 14-0324-1 as presented. Passed Una.

About thirty (30) years ago, a program was in effect called Main Street, which was meant to revitalize once vibrant downtown areas. Around 1984 – 1986, all the businesses surrounding the Boardwalk area either donated or sold a portion of their property to allow the City to conduct improvements to the parking and landscape areas there. The notable improvements are the Boardwalk itself, which will be renovated soon, as well as the historical lamp posts which were recently re-lanterned. Bank of Brewton is the only business which only allowed a lease to its property (thirty (30) years); this document has been written now to renew the lease from April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2044. This would allow access to the properties in question and, in return, the City would provide upkeep, have events considered for the public good and promote economic development.

Mr. Angel stated that there is no plan at this point and those would have to come before the Council anyway; he asked that the Council approve the basic lease allowing access (to begin planning).

A motion was made by Councilman Barton and seconded by Councilman Littles to approve the renewed thirty (30) year lease with the Bank of Brewton as recommended. Passed Una.

Councilman Barton then took the floor and, on behalf of the Greenlight Committee, recommended three (3) new street lights be installed at the following locations: 871 Neal Street, 113 West Alexander Drive and 709 Garrett Street. All three (3) meet the criteria for Alabama Power's emplacement policy.

A motion was made by Councilman Barton and seconded by Councilman Watson to approve the installation of the three (3) new street lights as recommended. Passed Una.

There were no Announcements.

There were two (2) Comments, the first being an introduction by Greg Albritton. Mr. Albritton took the floor and stated he would be running for the Alabama Senate seat which represents Brewton. He was born and raised in Atmore and later lived in Range; there are five (5) persons running in the Republican Primary with none of them, except him, have hand carried bills for Escambia County constituents to the Senate for approval. Brewton does not need an OJT Senator, but someone who can jump in and start working. Mr. Albritton, has the skills, has the knowledge, knows the rules and knows the people.

The second comment was scheduled from Reverend Robert Watson concerning a certain City property, but the Council has invited him to attend a Workshop on Monday, April 14, 2014 prior to the Regular Meeting.

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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