

City Hall

Troy, Alabama

October 27, 2015

The Executive Committee of the City Council of the City of Troy, Alabama, met at the hour of 4:00 PM., on October 27, 2015. Upon roll call the following were present: Council Members Charlie "Sarge" Dunn, Greg Meeks, Marcus Paramore, Dejerilyn King-Henderson, and John H. Witherington. Council Members absent: none. Shannon Bryan, Assistant City Clerk, presided as the Clerk of the Meeting.

The Executive Committee met at 4:00 PM to discuss agenda items. Dickie Calhoun, City Attorney was present. Dickie Calhoun advised that the Council could enter into executive session to discuss a matter that would possibly lead to litigation. At 4:32, Councilman Meeks motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a matter that is not currently being litigated, but likely to be litigated, seconded by Councilman Paramore, and being put to vote was unanimously approved. At 4:45, Councilman Paramore motioned to leave executive session, seconded by Councilman Meeks, and being put to vote was unanimously approved. At 4:45, the council left the executive committee meeting to the regularly scheduled meeting.

The City Council of the City of Troy, Alabama, met at the hour of 5:00 PM., on October 27, 2015 in Regular Session. Upon roll call the following were present: Council Members, Charlie "Sarge" Dunn, Greg Meeks, Marcus Paramore, Dejerilyn King-Henderson, and John H. Witherington. Council Members absent: none. John H. Witherington presided as the Chairperson of the meeting. Shannon Bryan, Assistant City Clerk, presided as the Clerk of the Meeting.

The Executive Committee met at 4:00 PM on October 27, 2015, to discuss agenda items.

Councilman Witherington introduced the minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting and the October 21, 2015 special called meeting. Councilman Dunn motioned to approve the minutes as read, from both meetings, seconded by Councilman Meeks, and being put to vote was unanimously approved.

Councilman Meeks introduced a 040 on/off premises retail beer license for Eight on the Break. Councilman Meeks offered the following comments concerning the beer license for Eight on the Break, "It is of my opinion that we decline the application of a retail beer license at Eight on the Break based on the following: 1. We heard Mrs. Kelly Norris, the owner of the dance studio next door to Eight on the Break, and a parent of a student from the dance studio express concern for the safety of the children being next door to a pool hall that sold alcohol, and I agree. 2. We heard from representatives of the Johnson Art Center express concerns that the art education programs for our area students will go away if alcohol is sold across the street, and I agree. The representatives also stated that a great deal of money and effort has been put into making these art education programs for our students. 3. We have a resident who lives on Elm Street whose back door backs up to the pool hall, to express concerns about a pool hall selling alcohol in their back yard, and I agree. Therefore, I make the motion that we decline the retail beer license at Eight on the Break. May I close in saying to Mr. Batie or Mr. Larry that I do not object to a pool hall having a beer license, but just not at this location. If you could find another location that would be suitable for all, then I would support you."

Councilman Meeks motioned to deny the beer license, seconded by Councilman Paramore and being put to vote, the vote was as follows: Yea - Councilman Dunn, Councilman Meeks, Councilman Paramore, Councilman Witherington. Nay - Councilwoman Henderson. Motion to deny was approved by majority vote.

Councilman Witherington introduced and summarized aloud Resolution 2016 - 4 - Bid Award-Utilities Materials. Councilman Dunn motioned to approve Resolution 2016 - 4, seconded by Councilman Meeks, and being put to vote, was unanimously approved.

Councilman Witherington introduced and summarized aloud Resolution 2016 -5 - Bid Award - Utilities Transmission, Distribution and Elm St Substation Upgrade. Councilman Paramore motioned to approve Resolution 2016 - 5, seconded by Councilwoman Henderson, and being put to vote was unanimously approved.

Councilman Witherington introduced and summarized aloud Resolution 2016 - 6 - Bid Award - Fire Department Ambulance Councilman Meeks motioned to approve Resolution 2016 - 6, seconded by Councilwoman Henderson, and being put to vote was unanimously approved.

Councilman Witherington introduced and summarized aloud Ordinance 354 - Rezoning - 1410 Brundidge Street. Councilman Witherington announced that now was the time and place to hear any public comments regarding Ordinance 354, no comments were made. Councilman Paramore motioned to approve Ordinance 354, seconded by Councilman Meeks, and being put to vote was unanimously approved.

Councilman Witherington introduced and summarized aloud Ordinance 355 - Amending Articles V, VI, VIII, and XI of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Witherington announced that now was the time and place to hear any public comments regarding Ordinance 355, no comments were made. Councilman Paramore motioned to approve Ordinance 355, seconded by Councilman Dunn and being put to vote was unanimously approved.

There were no appointments.

-----Mayor's Comments-----

---Announced that Red Ribbon Week was this week. Working with new ideas and ways to get community wide and many more students to participate.

---Troy Recycles Day was last Saturday, and they had a great turn out. Appreciated everyone that works on that event.

---Announced that Veteran's Day programs are scheduled for the Bicentennial Park and the Colley Senior Center.

---Wished a Happy Birthday to Grandmother, who turned 90.

-----Council Members Comments-----

---Councilman Dunn - Thankful and glad that Elm Street is open. Proud of the Colley Center for finally getting Old Glory in the correct place.

---Councilman Meeks - Appreciates the work on Elm Street. Thanked Melissa Sanders for doing a good job with the Recycling Day event.

---Councilman Paramore - Appreciates all of the police and firemen that came out to Pike Liberal Arts and to Charles Henderson to hand out red ribbons to kick off Red Ribbon Week. Appreciated everyone who works on the Red Ribbon Week campaign to make it successful.

---Councilwoman Henderson - Expressed condolences to the families of Cecil Maddox, Diane Wilson, Mr. Upton, and Jo Nathan Henderson. Encouraged everyone to invest in life insurance or make pre funeral arrangements. Announced only a few more day left in District V clean-up month, call 311 to schedule pick up. Announced there are too many pay day lending centers in Troy. The NAACP held an educational workshop recently, encouraged people to educate themselves on financial matters. Reported the Alabama League of Municipalities has endorsed her to be elected to serve on the National League of Cities Board, the election will be held at the November meeting in Nashville. Encouraged people to go to the polls and vote to make a difference.

There being no further business Councilwoman Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Paramore, and the meeting was on motion duly adjourned at 5:32 PM.

John H. Witherington
Council President

ATTEST:

Alton E. Starling, Clerk/Treas.