

Council Meeting
01-12-16

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 90 WEST YOUNG STREET

Present: Mayor, Ray W. Little.

Council Members: Tony London, Jeff Wardell, Mike Kendell, Fran Hopkin and Bill Cobabe.

City Staff: Gary Crane, Attorney; and Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator.

Others present: none

This meeting was called to order by Mayor, Ray W. Little.

The opening ceremony was presented by Jeff Wardell.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mike Kendell.

Minutes and Warrants

Mike asked about the billing from JA Jones for the floodplain map. He asked what this charge was for – did they attend the floodplain meeting? It was stated it was a meeting that was held at the office.

MOTION: Tony London moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meetings and three sets of warrants.

SECOND: Jeff Wardell. Vote: 5 ayes.

New Business

Council Assignments

Mayor Little

Mayor Little presented the members with the council assignments. He asked Tony London, Mayor Pro-Tem to read this list to those present. Tony read the list as it has been prepared by the Mayor.

Bill asked if he could also be a member of the historical committee. According to the ordinance, there is only one member from the Council on this committee. However any member is invited to attend as they are public meetings. There was discussion about the water advisory board.

Appointment of Treasurer and Recorder

Mayor Little requested by advice and consent the Council approve appointing Julie Bloxham as the Recorder and Laurie Moore as the Treasurer for Morgan City.

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MOTION: Tony London moved to approve by advice from Mayor Little the appointment of Julie Bloxham as the Recorder and Laurie Moore as the Treasurer.

SECOND: Jeff Wardell. Vote: 5 ayes.

Planning Commission Appointments

Ernie Durrant and Dorothy Leishman have resigned from the Commission. Nathan McClellan has agreed to move from an alternate member into the position held by Ernie. Also, Robert Lynam and Julie Anderson's terms have expired and they have agreed to serve another term. There is the need to appoint two new alternate members.

The Planning Commission has provided a list of potential individuals to fill these vacancies. Fran Hopkin stated it is not a requirement to have a person from the community to be a member of the Planning Commission. He just wanted to make the members aware of this in the event they wanted to have someone outside of the community with planning and zoning experience.

Mike asked Fran if he had any recommendations for someone to serve on this Commission from outside the community. Bill stated for the alternate members he knows Jim Watt, Blair Scoresby and Becky Francis and feels they would be good individuals to ask to serve.

MOTION: Tony London moved to approve, with the advice and consent of Mayor Little the appointments of Nathan McClellan, Robert Lynam and Julie Anderson to the Planning Commission.

SECOND: Bill Cobabe. Vote: 5 ayes.

Mayor Little stated the next step would be to come up with two suggestions for alternate members. He asked the members if they want to discuss this in open, or if they would prefer each member could write down their three choices and give them to the Mayor. Mike asked if anyone had information on the names presented. He does not know a lot of the persons listed, and would feel better about making the decision if he knew their background. Bill stated the County advertises in The Morgan County News to fill these positions - it could be a better way to handle this process.

Mike stated he feels the persons on the list could be contacted and asked if they are interested to submit a letter stating the reasons they would like to serve. Fran stated he agrees with Mike, but does not know if the process needs to be made more difficult. He asked how often the alternate is needed to attend. It was stated there is often a need for the alternate to attend due to a member not being able to.

It was stated the Mayor has the authority to appoint the members. However, if the members want to change how this is done – he does not have a problem with that. Mayor Little stated he feels the items being discussed would make the process more difficult. Tony and Bill stated they would be fine giving the Mayor the authority to make the contact and come back with the appointments.

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MOTION: Mike Kendell moved to contact those persons listed and have them, if interested on serving on the Planning Commission to write down their background and why they are interested.

SECOND: Fran Hopkin. Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay – Tony London.

Resolution #16-01
Industrial Park Sewer Line Extension
Award Bid

This project has been put out to bid and it is the recommendation of the City Engineer to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Marsh Construction Company. The amount of their bid is \$41,884.26. This project will extend the sewer line in the Industrial Park which is needed for the UDOT building and future development. Jamie Grandpre, Senior Wastewater Operator gave the members an explanation of this project and why it is needed. He stated this line would be installed in the road, and then UDOT can hook into the line. It will allow for future development due to the line already being installed in the road.

Bill stated he is concerned with the distribution of the bids that were received. He asked if Jamie has any reservations on awarding the bid to the lowest bidder. Jamie stated he feels this bid is valid and within reason. Mayor Little stated it is lower, but not by much compared to the next two or three companies.

Mike asked about the funding for this project. Mayor Little stated he had brought this to the attention of the members. There were several options that could be used for this funding. There is a public hearing scheduled for next meeting to open and adjust the budgets.

MOTION: Fran Hopkin moved to adopt Resolution #16-01 award the bid for the industrial Park Sewer Line Extension to Marsh Construction Company. LC in the amount of \$41,884.26

SECOND: Bill Cobabe.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bill Cobabe – aye
Mike Kendell – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – aye
Fran Hopkin - aye

Architectural/Engineering Estimate
Depot Building – ADA Improvements
Approval of Bid

Mayor Little has provided the members with proposals that have been received to do the needed architectural/engineering work to see what would be required to make the Depot Building on Commercial Street ADA accessible.

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MOTION: Bill Cobabe moved to accept the proposal from Bott/Patone Architects in the amount of \$2,500 and Mountain Engineering in the amount of \$600 for the design work for ADA improvements to the Depot Building.

SECOND: Jeff Wardell.

Discussion on motion: There was discussion on what is needed for this project. Mayor Little stated the reason this work is being proposed is for the design to be done to determine what is needed to make the building ADA accessible. Fran asked about the two engineering quotes. There was discussion about the need for engineering to help determine what is needed. There was discussion about what the plans for this building are in the future. Bill stated unless it is made ADA accessible it cannot be used for much but storage. He feels having this done would be a great benefit to the Commercial Street revitalization.

VOTE ON MOTION: 5 ayes.

Closed Session

MOTION: Tony London moved to go into closed session for the purpose of a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real estate property.

SECOND: Fran Hopkin. Vote: 5 ayes.

This was at 8:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor, Council, Attorney and Recorder.

MOTION: Tony London moved to come out of closed session.

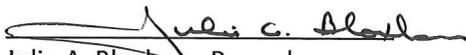
SECOND: Jeff Wardell. Vote: 5 ayes.

This was at 8:45 p.m.

Follow-up Items

Tony asked about the delinquent accounts for the RDA. The Attorney that has been working on these has confirmed arrangements and three of the individuals are making payments. She continues to work on the other accounts.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Julie A. Bloxham, Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 01-26-16 meeting.