



## Work Session Minutes of the City Council

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex  
Monday, September 19, 2022 --- Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER THE PRE-COUNCIL MEETING:** Council President Colvin called the Work Session to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: Councilman Hardy

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Piper Barnett, Scotty Price, Brittany Shores, Jennifer Carlisle, Ed Durant, Drew Meacham, Teresa Moten, Chris Hardy, Meredith Wingler, Miles Hamlett, David Hogan, Robert Boleware, Stacey Jeffcoat, Doug Jones, Lynn Miller, Jan Jones, Kathy Railey, Katie Peters, Al Jones, Susan Tilley, John McWhorter, Ronnie Tharp, and others

**OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Tapley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Hardy

### **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**

1. Natural Gas Agreement with East Central and Alabama Graphite  
Chris Hardy, Gas Department Superintendent, informed the Council that the city is looking to change the rate that we have with East Central Gas. We are in discussions with Alabama Graphite
2. John McWhorter, Sewer Department Superintendent, informed the Council that he and others have been working with Russell Corporation on accepting a portion of a sewer line near Lee Street. Russell Corporation is selling a warehouse. The city will accept ownership of the sewer line. This will allow us to charge two separate customers. One line is not in good shape (R2 to R6 line). The line is shallow and will need to be replaced. The estimated cost for us to replace the line is minimum.
3. Stacey Jeffcoat with MainStreet and Amanda Thomas, City Clerk, informed the Council as to why the City and MainStreet are looking into expanding the Arts and Entertainment District boundary lines. The goal is to bring in businesses and future growth.
4. Ed Durant spoke to the Council concerning the many rumors about the possibility of the Bud Porch property transitioning into a restaurant/brewery. The brewery portion will be a microbrewery. The new restaurant has intentions to be closed during church hours. They would embrace that church members park in a parking lot on the Bud Porch property. This is an opportunity to bring in young people that want to stay in our community. It will create jobs. It will create a nice place to eat on Sunday after lunch. Mr. Durant has researched this type of business for years. Evidence shows that this type of business will grow and create revenue for our city.
5. BOE Items in Warehouse Discussion  
Mayor informed the Council that the Board of Education has items in warehouse 18 that we recently agreed to sell to Amadeus. Dr. Price stated that the BOE staff would like to remove the items
6. Medical Cannabis Presentation  
Scotty Price, Revenue Manager, informed the Council that the state legislature has approved medical cannabis to be processed and sold in Alabama. It is recommended that the city pass an ordinance in preparation for businesses coming to Alabama. If we can allow a medical cannabis-type business in our corporate limits, the city must have an ordinance in place.
7. Other Items: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The work session adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



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Presiding Officer



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City Clerk

**METHOD OF DELIVERY:** The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Friday, September 30, 2022.

**OTHER:** The agenda was posted to the City's website and the bulletin boards located at the Municipal Complex.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** None