



Work Session Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive

Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex

Monday, April 15, 2024 --- Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Alexander City held a work session on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex, 281 James D. Nabors Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010. All councilors were recorded as being present.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Colvin. The invocation was led by Pastor Ronnie Palmer, Alexander City Methodist Church, and Councilor Chris Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Those present included Mayor Baird, Brittany Shores, Mayor's office; Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Administrative Assistant; Fire Chief McAlister; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Police Captain Tuck; Lynn Miller, Water Superintendent; Amanda Thomas, Planning and Development Director; Sasha Stewart, Purchasing Director. Others present included: Denise Walls, and Teresa Moten.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

Denise Walls, Economic Development Director discussed the newly acquired grant by the Governor for Two Rivers project. There is a possibility of a company that will co-locate, and could bring 40 – 60 jobs in addition to the proposed 130 from Two Rivers. Councilor Eric Brown asked about the projected length of the construction project, and Ms. Walls reported that they plan to start construction the end of June and complete by August, 2025.

Drew Meacham gave an update on the following:

The baseball parking project is largely complete.

Cooper Rec Center drainage project.

Assisting Fire Station 3 with subgrade and drainage design for the apparatus bay.

The guard rail grant has been signed off by ALDOT. There is little to no shoulder there and the project has piqued their interest and they're looking at getting more funding to get the job done right.

Airport Bridge Road has re-opened. Drew anticipates that ALDOT is going to want the city to own and maintain this bridge, however, it lies completely in their right-of-way.

ARPA funds have been used to replace a storm drain pipe on University Circle.

ACRIP funds have been used to complete culvert replacements on Sixth Street Extension and High Street.

There are still two (2) very large culverts on Trussell Road to be completed.

Shoulder clipping began this week.

There are roughly eighty (80) manholes that are in need of replacement.

The site for the new power substation has been cleared and grubbed. Minor grading is still needed.

White Oak Landing developer has put wearing surface down last week; however, the work does not meet city standards and is going to be pulled up.

The sidewalk project is nearing the punch list phase.

Material storage bins are going to be done on a rainy day.

Sewer expansion projects are in process.

Coven Abbett bridge painting bid was within budget and hope to begin that work in June.

Working through some pump station issues at Robinson Road.

Assisting EDA and utilities trying to get everything in place to assist with the Two Rivers project.

The Grounds and Facilities Maintenance employee has been out for an extended period, and his office has been trying to cover his duties.

Councilor Tapley questioned when road paving would begin. Drew responded that the bid is expected to be brought before the City Council June 3rd for award.

Amanda Thomas gave an update to include the following:

The Comprehensive Plan is moving forward, and the consultants have meetings scheduled with outside agencies and students at the High School.

The airport apron expansion is to begin soon.

Downtown building demolition will begin May 1st.

The downtown water project is on hold waiting on amended ADECA agreement and are now utilizing ARC funds.

Condemnation letters were mailed on April 5th. She will be asking for a public hearing on these properties soon.

PLL has a go live date of June 1st. This is being funded through ARPA funds.

The Building Department will be closed Thursday for a floodplain workshop.

Councilor Chris Brown stated that he sat down and went through the process with Caroline and believes this will speed up the process. Also, it notifies the applicant as it goes through each step.

Stephanie Southerland had the current district map on display as well as the proposed redistricting map for review by the council members. All council members stated that they are in agreement with the proposed changes.

Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion and all were in favor (6-0). The City Council adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

APPROVED:
FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Stephanie J. Southerland

City Clerk

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Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, President

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