

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 28, 2024

Following a final public hearing on the City's Comprehensive Plan held at 6:30, the meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull Fire Department. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Shawn Bozeman, Cindy Bozeman, and Mike McElroy. Council member Kathy Connell's seat was empty due to the fact that she had recently passed away. Also present were Hannah Barron for the Madison County Journal City Attorney, Danny Love, Charles Dooley and Alice Bullock.

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Shawn Bozeman and a second by Mike McElroy.

The financial reports were approved unanimously after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Shawn Bozeman.

Under old business the issue of painting over the mural at the Chevron was discussed. City Attorney Love inquired of Mayor and Council as to whether or not any grant funds were used to pay for the mural and whether or not there was any type of contract with the store owner. Attorney Love was advised that no grant funds were used and although a signed contract could not be located the only contract that had been discussed was that the store owner agreed that the City could keep the mural there for 10 years but there was no requirement to do so. It was also pointed out that the store owner had requested that the mural be removed. Mayor Barber reported that Mr. Barnes who is doing the painting at City Hall had indicated he would do the painting job for \$600.00. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to paint over the mural at the Chevron. Motion was then made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Shawn Bozeman and unanimously approved to have Anthony Barnes paint over the mural at the Chevron at a cost of \$600.00.

Also under old business Mayor Barber advised council that the cost for the repair work at City Hall needed to be amended to reflect extra work that is needed for extra gutters, etc and to place a window in the door. The new total is \$10,194.00. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Shawn Bozeman and unanimously approved to accept the updated price for repair to City Hall.

Under new business City Attorney Danny Love presented a contract for the City's review and approval. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman, seconded by Mike McElroy, and unanimously approved to accept this contract as presented which will run from March 28, 2024 to March 28, 2025, unless terminated as provided therein.

Mayor Barber advised council that he had received a call a couple of weeks ago that a manhole cover was missing. He had a couple of cones that he used to mark the area until it could be replaced by the DOT. In this regard Mayor Barber made a recommendation that the City purchase cones and barricades for future use by the City as needed. These would be kept at City Hall and have the City name on them for identification. The costs will be \$2,364.20 and can be paid from the Commercial Bank SPLOST Bond account. This would include 25 cones; 6 each of two different types of barricades and lettering. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman, seconded by Cindy Bozeman and unanimously approved to purchase same.

Council Member Shawn Bozeman presented a cost estimate to purchase Laptops for the Mayor, Council members and the Clerk from Best Buy. The total costs for 5 Laptops will be \$3,094.00 which would include the first installment of an annual membership for MicroSoft Office for up to 6 Laptops. Motion was made by Cindy Bozeman, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to purchase the Laptops.

Mayor Barber also presented two estimates for new flags and brackets for the light poles on Highway 72. One was from Allegiance Flag Company for \$1,164.00 and the other was from Carrot-Top Industries for \$1,730.38. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy to purchase the flags and brackets from Allegiance Flag Company. This expenditure will be paid from the general fund.

Charles Dooley on behalf of Alice Bullock presented a plat to council for approval. This will be a reconfiguration of Ms. Bullock's two properties. City Attorney Love advised council that this would be acceptable under the zoning ordinances. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Shawn Bozeman and unanimously approved to approve this plat.

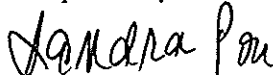
City Attorney Love provided information to the Mayor and Council concerning amending the City Charter and the different procedures involved. No action was taken but he suggested that the Mayor and Council review the current charter and come back with suggestions for discussion at a later date.

At the suggestion of the City Attorney motion was made by Shawn Bozeman, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved that the meeting go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Motion was made by Mike McElory, seconded by Shawn Bozeman to come out of executive session. No action was taken.

Prior to adjourning the meeting council member Cindy Bozeman made a request that the City consider erecting a privacy fence between the City Hall and the duplexes next door. No action was taken at this time.

There being no further business motion was made by Mike McElory, seconded by Shawn Bozeman and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Pou  
City Clerk