

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

December 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull City Hall. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Mike McElroy, Paige Phillips, and Steven Hollingsworth, and attorney Danny Love..

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Paige Phillips and a second by Steven Hollingsworth. The financial reports were unanimously approved after a motion by Steven Hollingsworth and a second by Mike McElory.

Under old business Mayor Barber presented a bid by Pulliam Tree Service to remove the Leyland Cypress at the well and grind the stump for a total costs of \$600.00. This is \$100.00 less than the previous bid by Bear Tree Service. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to accept the bid from Pulliam Tree Service to remove the tree after the holiday.

Under new business the Clerk presented a request by 10244 Foodmart, LLC d/b/a Hull Chevron to renew their license to sell Beer and Wine for the 2025 calendar year. This request was unanimously approved after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Steven Hollingsworth. The Clerk will issue the license upon payment of the renewal fee of \$1,000.00 and the \$50.00 business license fee for 2025.

Mayor Barber brought up for discussion renewal of the lawn maintenance contract. The current contract has been in effect for three years and is renewable by agreement of the City and the contractor. Mayor Barber feels that we should re-bid the contract every three years and that the "cutting time" should be from April through November rather than March - November. A motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to re-bid the contract every three years beginning with the 2025 calendar year. Everyone was requested to review the current specifications and be prepared to discuss any suggested changes at the January meeting and the Clerk will then place the appropriate ad in the newspaper.

Mayor Barber then presented an estimate from Overhead Door for some necessary repairs to the Bay doors. The Estimate was for \$564.42. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Paige Phillips and unanimously approved to proceed with this repair.

The Clerk then presented the proposed Budget for 2025 as discussed at the budget meeting. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Steven Hollingsworth and unanimously approved to accept the 2025 Budget as recommended.

Mayor Barber also presented some information on replacing the heating and cooling system at City Hall as well as an estimate of costs to replace/refurbish the Christmas Lights. This was for information and review at this time so no action was taken however these matters will be revisited at the January meeting for the Christmas lights and in February for the H/C system.

Attorney Love informed Mayor and Council that he was still speaking with County Attorney

Pruett concerning the intergovernmental agreement regarding county enforcement of ordinances, etc. He also advised that he plans to contact Fire Chief Austin personally and follow up with written correspondence concerning the City's inability to transfer the property where the Fire Station is located to the Fire Station due to State Law.

There being nothing further the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Paige Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou
Hull City Clerk