

## CITRONELLE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 2015

### REGULAR MEETING

The Citronelle City Council convened in a pre-meeting public session on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the Citronelle Municipal Complex Auditorium to discuss agenda items. No action was taken at this meeting.

Present: Mayor J. Albert McDonald, Councilmember Mason, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Beaty and Councilmember Landers. Also present, Attorney David Huggins.

#### MAYOR'S NOTES:

- 1) Mayor has notified by letter three identified next-of-kin of the deceased person whose ashes have been kept in our Police Department after being abandoned at the Rescue Unit site. If not claimed within 30 days, they will be respectfully interred at Pine Crest Cemetery.
- 2) Component Unit financial reports for March have been provided to each council member.
- 3) Mayor Stimpson has invited all Mobile County mayors to meet with him May 1 at his office, and I plan to attend.
- 4) Street Department response on 4/15 to a large tree down across South St. was prompt with traffic being able to pass and limbs/debris removed in a short time.
- 5) Ezell Construction was used to remove the burned house on Hwy. 96 after proper notice given to the property owner by our Inspector. The cost of \$2,175 will be assessed against the owner on his next year's property bill.
- 6) Mayor's Promise for April went to our Senior Center.
- 7) The June edition of Business Alabama magazine is dedicated to Mobile County. Two years ago we placed a 1/2 page vertical ad for \$1,845 in 4 colors highlighting our golf course and community center. What is the sentiment of the council to do this again?
- 8) All employees covered by Blue Cross Blue Shield have been notified of the new premiums effective May 1, as well as of each one's 15% portion. The \$82.00 family and \$29.00 single dental coverage is paid 100% by the City. The annual cost to the City for maintaining this employee benefit is about \$221,500. Note that Citronelle's family coverage costs the employee \$1,987.08 annually, compared with the Kaiser Family Foundation survey showing the 2014 employee portion as \$4,823.00.
- 9) Mayor requested of the actuary Martin, Martin & Randall this year's contribution to the former defined benefit pension trust which still applies to all previous covered and eligible employees. One feature was a universal life policy on employees payable to the trust. Annual premiums have apparently been paid by policy earnings since the City stopped paying them years ago. Upon MMR's advice, we will take the cash surrender value of the policy, contribute it to the fund, then get a contribution figure which should be at lower cost to the City. Note that the City still maintains a \$50,000 policy on each employee.
- 10) The City has received from the State of Alabama its pro-rata share of Alabama Trust Fund earnings through 9/30/14 FYE totaling \$35,496.62. This brings our Capital Improvement Fund

up to \$249,854.67 which may be used for striping or other similar projects.

- 11) The National Guard 659<sup>th</sup> Wire & Cable Unit is having its reunion soon. It consists primarily of men from the Citronelle area. Over 40 members have passed away, and the unit would like to place their names on a plaque to hang in City Hall, unless a council member objects.
- 12) Mayor has agreed with Mayor Ephraim of Prichard to exchange host dates for the Mobile County Municipality Association dinner. Instead of August, Citronelle will host the dinner on June 18 at our Community Center at 7PM.
- 13) Volunteer Fire Department had 100 calls in March, mostly EMS runs, with 389 volunteers responding.
- 14) Facilities' Coordinator had 11 showings in March with 10 reservations made.
- 15) RDS reports 297 business licenses from 2014 not paid in 2015. 45 of these have Citronelle addresses, and we are sending courtesy letters requesting payment. If not received, the business will be cited and a court date set.
- 16) At the clubhouse, the poorly operative gas stove will be removed, replaced by a warming oven to reduce any liability issues related to open flame, or other food preparation items.

Attorney David Huggins introduced Tom Briand as the appointed Municipal Official under the demolition program. Huggins outlined the process of the demolition program whereas a public notice is filed with Probate Court, run in Call News and posted in (3) public places. Notice to all property owners, lien holders, mortgagees, or anyone to have interest in property of public hearing. Tom Briand will testify at the hearing of his finding of the condition of the property and why the property should be demolished. Council will then be in a position to start the demolition process. Attorney requested Council to consider giving the Mayor authority to decide which tracts should be assigned for demolition and the pace at which tracts to demolish and authority to run public notice before coming back to Council.

The Citronelle City Council convened in a regular public session on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Citronelle Municipal Complex Auditorium. Mayor McDonald presided and on roll call, the following members of the Council answered present:

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| Mayor:           | J. Albert McDonald |
| Council Members: | Warren Carter      |
|                  | James Landers      |
|                  | Jeff Mason         |
|                  | Joe Beaty          |
|                  | Connie Robinson    |

Absent:

Councilmember Beaty moved to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting

as written, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Landers and, on a voice vote the  
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motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Carter moved to open bids for 2015 Traffic Striping Project, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Beaty, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried. Bids were opened and recorded as follows:

Ozark Striping Company                      \$98,055.00

Councilmember Carter moved to award the low bid of Ozark Striping Company, upon review of Speaks & Associates, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Beaty, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Robinson moved to renew the employees' health & dental insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Secure Silver Plan, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Beaty moved to approve the amnesty program which will run from July 2015 through September 2015 and managed by Judicial Correction Services, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Landers moved to approve the expense of \$10,239.92 for (2) zero-turn mowers for use at Golf Course, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Mason moved to approve payment of payables totaling \$116,384.22 listed below, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Beaty, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

| VENDOR                 | ADMIN      | ST/SANIT   | POLICE     | FIRE     | REC.       | LIBRARY | CCC      | G.C.       |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|---------|----------|------------|
| ADRIAN BEARD           |            |            |            |          |            |         |          | \$225.00   |
| AL INTERACTIVE         | \$95.00    |            |            |          |            |         |          |            |
| AL MEDIA GROUP         | \$242.34   |            |            |          |            |         |          |            |
| ALI ROSADILLO          |            |            |            |          |            |         | \$200.00 |            |
| ANDREWS                |            | \$1,072.74 | \$150.83   |          | \$978.46   |         |          | \$551.74   |
| AT&T                   |            |            |            | \$233.36 | \$337.52   |         | \$115.74 |            |
| AUTO ZONE              | \$33.94    | \$846.75   | \$400.46   |          | \$79.07    |         |          | \$32.89    |
| BEARD EQUIP            |            |            |            |          |            |         |          | \$18.94    |
| BEDGOOD HEATING        |            |            |            |          | \$147.50   |         |          |            |
| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD | \$4,029.65 | \$2,225.59 | \$8,374.89 |          | \$1,520.40 |         |          | \$2,623.64 |
| BLUE RENTS             |            | \$798.20   |            |          |            |         |          |            |
| BRYAN CONTRACTORS      |            |            |            |          | \$410.00   |         |          | \$120.00   |
| C SPIRE/CALLIS         | \$650.07   |            | \$650.07   |          |            |         | \$76.13  |            |

CITRONELLE HIS. SOCIETY      \$577.64  
CITRONELLE LIBRARY BOARD

\$3,822.70

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| CITRONELLE VOL FIRE     |            |            |             | \$3,880.00 |            |          |          |            |
| CITRONELLE VOL SERVICES | \$1,570.74 |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| CRAFT TURF              |            |            |             |            |            |          |          | \$608.00   |
| DANIEL MIMS             |            |            | \$600.00    |            |            |          |          |            |
| DAVID HUGGINS           | \$1,787.08 |            |             |            | \$82.80    | \$114.52 |          | \$175.60   |
| DELTACOM                |            |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| DEX IMAGING             | \$37.34    | \$9.33     | \$9.34      |            | \$18.67    |          | \$9.34   | \$9.33     |
| DOLLAR GENERAL          |            |            | \$31.50     |            |            |          |          |            |
| ETA                     | \$300.00   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| FLETCHER'S              | \$132.65   | \$1,308.31 | \$3,593.89  | \$451.16   | \$243.62   |          |          |            |
| G & K SERVICES          | \$50.00    | \$162.81   | \$24.20     |            | \$142.31   |          |          | \$84.28    |
| HARRIS                  | \$588.30   | \$196.10   | \$196.10    |            | \$392.20   |          |          | \$437.50   |
| J. AL MCDONALD          | \$38.00    |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| JAMES LANDERS           | \$81.65    |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| JENNIFER THORNTON       |            |            | \$31.28     |            |            |          |          |            |
| JIM LANDERS             | \$34.50    |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| JOHN DEERE              |            |            |             |            |            |          |          | \$2,719.06 |
| KELLY'S EXTERMINATING   | \$16.07    |            | \$16.07     | \$16.07    | \$162.51   | \$16.07  | \$16.07  | \$3,232.14 |
| KENNETH SMITH / DBA     | \$207.90   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| KENTWOOD SPRING         | \$58.11    |            | \$42.42     |            |            |          |          |            |
| KRISTIN WILLIAMSON      |            |            |             |            |            |          | \$200.00 |            |
| LANDRUM'S BODY SHOP     |            |            | \$1,207.34  |            |            |          |          |            |
| LATOSHA WOODROW         |            |            |             |            |            |          | \$100.00 |            |
| MCPB                    | \$3,193.95 |            |             |            |            |          |          | \$836.55   |
| MMR                     | \$4,375.00 | \$375.00   | \$1,625.00  |            | \$500.00   |          |          | \$375.00   |
| MOBILE CO EMA           | \$810.17   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| MOBILE CO HEALTH DEPT   | \$651.00   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| MT NEBO CEMETERY        | \$500.00   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMP  | \$694.17   | \$5,081.39 | \$11,231.43 | \$3,510.00 | \$2,147.95 | \$315.66 |          | \$888.40   |
| NAFECO                  |            |            |             | \$1,242.93 |            |          |          |            |
| ODOM HEATING & AIR      |            |            |             |            |            |          |          | \$181.50   |
| OFFICEMAX               | \$53.01    |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| PARTSMASER              |            | \$136.47   |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| PENNZOIL                |            |            | \$74.46     |            |            |          |          |            |
| PINECREST CEMETERY      | \$750.00   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| PITNEY BOWES            | \$453.47   |            | \$14.67     |            | \$14.10    | \$1.92   |          | \$15.84    |
| QUALITY                 | \$81.00    |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| REGIONS CREDIT CARD     | \$757.87   | \$155.91   | \$648.68    |            | \$28.50    |          | \$50.61  |            |
| RENEE WOOD              |            |            |             |            |            |          | \$211.03 |            |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES       |            | \$557.92   |             |            | \$671.15   |          |          | \$146.34   |
| REYNOLDS ENTERPRISE     |            |            |             |            |            |          | \$900.00 |            |
| RHONDA RESTER           |            |            |             |            |            |          | \$200.00 |            |
| SAM'S CLUB DIRECT       | \$60.00    |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| SARPC                   |            |            |             |            | \$1,053.25 |          |          |            |
| SAU                     | \$86.47    | \$17.06    | \$86.48     | \$202.00   | \$2,330.01 |          |          | \$41.35    |
| SHANE STRINGER          |            |            |             |            |            |          | \$100.00 |            |
| SMITH DUKES             | \$5,200.00 |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| SOUTHERN LIGHT          | \$400.00   |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| SPEAKS & ASSOC.         | \$3,490.35 |            |             |            |            |          |          |            |
| SPRINGHILL EMERGENCY    |            |            | \$560.00    |            |            |          |          |            |
| STAPLES                 | \$56.57    |            | \$126.98    |            |            |          |          | \$94.70    |

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| TAMMIE CLARK |             |             |             |            |             |            |            |  | \$200.00 |             |
| TSI          |             |             |             |            |             |            |            |  | \$27.99  |             |
| VERA BROOKS  |             |             |             |            |             |            |            |  |          | 100.00      |
|              | \$32,144.01 | \$12,943.58 | \$30,305.51 | \$9,618.32 | \$11,291.74 | \$4,156.35 | \$2,406.91 |  |          | \$13,517.80 |

Councilmember Beaty moved to accept the donation of \$12,500.00 from South Alabama Utilities for funding the Summer Youth Program, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Landers moved to grant the Mayor authority to decide which tracts should be assigned for demolition and the pace at which tracts to demolish and authority to run public notice before coming back to Council, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Beaty, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Debbie Coleman requested Council permission to place a real estate sign on the city dam adjacent to their property located on Tanner Road. The Coleman's have a legal agreement with the City to maintain the dam as it abuts their pond. Councilmember Beaty moved to allow the placement of a real estate sign next to the city dam for a period of six months pending sale of property as requested by Debbie Coleman, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson, and, on a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion was duly made by Councilmember Landers, seconded by Councilmember Carter, and unanimously adopted, the Citronelle City Council adjourned at 7:13.

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Lori Bryan  
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE UNDERSIGNED:

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Mayor: J. Albert McDonald

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Councilmember: Warren Carter

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Councilmember: Connie Robinson

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Councilmember: James Landers

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Councilmember: Jeff Mason

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Councilmember: Joe Beaty