

Gardendale City Council Meeting
Monday April 2, 2018, 7:00pm

The Gardendale City council met in pre-council work session at 5:30 p.m. on April 2, 2018 City Hall located at 925 Main Street to discuss general business relating to City operations and to review agenda items for tonight's regularly scheduled council meeting.

Members present were as follows:

Allen Jerkins	Adam Berendt
Alvin Currington	Greg Colvert

Not Present: Will Hardman

Also attending: Mayor Stan Hogeland City Attorney Ken Thompson

Council President Currington presided over the meeting and Melissa Honeycutt acted as recording secretary.

Mr. Michael Williams with Michael R Williams CPA PC, in his capacity as external auditor presented Audit report and conducted audit exit conference with Mayor and council. See audit notes submitted to council covering items discussed with council. Also submitted to the council were any items of significant deficiencies of which cash deposits in the court deposit were not being deposited timely. There were no material weaknesses noted.

Discussion of ATRP (010), Mayor has received an email late this afternoon stating that figure provided in the contract for consideration is not correct. Resolution 2018-043 will be removed from tonight's agenda.

Councilman Jerkins asked if there was a wheelchair swing at the Miracle park. Yes, the city does have one.

Councilor Jerkins made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss economic development. Councilor Berendt seconded the motion and it was approved by all upon a voice vote.

April 17 at 6:30 will have a Twin Ridge Community meeting at City Hall. Mayor's state of the city address is at the next chamber luncheon

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Council president Currington called the meeting to order and councilor Colvert led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Bill Casaday delivered the invocation.

Melissa Honeycutt called roll and asked for a voice response from those in attendance. Results are recorded as follows:

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Greg Colvert

Not Present: Will Hardman

Also attending: Mayor Hogeland City Attorney Ken Thompson

Council president Currington called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Council minutes and March 26, 2018 work session. Councilor Jerkins made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilor Berendt and was approved by all.

Visitors:

Mr. Chris McCool candidate for Place 2 Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, wants to bring experience, common sense and sense of justice and fairness. Has been a district attorney for 30 years, judges need in trail experience.

Mr. David Barber, with Prescott House, thanked the council for their continued support of their programs at the Prescott House. Last year was their 30th year in operation. Support is critical to support the underage victims of underage victims.

Mr. Oscar Mann candidate for Jefferson County Board of Education Place 3, has been a resident of Jefferson County for 71 years, and resident of Gardendale for 37 years. Has been a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and bus driver. In 2012 was elected to his current position in Place 3 on the JCBOE. He is currently serving as Jefferson County Board of Education President and has served in this position for the last 2 years.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Council president Currington called for a motion to approve the bill list. Councilor Jerkins made a motion to approve the bill list, councilor Berendt seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Council president Currington recognized the following for council reports:

Allen Jerkins, District 1: Thank Mr. Casaday for his devotion tonight. He stated he admires r. Casaday very much, he treats people fairly and with love. Clean up week is April 4-6, want to encourage the public to volunteer on Saturday April 7 beginning at 7:30 am to clean up litter around the city.

Adam Berendt, District 2: No Report

Alvin Currington, District 3: The Twin Ridge community will be meeting on April 17th at 6:30 at the City Hall.

Greg Colvert, District 4: No Report

Will Hardman, District 5: Not present

Council president Currington recognized the following Department heads for reports.

Administration Dept., Melissa Honeycutt reminder to all departments and council members to file their statement of economic interest by April 30

Fire & Rescue Dept., Joe Thomas doing hydrant flushes this month

Police Dept., Chief Mike Walker stated Lt. Lynch has arrived at Quantico for National Academy Training and will be there for about three months.

Inspections Dept., Robert Ryant called attention to the banner at the front of the Chambers and the campaign that the inspections department will be doing to help get the word out about inspections activities in different neighborhoods throughout the city.

Public Works Dept., Jeff Holliyan anticipating great clean up week.

Parks & Rec. Dept., Dale Hyché egg hunt was very successful, over 200 attendees. Boys opening ceremonies this Friday at 6:30pm.

Civic Center Dept., Keith Mosley Flower Show is April 12-13, Magnolia Festival April 21. Recently added volleyball lessons at the civic center

Library, Connie Smith no report

Courts, Bree Dunn large court date this week, 440 on the docket.

Chamber of Commerce, Anna Stokely not able to attend. Next luncheon on April 12 at 11:30 will be the state of the City Address in the gym area of the civic center.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The mayor and council received the fiscal year 2018 audit report and received an unqualified opinion. Council president Currington read into the minutes that the city received an unqualified opinion and thanked the administrative staff for the work done on this reporting.

Mayor Hogeland read and presented a proclamation to Library Director Connie Smith in honor of National Library Week.

Council president Currington recognized the following ordinances:

Ordinance 2018-002 to consider an Annexation Request; 773 Odum Road, 777 Odum Road, 783 Odum Road was read by councilor Currington. A motion was made by councilor Currington to approve ordinance 2018-002. The motion was seconded by councilor Jerkins and upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously by council members in attendance.

Council president Currington recognized the following resolutions:

Resolution 2018-039 to authorize a bid for multimedia services was read by councilor Berendt who made a motion to approve resolution 2018-039. Councilor Jerkins seconded the motion and upon a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-040 to authorize a bid for roadway at Caufield Square was read by councilor Jerkins who made a motion to approve resolution 2018-040. Councilor Berendt seconded the motion and upon a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-041 to approve a budget amendment for the Drug Enforcement fund was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve resolution 2018-041. Councilor Jerkins seconded the motion and upon a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-042 to authorize streetlights in Turnberry Highlands Phase 6C was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve resolution 2018-042. Councilor Jerkins seconded the motion and upon a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-043 was tabled until the April 16, 2018 meeting as the council is waiting on additional information from Alabama Department of Transportation regarding funding changes.

Council President recognized Mayor Hogeland for Mayor communications as follows: Remind everyone that the State of the City will be April 12, 2018 at 11:30am. Please RSVP with the Chamber if you plan to attend. We made an announcement in social media last week regarding Joel's Restaurant coming to the city. The owners are working through the purchasing and tenant details. The owners are the Masa's family with a long history of successful eateries. Moe's is nearing completion, no opening date set yet, hope to report this at the next meeting. Held ground breaking for the Brookwood medical office at corner of Fieldstown and Mt. Olive.

The City is working to push efforts to keep neighborhoods up, many neighborhoods do this by way of home owners associations, would like to see many of these neighborhood groups come together to move the city forward. Regarding the school system decision and the 11th circuit ruling, encourage all to reach out to Oscar Mann and discuss concerns or ask questions. Our goal is still to improve the education in the four city schools.

Council president Currington opened the floor for Public Comments & Other Business as follows:

Mr. Paul Speegle stated he is having issues with McDonald's on Highway 31, but is currently having issues with them not maintaining their dumpsters or closing the lids. He would like to see the city contact this business to get this addressed since he can't work things out with the manager. He would like to see a resolution requiring this and assessment of fines if possible. Mayor Hogeland stated he would visit and also asked Mr. Robert Ryant to visit the site as well.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:


Melissa Honeycutt

Accepted and Approved

Alvin Currington, Council President