WORK SESSION MINUTES February 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

1. Clint Recks' Update

Clint Recks provided an update on the grant for virtual training equipment. He discussed the current status of the grant application and potential timelines for receiving the funds, emphasizing the importance of the equipment for enhancing virtual training opportunities.

2. Frank Ranaudo on Spay and Neuter Facility

Frank Ranaudo provided an update regarding a new spay and neuter facility coming to the Shoals area. He outlined the plans and potential benefits of the facility without requesting any immediate action from the council.

3. Sunny Cornelius on Rezoning

Sunny Cornelius discussed rezoning matters. Mr. Cornelius' lawyer, Nick Steles, provided details regarding the rezoning of four commercial lots in Cornelius Landing and requested that the council reconsider and approve the rezoning to facilitate development and economic growth in the area.

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ATTEST:

Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 3, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Lockhart.

Roll Call:

Chris Hall – Present Gina Clark – Present Willis Thompson – Present Ken Sockwell – Present (No absences.)

• Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

- Invocation was led by Clint Reck.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Sockwell.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting & Work Session were presented for approval.

- Motion: Made by Willis Thompson
- Second: Gina Clark
 The minutes were approved.

3. Appointment of Council Member - Place 5

The appointment of a new Council Member for Place 5 was addressed with the attached list of candidates. Votes were cast as follows:

- Chris Hall: Vote for Donnie Linley
- Gina Clark: Vote for Dan Starkey
- Willis Thompson: Vote for Donnie Linley
- Ken Sockwell: Vote for Donnie Linley

With three votes in favor, Donnie Linley was appointed as the Council Member for Place 5.

4. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Lockhart expressed his gratitude to everyone for their help and participation in the State of the City. He recognized Dawn Woodall for her recent appointment as District 1 Chairperson. Additionally, the Mayor requested that Chief Malone recognize Colton Nipper for successfully passing the smoke diver training, noting that the City now boasts five firefighters who have completed this challenging program.

5. Comments of the Public

No public comments were recorded during this meeting.

6. Reports of Officers

No reports from officers were presented.

7. Hearing on Petitions, Applications, Appeals, Communications, etc.

No items were presented for discussion under this agenda item.

8. Financial Reports

No financial reports were presented.

9. Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. First Reading - Alabama Hands-Free Law Ordinance

Marcel Black delivered the first reading of an ordinance to adopt the Alabama Hands-Free Law aimed at reducing distracted driving and improving road safety in Muscle Shoals.

B. Ordinance Establishing the Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices for Municipal Elections

A roll call vote was conducted on the ordinance with the following results:

- Chris Hall: "Yay"
- Gina Clark: "Yay"
- Willis Thompson: "Yay"
- Ken Sockwell: "Yav"

The ordinance passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chris Hall.

• Next Meeting: Monday, February 17, 2025

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