

December 5, 2023

Pre-council meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor W. Keith Varner at Mulga Town Hall.

Members present: Lisa Armstrong, Lelan Taylor, Chandra Gage and Jeremy Davis.

Visitors present: Brenda Jordan, Roger Jordan, James Guntharp, Carl Benefield and Rachel Davis.

District 1: I gave the office Sheriff Pettaway's email address today. I see he sent people here tonight

District 2: Nothing

District 3:

District 4: Can we get rid on the signs at the gates?

Mayor: They will be taken care of tomorrow.

District 4: Breakfast with Santa is Dec. 9th from 9 to 11.

The Parade is Dec. 16th. Line up at 9.

District 5: Vacant

Mayor: The Adem grant to upgrade the water system has been awarded for \$810,000.00.

The yearly safety meeting will need to be voted on.

There is shooting going on at the bridge. They are shooting with semi-automatic weapons. People are concerned.

Carl Benefield: We are aware of the situation. The problem is catching these people in the act. We are using all the resources that we have to correct this.

Mayor: The citizens just want to know that something is being done.

Council meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Varner.

Invocation by Jeremy Davis, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion to approve the November 21, 2023 minutes with a second by Jeremy Davis.

Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Yes
District 4: Yes
District 5: Vacant
Mayor: Yes

Mayor: We have received a resignation letter from Ruth Hamm effective immediately.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion to accept the resignation letter from Ruth Hamm. Second by Lisa Armstrong. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes
District 2: Yes
District 3: Yes
District 4: Yes
District 5: Vacant
Mayor: Yes

Resolution No 2023-20: A resolution to declare the council seat for district 5 vacant.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion to adopt Resolution No 2023-20, Second by Lisa Armstrong. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes
District 2: Yes
District 3: Yes
District 4: Yes
District 5: Vacant
Mayor: Yes

Resolution No 2023-21: A resolution authorizing the retention of counsel to file and prosecute a claim and/or action against Jody Wheeler and /or responsible parties arising from conversion of town services.

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to adopt Resolution No 2023-21. Second by Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes
District 3: Yes
District 4: Yes
District 5: Vacant
Mayor: Yes

Resolution NO. 2023-22: A resolution authorizing infrastructure improvements to the Town of Mulga, Alabama's water system. Approving the terms of an agreement and authorizing the mayor to enter said agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental management for a water system improvement project.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion to adopt Resolution NO 2023-22. Second by Lisa Armstrong. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes
District 2: Yes
District 3: Yes
District 4: Yes
District 5: Vacant
Mayor: Yes

District 1: Nothing
District 2: Nothing
District 3: Nothing
District 4: Nothing

Jeremy Davis makes a motion to have a yearly budget of \$1,200.00 for the yearly safety meeting. Second by Chandra Gage. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes
District 2: Yes
District 3: Yes
District 4: Yes

District 5: Vacant

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: Birmingham Water Works have notified us that they will be going up 4.8% on water rates. We propose to the council to go up 6.8% on water and 2% on gas. This would take effect on the January 2024 bill.

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to approve the 4.8% increase on water rates and 2% increase on gas rates. Second by Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Vacant

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: We replaced two water valves in Minor. We also fixed a water leak on a 1" service line. This should help us on our water loss.

We are moving forward on the Argon project. Construction cost would be around 2.3 million. We are going to set up another meeting with them to see where they stand

Brenda Jordan: Interested in the vacant council seat.

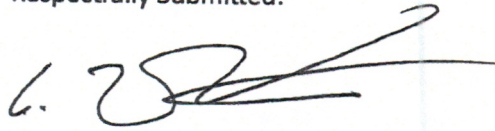
Rachel Davis: Here representing park board.

We need a roof on the concession stand. We are wondering if the town would be willing to go in half on a new roof for the concession stand, dugouts and bathrooms.

She is going to get more information and present it at the next board meeting.

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to adjourn. Second by Lelan Taylor. All in favor.

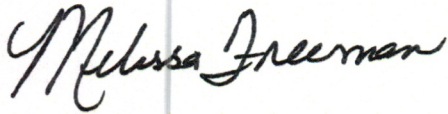
Respectfully Submitted:

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W Keith Varner

Mayor

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Freeman', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Freeman

Town Clerk