

July 2nd, 2024

Pre-Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor W. Keith Varner at Mulga Town Hall.

Council members present Jeremy Davis, Chandra Gage, Lelan Taylor, and Rachel Davis.

Absent Lisa Armstrong

Invocation by Lee Taylor, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

District 4: Water leak from week a go is someone responsible? Was it a contractor?

Mayor: Which one are you speaking of? We have four (4) that is hit. As of right now \$20,820.72. If paid within 30 days \$14,820.72.

District 4: Did they call to have lines marked?

Mayor: Yes, absolutely they did and lines are marked.

District 4: If we go to court do, they also pay legal fees?

Shelby Morris: Yes

Mayor: You can request it, may not always get it.

Shelby Morris: We request it. It does get granted for the most part.

Mayor: Explaining and displaying pictures taken of the 6" main waterline hit on McGregor Drive.

Shelby Morris: When did we send letter?

Mayor: We sent certified letters the next day and have a folder on each hit, a separate individual problem with charges hitting both our water and gas lines. Advised we received a call to speak to someone about issue. Mayor said he did previously speak to a guy and told him he understands mistakes happen it is very obviously the water and gas lines were clearly marked. How can we assist y'all in this so this will not happen again. 811 called about the number of lines given verses the amount of time. We wrote a letter to 811 stating they gave us two (2) days to mark lines in an entire subdivision to be done. We are having to mark main, water, and gas service on both sides of the road is impossible. We do not have the staff!

District 4: Did they call the 811 center?

Mayor: Normal procedures two (2) days before start work.

We wrote 811 letter that we have a language barrier. They cannot understand that they are in front of us and we haven't marked lines and with that amount of stuff requested would need more time. They are supposed to give us blue prints. After they hit the lines, they did supply the blue prints to us.

District 5: Is this amount the total for all four (4) hits?

Mayor: Yes, individually broken down. Every hit is a separate case, with a different address, four (4) separate bills but the bill total is \$20,820.72. Fire Chief in Sylvan Springs said they hit a gas line; we

knew nothing about it. Twenty (20) minutes into the scene before this contractor called our office. Everyone was called to the scene and we got in route. Gas pushing 40 PSI gas for twenty-five (25) minutes. Residents not happy with contractors tearing up the yards. Bessemer utilities is going through the same thing been hit six (6) times.

District 4: Dumpsters being checked for ID if trying to dump in the limits.

Mayor: Yes, checking ID's and , turned one (1) away.

District 2: What are the plans for dumpster on recycling, plastic, debris in the future?

Mayor: I checked the price it is so expensive to recycle.

District 4: It does not work! People do not do right.

District 2: Some places it does work, they check ID, pull up in car gets weighed. Someone is always there and organized they check your address. Down the line will it be something like that?

District 4: Budget is not sufficient.

Mayor: We talked about purchasing a roll off dumpster and goose neck trailer to do our own we are paying \$1K a dumpster a month. Every month passes we could have paid on our own stuff. Roughly about \$50K for the actual trailer and three (3) roll offs. We would be able to better manage if we owned instead of renting like we are now and paying the dumping fee. Something we need to move towards and do.

District 2: The guys will be able to do this?

Mayor: Yes, open a lot of possibilities like special cleanup day. Our clean up days have dramatically changed since the dumpsters have been there is no where near what we did pick up.

Council meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation by Lelan Taylor, followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

District 4: Ask what time garbage truck starts?

Mayor: Around 4:00 a.m. to 4:15 a.m.

Rachel Davis makes motion to approve minutes as written. Second Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Chandra Gage makes motion to approve bills. Second Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

District 1: 124 4th Avenue across from Tarpley Road is pastured in, trying to get address. Neighbors complain of yard over grown. GPS will not give address.

Mayor: All different address'. Would have to get a meter number to verify the address. Not a house that is close to the one speaking of. The address' are not given information on 4th Avenue.

District 1: The ball park looks good!

Mayor: Bathroom and dugout have been done too.

Chandra Gage: Address on 2nd Avenue 1st Street they are working on home, doing good job, getting a lot of things gone. They are working on getting trash gone on street. Someone comes and gets the trash weekly. Is there a turnaround time for having it picked up? We do not have street pick up. No requirement for a dumpster at this time.

Mayor: Property at 309 3rd Avenue been calling see nothing wrong with condition. It has electrical issues, no power line. They have already had us stop the first time, so we took off the demo list. They did nothing and this time it will remain on demo list. The time frame is a week and that is plenty of time to get rid of the trash clean-up.

Other property on 210 2nd Avenue can't see how inspection is not livable. The sold property in midstream out of caution we took off due to being aired to someone else.

District 4: Training on Monday at 8:00 on the sign. Trying to get 124 Woodlad Storm Shelter on google maps. If you send pin, it is 126 Woodland (where old school once was).

Mayor: On the fence post had to take down and redo making good progress.

District 5: 322 Railroad Road the owner complained about property being on demo list.

Mayor: A 20-day letter went out for them to appeal. The process has started. They need to comply.

District 5: Stating that council members are being spoke about badly that we want to take peoples homes and this is not the case. We need the property taxes. Also, 202 Pecan Street Dogs are aggressively running at cars and children. The small dog houses are so close to the street the dogs get tangled in their chains.

Shelby Morris: Letter to be send from Town Office.

District 5: Will look Park budget.

Mayor: The crate myrtles at park need to be taken down (complaints that it is hard to see on Bayview Drive. What does everyone think about every other one to be taken out?

District 4: Great if we took every other one out.

District 5: Summer Prune.

Mayor: Moving forward will remove every other one to be taken down. You have to cut around them, at the very least, thinned out.

Mayor: 300 1st Avenue Mr. Allen Carver wants to put a single wide mobile home trailer on the hill next to the brick home. What are the requirements?

1st get approval from the Council members to grant permission.

District 1: Is there a code used mobile homes in Town limits.

Mayor: No Code, only permission from Council.

Shelby Morris: We are working on Zoning Ordinance that would require a Zoning Ordinance if anything placed in limits before inactive would-be grandfathered in. We are working on more requirements as part of the Master Plan we adopted last time.

District 5: What condition is Mobile home in?

Mayor: Not sure, Mr. Allen said it was pretty nice.

Chandra Gage: That is a small piece of property. Concern with how mobile home would be placed.

Mayor: Mr. Allen owns all the property around him and across the street.

Shelby Morris: You can conditionally set requirements.

Rachel Davis motion to grant Allen Carver permission to move a mobile home at 300 1st Second
Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: Drawing near the election of 2025 if any changes need to be made need to vote six (6) months prior to election in any changes to Council or Mayors salary must be voted on six (6) months prior to election. Once past the threshold cannot be changed.

District 4: Do we have any cost-of-living allowance?

Mayor: No

District How long since increased?

Mayor: Prior to this administration as far as 2020.

Mayor: The motor in my company truck is out. I have been driving my personnel truck since we have nothing else. The F350 diesel has 150K miles. Had a mechanic look at and he said this is the 2nd one ever seen motor gone. Another diesel mechanic looked at other possible reasons causing water to get into turbo, possibly in head to the baron which caused it to go out. A 150K miles is nothing on a diesel.

A crate motor from ford is \$10K for a turbo, \$2k for cp4 pump, injectors \$2,500, altogether about \$15I dollars would get new motor. The truck is worth it. But would still keep us a truck down. My thoughts were if we buy a new truck looking at \$100K Plus new diesel truck is too much. I have been looking at a used truck for around \$50-60K. Found a cummings dodge diesel with 11k miles, its \$66K dollars. Anything over \$30k has to be bid on.

District 5: Is there any insurance to cover that?

Mayor no, Ben Goldman did check if we were using to pull equipment out of a ditch, he could make a cause if he could make a case. Other than that, is normal wear and tera. We can take intercooler \$1k on it and we can take off use with next motor. Cannot use injector or turbo it has metal shavings cannot use!

Shelby Morris: Not added another truck, replacing.

Jeremy Davis motion to solicit bids Council to approve solicit bids for used truck, accepting bids until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday July 10th, 2024. Sealed bids to be open at 5:00 on the following day. Second Lelan Taylor. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Jeremy Davis Motion to purchase a crate motor \$15K approximately to cover cost in F350, Second Lelan Taylor. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: We have the lift in, we have marked off measurements on the asphalt because the lift will need to set on the concrete. We need to reinforce the concrete and we need to purchase nine (9) yards of concrete approximately \$1k with fiber, extra strength, and new rebars.

Rachel Davis makes Motion to purchase concrete to pour for lift for \$1K. Second Jeremy Davis. Roll Call Vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

District 1: Dogs at or on 104 1st Avenue still running.

Town Clerk: Animal control came out, very helpful. If having issues call the Town Hall and the Clerk with call Officer Patton with Animal control.

Mayor: Town Clerk has a Summer Conference in Fairhope July 9th-12th the cost is in the amount of \$1,584.00. This does include room and board.

Shelby Morris: Need to appoint Clerk.

Mayor: Melissa Freeman to take minutes.

Rachel motion to approve funds for Conference in Fairhope. Second Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: Reach out to Jeff Brown on Council member shirts for events and to promote the Town.

Rachel Davis motion to purchase Council member shirts for events. Second Jeremy Davis, Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Lelan Taylor motion to adjourn. Second Rachel Davis. All in favor.

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

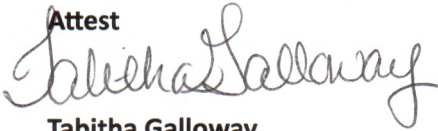
Mayor: Yes

Respectfully Submitted:

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W. Keith Varner
Mayor

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tabitha Galloway' in a cursive script.

Tabitha Galloway
Town Clerk