

August 6, 2024

Pre-Council meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor W. Keith Varner at Mulga Town Hall.

Council members present Jeremy Davis, Lisa Armstrong, Lelan Taylor, and Rachel Davis.

Absent: District 2- Chandra Gage

Visitors present: Brenda Jordan.

District 1: What is the verdict at 121 Front Street?

Mayor: Already processed to the Attorney's office.

District 2: Absent

District 3: Wants to move a 2024 manufactured mobile home at 215 Bayview Drive. At 206 Forest Avenue the truck must be moved it is on top of a water meter. Eddie Godsey and Rachel Davis cleaned the front of the property. The church helped. (OUTREACH) to help meet the needs of the community.

District 5: Residents at 204 and 206 Forest Avenue really need to clean up property.

District 4: Made us aware of new electronic sign in Pleasant Grove, Alabama.

District 5: Concerned with no lighting at Lakeshore Drive it is so dark at the end by the water.

Mayor: Please get pictures for us to review and discuss again to see what we can help with.

Mayor: Received news that Jefferson County Commission will be voting on transferring ownership to the Bayview Park for the splash pad.

District 5: Confirmed and gathered information for garbage pickup in other Town's/Cities. A \$23 a month for garbage service and a quarterly charge of \$69.00. An extra can is \$10.35a month. A limb fee is a flat fee, no tree removal.

Council meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. by W. Keith Varner at the Mulga Town Hall.

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

District 1: Update on council members shirts.

Mayor: All shirts are in waiting to receive back with the embroidery.

District 2: Absent

District 3: Nothing

District 4: Nothing

District 5: Need litter in the creek cleaned up continues to be on the agenda. So much litter coming out of Birmingham.

Rachel Davis motion to approve August 6th, 2024 bills. Jeremy Davis second. Roll call Vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Jeremy Davis motion to grant permission to put in a Manufactured home at 220 Forest Avenue. Second Rachel Davis. Roll Call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Abstain

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: Introduces increase in garbage pickup. Residents that are Grandfathered in will not pay. New residents are required. The 1st can is currently \$15 and will increase to \$20. The 2nd (extra) can is currently \$7.50 and will increase to \$10. There is a \$75 upfront cost.

Shelby introduces Ordinance No. 2024-03 for new rates. To Amend the Ordinance reflected the rates only.

Lisa Armstrong makes motion to immediately consideration for Ordinance NO. 2024-03. This will start in September. Second Lelan Taylor. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Lelan Taylor makes motion to adopt Ordinance NO. 2024-03, Second Lisa Armstrong, Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Shelby presents the law suit we are filing on Unlimited Underground. Resolution is to file litigation.

Lisa Armstrong motion to adopt Resolution NO. 2024-08 to file litigation on Unlimited Underground in the amount of \$1,400.00 for damages. Second Rachel Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: As previously discussed during council meeting what have we decided on the cost-of- living raises.

District 3: Feels this should be voted on as discussed and she has gathered information from MIT to help with rating the increase of cost-of-living raise to 7% increase recommendation.

Mayor: We have not done a cost-of-living increase in years (2017. The company itself with our staff is saving the Town money and will continue to save money. We see how well the employees work and help the community.

District 4: Willing to take care of our workers with a raise to keep motivated and to continue their hard work.

District 3: Everyone in agreement with 7% pay raise for cost of living?

District 4: Is in agreement to approve cost of living raise of 7% across the board.

Shelby Morris: Asking is the 7% across the board?

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to increase a 7% pay increase across the board for everyone. Second Rachel Davis, Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Abstain

District 1: Is Council going to get an increase on the pay?

Mayor: Six months prior to the election we must vote.

District 3: Last discussed the suggested increase for council is \$500 and Mayor is \$1,000.00.

Shelby Morris: Create a Resolution to write up amounts and bring to next council meeting.

Brenda Jordan: Nothing

Rachel Davis: When does the budget get started on?

Mayor: To appropriate income and commission will meet on budget and will propose to council members.

Brenda Jordan: Nothing

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

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

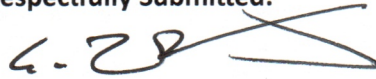
District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Keith Varner', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

W. Keith Varner
Mayor

Attest

Tabitha Galloway
Town Clerk