

City of Donalsonville
Called Council Meeting-March 24, 2020

Official Minutes

Mayor Dan E. Ponder, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. After which Lindsay Register gave the invocation, then all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Councilmembers present for the meeting included, Mayor Dan E. Ponder, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Ed Bond, CP Mitch Blanks, CP Flossie Smith, CP Travis Brooks, CP Mitzy Moye, and CP Lindsay Register. Staff present were City Manager Steve Hicks, City Clerk Christina Corvers, and City Attorney Billy Grantham. Guest present was David Maxwell.

Approval of the Agenda: CP Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda, with CP Blanks seconding. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS: City Manager Hicks recommended to adopt Ordinance 03-24-20, providing for Corona Virus Emergency Measures. Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-24-20, with CP Moye seconding. Motion carried.

Next, City Manager Hicks recommended to adopt Resolution 03-24-20, providing authorization to assist the Department of Public Health in mitigating the effects of COVID-19. City Manager Hicks stated that with Resolution 03-24-20, the following measures would be enacted to mitigate the effect of COVID-19:

- (1) All City Hall offices will be closed to the public beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 25, 2020 until such time that the state of emergency is lifted. Employees who are not subject to the to the quarantine, isolation, or shelter in place provisions of the Executive Order will report to duty. Citizens and other parties may transact business by appointment. Telephone, e-mail, and other non-personal contact methods are encouraged when possible. Garbage pickup and other sanitation services will continue as scheduled. Information will be posted on the City Website and published in the Donalsonville News.
- (2) A city-wide curfew is in place effective on March 25, 2020 from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. until such time that the state of emergency is lifted.
- (3) As per the Department of Public Health, all inside dining areas are closed except to curbside pickup, take-out, or delivery.
- (4) As per the Department of Public Health, no business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, organization, or any other place of gathering shall allow more than (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or to be seated within (6) six feet of any other person.
- (5) As per the Department of Public Health, bars or nightclubs shall cease operations.

At 4:09 PM, CP Smith made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. CP Blanks seconded; motion carried.

At 4:18 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to come out of executive session, with CP Smith seconding. Motion carried.

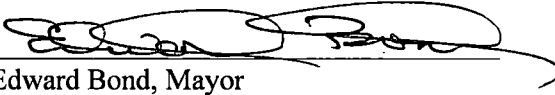
Mayor Ponder stated that after much thought and prayer, he believes that now is the time for him to resign as Mayor of the City of Donalsonville. Mayor Ponder stated that he realizes that the City of Donalsonville needs a Mayor that lives and works in the city, that is engaged every day in the life of the community, and that is there on the front lines with those in city government especially during this trying time in our country. With him selling his business in 2018 and his house late last year, Mayor Ponder stated that he now resides in Auburn, Alabama and cannot be present in Donalsonville full-time. Lastly, Mayor Ponder stated that he has been honored to serve as County Commission Chairman, State Representative, and the Mayor of Donalsonville over the years. After some discussion, CP Register made a motion to accept Mayor Ponder's resignation so that an active member of the community can fill the duties as Mayor. CP Smith seconded. AYES: CP Register, CP Brooks, CP Blanks, CP Smith, and Mayor Pro Tem Bond. NAYS: CP Moye. Motion passed.

CP Smith made a motion to call for a Special Election on May 19, 2020 for the unexpired term of Mayor for the City of Donalsonville. CP Blanks seconded; motion passed.

With there being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, at 4:30 PM, CP Blanks made a motion to adjourn, with CP Smith making a second; and the motion carried.

ADJOURNED

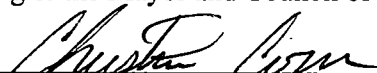
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Edward Bond, Mayor

Attest and Certification:

I, Christina Corvers, do here Attest and Certify that
The above written is a true and correct representation
of the business and actions conducted during the March 24, 2020
meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Donalsonville.



Christina Corvers, City Clerk