

City of Donalsonville  
Council Meeting-November 1, 2016

**Official Minutes**

Mayor Dan E. Ponder, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilman Lindsey Register then gave the invocation, after which 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 Lindsey Register, CP Tony Buczek, CP Travis Brooks, and CP Annie Ruth Callaway; CP Mitch Blanks joined the meeting via telephone. Staff present were City Manager Steve Hicks. City Clerk Christina Corvers, Chief of Police Woodrow Blue, Fire Chief Dean King, Public Works Superintendent Donald Gambrell, and City Attorney Paul Fryer. Guests present were Kathleen Barineau, Sheila Williams, Brandon Lane, Philip Hornsby, David Maxwell, Barbara Barber, C.J. Hodge, Eddie Mae Bennett, Gail Woods, and Millie Rambo.

Approval of the agenda: City Manager Hicks stated that due to not having a legal quorum at the beginning of the Called Council Meeting that was held Thursday October 27, 2016, he recommended adding the Thanksgiving Benefit Parade as an additional item under New Business for the Council to reaffirm. CP Brooks made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Thanksgiving Benefit Parade under Old Business, CP Callaway made a second, motion carried. Approval of the minutes from Council Meeting on October 4, 2016, Public Hearing on October 20 & 27, 2016, and Called Council Meeting on October 27, 2016; CP Brooks moved to approve with CP Callaway seconding, motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES: Eddie Mae Bennett requested permission to place a Single-Wide Mobile Home at 501 Pugh Avenue. City Manager Hicks reminded the Council that this was brought before them last year but that particular Mobile Home never went up at this address and the citizen is requesting permission for a different Mobile Home at this time. Inspector Tony Morris inspected the lot and approved the Mobile Home Permit Application. CP Register made a motion to grant the approval of the placement of the Mobile Home, with CP Brooks making a second, motion carried.

INTERNAL BUSINESS: The Financial Statements and a Utility Billing Summary for September were presented and reviewed with comments made by City Manager Hicks on the Current Budget and the increase of the Property Tax Millage Rate.

OLD BUSINESS: City Manager Hicks made a request to re-affirm the Thanksgiving Benefit Parade, which is to be held on November 19, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for the Flood Victims. CP Register made a motion to approve the Thanksgiving Benefit Parade, CP Callaway seconded, motion carried.

Next was action requested by City Clerk Corvers on the lease of a Canon Color Copier for City Hall. After some discussion of the Color Copier and comparing cost CP Buczek made a motion to approve leasing of the Canon Color Copier quoted, CP Register seconded, motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Hicks then requested the consideration to approve a resolution to acquire the State Farmers Market. After Mayor Ponder explained the reasoning behind this resolution CP Buczek moved to approve the resolution to acquire the State Farmers Market with Mayor Pro Tem Bond seconding, motion carried unanimously.

Next City Manager Hicks informed the Council that the agreements for the LED Lighting were ready to be signed; no action was required.

Chief King then requested action on the Fire Department Truck Bids. After reviewing the Bid Tabulation Sheet, Chief King requested the approval to accept the bid from Pierce as the lowest responsible bidder for the Fire Truck. Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to approve Pierce's bid for the new Fire Truck, CP Brooks made a second, motion carried.

Next was an update on the SoZo Wireless Internet Project presented by Ray Chang. After a lengthy discussion on the progress such far, Mr. Chang opened the floor for questions from the audience and Council.

NEW BUSINESS: A recommendation of action from City Manager Hicks was given on the MGAG Contract, which he stated was extending and amending the current contract we have with Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. City Attorney Fryer stated that after reviewing the contract he does not see any reason not to re-enter this agreement with MGAG. Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to accept the contract with CP Callaway making a second, motion carried unanimously.

An update was then given by Chief King on Fire Safety and the derelict property list. He stated that the Railroad Property is scheduled to be demolished November 8, 2016 and November 14, 2016 and inquired on the status of clearing the lot that was demolished by the Railroad last year. Chief King then informed the Council that the Fire Department would be testing Fire Hydrants around town next week.

Chief Blue then gave an update on the Radio Systems and stated that after the upcoming scheduled meetings, he should have a quote ready to present to the Council by the December Council Meeting. He also reminded the Council that the Fair would be in town between November 2, 2016-November 6, 2016.

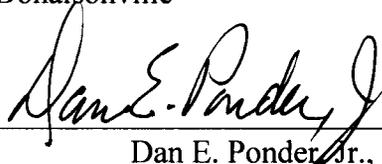
A general update was then given by City Manager Hicks on various items including the Railroad Crossings and the Radio System for the Police Department. City Manager Hicks then updated the Council on the Fire Station Plans and requested direction on the demolition of the current building. The Council were in agreement to wait on the demolition of the building until the revised Fire Station Plans have been reviewed and approved. City Manager Hicks and Public Works Superintendent Gambrell discussed the issue of the current generator assisting City Hall and the Police Department. A recommendation by City Manager Hicks was given on the purchase of a new generator instead of repairing the one we currently have. After some discussion, the Council agreed to research the specifications for a new generator to assist City Hall and the Police Department. Next, City Manager Hicks gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Ordinance and Maps, where he requested the Council to inform him of any additional streets that might need to be added to this list. An update was then given by City Manager Hicks on the CGBD Public Hearing that was held last Thursday October 27, 2016, along with Liberty Utilities and their interest in acquiring the City's Gas System. Next City Manager Hicks requested the consideration of amending the Ordinance to specify the conditions for a special permit with limited exceptions; no action was taken by the Council. Lastly City Manager Hicks gave an update on the Property Tax Millage Rate that was adopted last week at the Called Council Meeting held on November 27, 2016.

CP Register inquired the status of the 2014 CHIP's Grant and emphasized concerns of losing the awarded funds from the grant. CP Blanks stated that he would see Brenda Wade on the following day and would speak with her on the status of this project and get back with the Council.

With there being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, at 8:00 PM Mayor Pro Tem Bond made a motion to adjourn with CP Register making a second, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNED

City of Donalsonville



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Dan E. Ponder, Jr., 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 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Donalsonville.



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Christina Corvers, City Clerk