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Council Meeting

August 1, 2022 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Ray McAllister Councilmember Chris Green

 Councilmember Ken Moore Councilmember Adam Tullis

 Councilmember Mike McCoy Councilmember Patrick Ledford

 Chief/Manager Tim Jarrell Clerk Sheri Berrong

* Mayor McAllister called the meeting to order, then Councilmember McCoy led the invocation and pledge.
* Agenda was amended, adding consideration of RFP for LMIG project at Melissa Drive. Motion to accept amended agenda made by Councilmember Ledford, seconded by Councilmember Moore, passed with all in favor.
* Minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting were presented but due to errors found, acceptance was tabled until corrections could be made. Will present at the next meeting.
* No public comments during this meeting.
* During department reports, Chief Jarrell asked for guidance on Lakeside Circle repairs. Several water leaks have left the road in need of repairs. After a brief discussion, council directed Chief Jarrell to prepare an RFP to explore cost. He also informed council that Lauren Freeman from American Water reported the prices in the proposal that passed the expiration date for the SCADA system would be honored. Contracts will be signed once he returns. He also reported several safety issues at the park are being addressed.
* First item for consideration by council was to identify the next project for ARPA funds. As just previously discussed, Lakeside Circle was agreed upon. Councilmember Moore made a motion to name Lakeside Circle as the next APRA project, RFP to be issued. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
* Next item for consideration was a beer/wine license application received from Phonesavanh Joy Athakhan, 589 Dicks Hill Pkwy. (Freedom Grocery). Motion to approve license made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Moore, passed with all in favor.
* Chief Jarrell then presented the only proposal received, from Keith Sullens Contracting Inc., for the LMIG project on Melissa Dr. in the amount of $37,200. $24,991.19 covered by LMIG, match and remaining funds from SPLOST VI. Motion to accept proposal made by Councilmember McCoy, seconded by Councilmember Ledford, passed with all in favor.
* The next phase of upstairs renovations was discussed next. Council agreed to allow Chief Jarrell to act as general contractor for the bathrooms. Motion made by Councilmember Tullis, seconded by Councilmember Ledford, passed with all in favor.
* Mayor McAllister asked the council to agree on dates for public hearings regarding the millage rate. It was agreed the hearings would be held Aug. 31 at 9 am and 3 pm, with the third and final public hearing being September 12, right before the council meeting.
* Mayor McAllister then opened the floor for discussion on a tentative millage rate. Much discussion was had, leading to Councilmember McCoy making a motion to set the tentative millage rate at 4.91. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore, motion failed with a 2-3 vote. McCoy, Moore in favor. Tullis, Green, Ledford opposed.

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* More discussion ensued, leading to Councilmember Ledford making a motion to set the tentative millage rate at 4.50. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore, motion failed with a 2-3 vote. Ledford, Moore in favor. Tullis, McCoy, Green opposed.
* And still more discussion was had, leading Councilmember Tullis to make a motion to set a tentative millage rate at 3.91. Motion seconded by Councilmember Green, passed with all in favor.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember Ledford made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore, passed with all in favor.

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Mayor Ray McAllister Councilmember Mike McCoy

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Councilmember Chris Green Councilmember Adam Tullis

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Councilmember Patrick Ledford Councilmember Ken Moore