

DeFuniak Springs City Council  
Special Meeting  
January 30, 2017

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry D Ennis, Sr., Councilwoman Janie Griffith, Councilmen Ron Kelley, Kermit Wright and Mac Carpenter, Interim City Manager Tilman Mears, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Clerk Loretta Laird and Finance Director Joe Brown.

Mayor Campbell called the special meeting to order at 5 p.m. relating to the Florida Legislature Appropriations funding projects and the city manager position.

Florida Legislature Appropriations funding projects

Elissa Pettis, Dewberry|Preble-Rish, Inc. representative, presented four proposed Florida Legislature Appropriations funding projects to the council for their consideration.

The projects were 1) U.S. Hwy. 331 South wastewater system upgrades and extension project; 2) U.S. Hwy. 331 South potable water system expansion project; 3) U.S. Hwy. 331 South/County Road 280 connector road project; U.S. Hwy. 331 South natural gas system expansion project.

Pettis discussed the proposed cost for each project with Matt Parker, JPA Engineering representative, discussing a more detailed design plan for the proposed project three for the U.S. Hwy. 331 South/County Road 280 connector road project. Parker noted the property owner, Dianne Pickett, is willing to donate the right-of-way for the connector road project.

Consensus of the council was to have Pettis and Parker meet regarding their cost estimate relating to the connector road. Pettis and Parker agreed to meet on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, to discuss any inconsistencies relating to the proposed project.

**Councilman Kelley made a motion to prioritize the proposed Florida Legislature Appropriations funding projects in the following order: 1) U.S. Hwy. 331 South Wastewater upgrade and extension project; 2) U.S. Hwy. 331 South Potable Water expansion project; 3) U.S. Hwy. 331 South Natural Gas expansion project; and 4) U.S. Hwy. 331 South/County Road 280 connector road project, seconded by Councilwoman Griffith. Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Nay; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Carpenter: Nay Motion carried 3-2.**

City manager position

Interim City Manager Tilman Mears stated his last day of employment with the city would be Friday, March 3, 2017. Various citizens spoke regarding Mears' announcement.

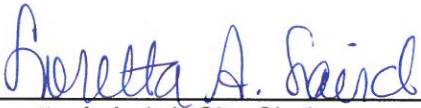
**Councilman Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Griffith. No vote was taken.**

There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

ADOPTED on this  27th  day of  February , 2017.

  
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Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk