

DeFuniak Springs City Council

Special Meeting

January 31, 2011

The DeFuniak Springs City Council met in Special Session at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor C. Harold Carpenter; Mayor Pro-Tem James Huffman; City Council Members: Don Harrison, James Coffield, Henry Ennis, Wayne Graham; City Manager Kim Kirby, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Finance Director Sara Bowers and City Clerk Jonathan King.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Kim Kirby.

Kim Kirby informed the Council that it was time to complete the Waste Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal. She presented a quote from CH2M HILL OMI to complete the work, and noted that the City was already contractually engaged with CH2M HILL OMI for Waste Water Treatment.

James Huffman asked who had previously completed this permit process and the amount. Kim Kirby said she did not know the amount without research, but that the City's engineering firm had completed the process. Mayor Carpenter said that since CH2M HILL OMI already managed the Waste Water Treatment Plant and were familiar with the facility, he felt they were the best firm to complete the permit process.

Motion by James Huffman to approve the task order with CH2M HILL OMI based on their current continuing contract with the City, second by James Coffield. Motion carried 5-0.

Kim Kirby presented the second agenda item which was discussion about the purchase of property. She noted that this item was presented based on the previous direction from the Council to acquire the property that makes up the Piggly-Wiggly Parcel. She noted that the first step of moving forward in building a new City Hall facility would be to acquire the property. She also presented the Reserve Balance information for the Council's consideration.

James Huffman noted that the appraisal included demolition costs and asked if the City would be capable of performing the demolition in house. Kim Kirby noted that the City could salvage whatever could be salvaged and then would request bids for the demolition.

Don Harrison said that he did not feel that it was the right timing to purchase a small part of a large project. He said he did not believe the City had the money to purchase anything.

Mayor Carpenter noted that the parcels in question had just been foreclosed on and the City was getting the first option to purchase. He also noted that if the property was purchased by someone else, it could possibly stop the entire project in the future.

Motion by James Huffman to begin negotiations, second by James Coffield. Motion died 2-3 with Don Harrison, Henry Ennis and Wayne Graham with the Nay Votes.


There being no further business, Mayor C. Harold Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM.

ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2011.



C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jonathan D. King, City Clerk