

DeFuniak Springs City Council  
Special Meeting  
December 4, 2012

The following members were present: Mayor C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Graham, Councilman Henry D Ennis Sr, Councilman Mac Work, Councilman Kermit Wright, City Manager Sara Bowers and City Clerk Loretta Laird.

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order. This special session was called to rank the top three finance director applicants and to discuss an Economic Development Grant.

Councilman Kermit Wright discussed his criteria for choosing his top three finance director candidates. Wright stated he did not consider the six applicants that did not furnish a completed application. Councilman Mac Work stated he did not consider anyone who did not have a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license, but had on-the-job training.

The council provided their recommendations except for Councilman Kelley, who will make his recommendations by Friday, December 7, 2012, with the announcement of the top three finance director candidates will be presented at the December 10, 2012, regular city council meeting.

Bowers discussed the next special meeting date for Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at 2 p.m. to conduct interviews for the finance director position. Discussion occurred relating to the salary range, which has been advertised at \$48,000 to \$70,000.

Economic Development Grant – Councilman Mac Work

Councilman Work stated he has been working on a proposed project with Walton County Commissioner Scott Brannon, Sara Commander, Walton County Economic Development Alliance Director Scarlett Phaneuf, and Camille Cox from Walton County Chamber of Commerce. Work discussed the proposed project to bring 87 new jobs to town with an economic impact of over \$3,323,681 with a multiplier. Further discussion occurred relating to the location of the proposed project, which is the former Microspine facility located on Coy Burgess Loop.

**Councilman Work made a motion to authorize Baskerville-Donovan to prepare a task order to solicit grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the project's equipment plus Baskerville-Donovan's administrative costs from the State of Florida on the city's behalf, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.**

Discussion occurred relating to the proposed project considering other location areas and background for the project. Mike Standley, Baskerville-Donovan representative, discussed his background and Baskerville-Donovan success in obtaining grant funding from the state and federal levels. Standley stated he would start with Enterprise Florida to obtain the funding.

**Councilman Ron Kelley made a motion to authorize either Mayor Carpenter or City Manager Sara Bowers to execute the task order once received, seconded by Councilman Ennis. Motion carried 5-0.**

There being no further business, Mayor Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2012

  
C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Loretta A Laird, City Clerk