



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015**

The Gardendale City Council met in *pre-council* at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015, at the Public Safety Center located at 1309 Decatur Highway to discuss general business pertaining to the City and agenda items planned for tonight's regular scheduled council meeting at the same location scheduled for 7:00.

Members present were as follows:

Present: Allen Jerkins Alvin Currington Blake Guinn
 Greg Colvert Stan Hogeland

Absent: None

Also Attending: Mayor Othell Phillips Ken Thompson, City Attorney

Council President Hogeland presided over the meeting and City Clerk/Treasurer, Melissa Honeycutt, served as recording Secretary.

Council President Hogeland welcomed Property Owners at the Fieldstown/Shady Grove Intersection who for Right-of-Way needs for widening/signal. City Engineer Rick Nail was introduced to property owners. He explained the widening of Fieldstown is an ATRIPS project, the traffic signal at Shady Grove would be 100% city paid. This project would require the road to be widened by 6 feet on either side plus room for drainage to allow for installation of a turn lane. The purpose of the meeting tonight is to receive property owner signatures acknowledging they are aware of the project and that right-of-way will need to be obtained. We are asking for sign off, this does imply consent of right of way, just acknowledges that we have met with you and have asked about acquiring ROW. A map with all the different dimensions was provided to property owners. There will be additional meetings as the project goes along. Mayor Phillips stated the turn lane was approved with traffic counts prior to housing being built. City Attorney Ken Thompson stated a lot of study was done into safety and traffic, if property owners believe the project is good for city and neighborhood, the he encourages you to sign. It simply states property owners are aware, no legal rights given up, no compensation agreed to or waived.

A motion was made by councilor Hogeland to enter in to executive session to discuss economic development projects. The motion was seconded by councilor Currington and all approved.

The Gardendale City Council met on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00pm for a regularly scheduled council meeting at the Gardendale Public Safety Center located at 1309 Decatur Highway. Council President Stan Hogeland presided over the meeting and Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk/Treasurer served as recording Secretary.

Council President Hogeland called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance; afterwards Councilor Jerkins delivered the devotional.

City Clerk Melissa Honeycutt performed roll call and asked for a voice response from those in attendance; recorded as follows:

Present: Allen Jerkins Blake Guinn Alvin Currington
 Greg Colvert Stan Hogeland

Absent: None

Also Attending: Mayor Othell Phillips Ken Thompson, City attorney

Council President Hogeland called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 council meeting and March 23, 2015 work session. Councilor Currington made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilor Jerkins and was approved by all.



Visitors: None

Correspondence/Announcements: None

Approval of Bill List: Council President Hogeland asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented. Councilor Currington made a motion to approve the bills which was seconded by Councilor Jerkins and was approved by all.

Council Reports:

Council President Hogeland recognized Council member Allen Jerkins who stated he hopes everyone has a wonderful Easter. He also announced that there will be a city wide "white-goods" spring clean-up March 6-10th. Public needs to call Public Works by Wednesday for an appointment. On Saturday 4/11 from 8am to 12pm there will be a road side clean up. Volunteers should meet at the exhibit hall at 7:15am. Lunch will be provided.

Council President Hogeland recognized Council member Blake Guinn who stated at the last Library Board Meeting, they adopted a 5 year plan. He appreciated the members for their service.

President Hogeland recognized Council member Alvin Currington who had no report.

Council President Hogeland recognized Council member Greg Colvert who had no report.

Council President Hogeland asked that the new directional arrows at I-65/Fieldstown ramp be looked at for possible modification. The left arrow is pointing to somewhere you can't turn. Jeff Holliyan stated that Scott Skipper had meeting on site, this was discussed, and will be relocated and reviewed again. The issue is the sight lines approaching signal. Councilor Hogeland also discussed Birmingham New advertisement circulars, the company is licensed and there is a way to opt out. If citizens opt out and continue receiving them they need to contact City Hall. Discussed graffiti on Main Street, the property owner stated they saw it this week and would clean it up.

Council President Hogeland recognized the following Department Heads:

Administration - City Clerk Melissa Honeycutt had no report.

Fire – Fire Marshall Jason Murrell had no report.

Police - Chief Walker stated his department has been busy this week.

Inspections - Building Inspector Robert Ryant stated construction contracts have exceed 1 million for the second month in a row.

Public Works – Director Jeff Holliyan thanked C4 Creative for a great job on their brochures. He asked everyone to come help city cleanup this Saturday, there will be door prizes.

Parks & Recreation – Superintendent Dale Hyché reported that the Boy's baseball tournament raised \$8000 benefiting the American Cancer Society. The egg hunt was very successful, estimated 400-500 people at the event.

Keith Mosley reported that the organizer of the Reptile Show was pleased with his event at the Civic Center and plans to schedule regular shows through the end of the year. On the 18th they will host the talent search event for the Magnolia Festival. The Miracle League prom will be held next Saturday.

Library – Director Connie Smith had no report.

Old Business: none



New Business: Council President Hogeland recognized Mayor Phillips who read and presented the following proclamations.

1. Proclamation for Corinne Phillips for receiving Spirit of Community Award. Corinne Phillips' "Hats for Health" project knits hats for babies and donates them to local hospitals. She also teaches free classes. Currently donations occur in 15 states and 5 countries.
2. Proclamation declaring April 2015 as Donate Life Month on behalf of Alabama Organ Center.
3. Proclamation recognizing Tommy Loring for his invitation to the Junior Olympics for riflery. Councilor Hogeland stated this accomplishment requires a lot of hard work.

Councilor Hogeland introduced Jay from Buffalo Wild Wings regarding their fun run application. Jay stated this is the races 3rd year. It will be the morning of the Magnolia Festival and will raise money for the Raymond Doss Playground of Miracles. 50 people registered so far. Police Chief Walker stated that his department has reviewed the application and has all the information they need. Councilor Hogeland made a motion for approval of Magnolia Festival Run Event Application. Councilor Guinn seconded the motion and all approved.

Councilor Currington made a motion to authorize Mayor Phillips to seek bids for multimedia promotion of City. The motion was seconded by councilor Jerkins and approved by all.

Councilor Currington made a motion to authorize Mayor Phillips to seek bids for financial and application software to be used in Administration and Inspection offices. The motion was seconded by councilor Colvert and approved by all.

Councilor Guinn made a motion to reschedule the second regular council meeting in May from Monday May 18th to Thursday May 21, 2015 at Noon. The motion was seconded by councilor Currington and approved by all. Council President Hogeland stated that the council will be out of town at the League of Municipalities conference in Tuscaloosa.

Council President Hogeland recognized the following ordinances:

Ordinance 2015-013 to declare real property located at 4637 Newfound Road as not needed for municipal use and authorizing its sale. The motion was seconded by councilor Jerkins and upon being put to a roll call vote passed unanimously.

First reading of Ordinance 2015-014 was read by Councilor Currington. This ordinance is declaring a portion of real property located at 2161 Decatur Highway as not needed for municipal use and authorizing its sale. The second reading will occur on April 20, 2015.

Council President Hogeland recognized the following resolutions:

Resolution 2015-033 to declare service pistol and badge surplus and donate to Jerry Suggs upon his retirement was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-033. This motion was seconded by councilor Jerkins and all approved

Resolution 2015-034 to hire Stephen Eason as a Police Officer was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-034. This motion was seconded by councilor Jerkins and all approved.

Resolution 2015-035 to hire Trent Booth as a Full-time laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department was read by councilor Jerkins who made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-033. This motion was seconded by councilor Currington and all approved.

Resolution 2015-036 to reappoint Steve Doss to Inspection and Appeals Board was read by councilor Colvert who made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-036. This motion was seconded by councilor Currington and all approved
-Colvert- Inspection and Appeals Board Appointments. - Steve Doss 2nd ac



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Resolution 2015-037 to reappoint Chris Lucas to Board of Education was read by councilor Currington who made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-037. This motion was seconded by councilor Guinn and all approved.

Mayors Report: Mayor Phillips stated that March and April will be busy. He thanked all departments for their work, especially Parks and Public works for cutting grass in parks and right-of-way. He will give a State of City address this Thursday and asks the public to RSVP to the Chamber if they would like to attend. He invites all to come to the Magnolia Festival on April 24th and 25th.

Chamber Director Brittany Pelfrey stated Miracle League begins Friday.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved:


Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk


Stan Hogeland, President