

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

October 12, 2015

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Sharon Gilbert, Council Member Jason Peterson, Council Member Rusty Nix and Council Member Willie Goldsmith were in attendance. Council Member Dee Woodham was absent.

Mayor Cost called the Work Session to order at 5:32 p.m.

Fire Chief Bill Reid reported that his department responded to over 100 calls in September. For the past three months, they have been very busy. They had 10-12 calls from 7 p.m. on Saturday to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

He also reported that the Fire Prevention Parade was a success. They did not seem to have as big of a crowd this year, and they had fewer entrants.

The Chief informed the council that they received word from our City Attorney that we can award the Thermal Imaging Camera bid to the lowest bidder because they met the essential bid criteria. He suggested the council rescind the previous bid award and award the bid to Kenco Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$18,567.

Council Member Nix asked if this is the same equipment. Chief Reid said this is the same equipment as the previous bidder. The other bidder was an Alabama distributor of the same equipment. This company is from out of state. Going with this bid will leave us around \$4,000 to \$5,000 in grant funds to be used to purchase other approved equipment.

Lt. Tim Alexander presented the Police Department report:

Montevallio Police Department Stats

	January-15	February-15	March-15	April-15	May-15	June-15	July-15	August-15	September-15	October-15	November-15	December-15	Total
Total Cases	90	105	95	96	90	82	94	85	87				824
Criminal Cases	25	35	40	40	17	26	40	35	40				298
Non-Criminal	10	15	17	20	10	11	10	16	20				129
Traffic Accidents	17	13	12	21	14	17	16	19	15				144
Traffic Citations	97	90	113	188	147	97	103	85	79				999
DUI Arrests	3	1	5	2	1	0	2	0	3				15
Public Intox Arr	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2				3
Alias Arrests	8	11	11	13	9	8	17	11	7				95
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1				3
Misd Arrests	4	8	3	4	6	1	5	1	9				41
Felony Arrests	1	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1				10
Drug Related	4	4	3	3	2	5	6	2	2				31
Total Arrest	15	26	22	27	19	11	39	15	23				197
Auto Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Burglaries	3	0	2	3	0	2	0	2	4				16
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Auto Burglaries	3	4	6	0	3	3	2	3	3				27
Criminal Mischief	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3				43
DV Related	11	12	11	11	15	9	9	10	10				98
Assaults	2	3	2	5	0	5	0	2	0				19
Fraud/Forgery	6	7	0	4	2	2	5	0	1				27
Harass / Reck	3	4	1	3	9	6	3	1	4				34
Misc. Offenses	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3				7
Robberies	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0				3
Thefts / Attempts	11	10	10	10	11	8	5	2	6				73
Suicide Attempts	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1				7
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Deaths	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0				4

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Kirk Hamby presented the Public Works Department report. He noted that they had a great week last week but that he was glad it was over. The leaf truck is busy working its route. He said we've had a lot of people in town lately for a variety of recent events. He informed the

council that the garden club planted mums at the Crossroads sign. Power has been restored at Perry Hall, although there is still some electrical work which needs to be completed.

Mayor Cost informed the Council that Vallocycle received a grant from UM's Green Fund. Council Member Nix asked who we should contact about donating bikes to Vallocycle. Mayor Cost said that Vallocycle is searching for a new home and suggested that people wishing to donate bikes to them hold off for a while.

Council Member Nix asked if they could use the Recycling Center. Mayor Cost said they need something more centrally located.

On behalf of Park & Recreation, Mr. Hamby reported that soccer is in full swing. Basketball registration is over and their numbers are high. We have girls' softball tournaments on Sunday and another tournament on the 24th.

Joe Orticke reported that there were two golf tournaments at the course this past weekend. He said they received a lot of compliments regarding the condition of the course. There is another big tournament next weekend.

Council Member Nix asked if the new greens are looking good. Mr. Orticke said that they hope to have the new greens opened for the upcoming tournament. They look great.

Council Member Nix reported that David Schneider presented the Architectural Survey he performed on Perry Hall to the Historical Commission at their last meeting.

Council Member Nix noted that we have an annexation request to discuss on the evening's agenda.

Council Member Sharon Gilbert noted that the Montevallo High School football team is still doing very well – 7-1. The MHS Troubadours received several awards at the recent Mud Creek Marching Festival. Their ratings were all Superior for each part of the band: Best in Class (Class 3A) for Drum Major, Majorettes, Dance Line, Percussion and Band; Best in Show, Silver Division (includes Classes A, 2A and 3A); and Best in Show (includes both divisions) for Drum Major.

Council Member Gilbert also noted that the First Grade at MES will tour the city operations on October 16th, starting with City Hall. Among other things, they will visit the Fire Department, Water Plant, Recycling Center and Shoal Creek Park. We expect 120 students to participate.

She also reported that this is mid-term week at UM. Last week was Founders Day. Sister City meets tomorrow at 5 p.m. The delegation from Echizen Town, Japan was here last week from Wednesday through Saturday. They seemed to really enjoy themselves. They even attended the MHS football game.

On behalf of Allie Williams, Council Member Gilbert presented the Library report:

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2015

CIRCULATION:	3043 items charged (Decreased by 27%)
COMPUTER USE:	875 users (Increased by 6%)
STORYTIME/4:	65 children (increased by 86%)
MOVIES/5:	218 people attended (increased by 15%)
ADD'L KIDS' PROGRAMS:	20 (Chess Club & Lego Club)
WEBSITE VISITS SINCE 9/28/15:	1668
DEPOSITS:	
	9/9/15 \$191.64
	9/17/15 \$238.60
	9/24/15 \$3000.00
	9/25/15 \$213.95
	9/30/15 \$183.50
	9/30/15 \$173.09
	TOTAL \$4000.78

The Mayor noted there was no Finance Report. However, she discussed a proposal for repurposing the old City Hall building.

What would you do with Montevallo's old City Hall?

Now that we have moved into our new City Hall, we as city officials are weighing our options regarding the future of our old City Hall building. Originally, the council set aside \$20,000 to demolish the old building and construct a small, urban park in its place. Since then, however, we have also discussed the possibility of re-purposing the building for some other use, preferably one that generates sales tax or otherwise promotes economic development in our historic downtown.

The city has decided to put this question to our entrepreneurial minded community: What would you do with Montevallo's old City Hall? Do you have an idea for a new business or service that could use a building on Main Street? Have you always wanted to have a place to make and sell your art? Do you

have a non-profit that can use this space? What if we told you the rent would be just \$1 per year? Have any ideas now?

Share your vision with us and your creative vision may actually become a reality. Interested parties are invited to submit their proposal to the City of Montevillo by the close of business on Wednesday, December 30th, 2015. Please include a brief summary of your vision along with a detailed business plan. A committee appointed by the Mayor will select the top five (5) proposals. The top five (5) applicants will have the opportunity to present their plans before the council. After an opportunity for public input, the council will select the winning proposal.

The winner will be granted a three (3) year lease on the old City Hall building at the cost of \$1 per year. In addition, the city will award a grant of \$20,000 to the winner which must be used to make physical improvements to the building (i.e. roof, HVAC, electric, plumbing, paint, etc.). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

Council Member Nix expressed his concerns regarding the proposal. He stressed that the reason we decided to build a new City Hall was because there were so many problems with the old building. He suggested that we need to tear it down and allow for additional parking.

Bill Reid added that it would be costly to bring the old building up to code.

Mayor Cost pointed out that bringing the building up to code would be the responsibility of the Lessee – not the city. It may be that there is someone out there with a good idea for downtown who would be willing to spend that money. She said she understood where Council Member Nix was coming from. She noted that her initial desire was to tear it down as quickly as possible. However, since then she has been made aware of other possibilities which made her think there may be an alternative use for that building. She said her suggestion is to give potential tenants a short timeframe in which to make their proposals. If we don't get any interest or we don't like the proposals we receive, we can move forward with demolition as previously planned.

Council Member Nix said he is also concerned with how the outside of the old building looks.

Mayor Cost said it was not her intent to ask the council to vote on this proposal that evening. She said she would bring it again at the next meeting once the council has an opportunity to look it over in more detail.

Council Member Nix asked about a \$1,600 water bill in the park. Mr. Hamby said they have been working with the Water Department to determine if there is a leak. So far, they have not found anything. They will be keeping an eye on this.

Montevallo City Council Meeting
October 12, 2015
6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Sharon Gilbert, Council Member Jason Peterson, Council Member Rusty Nix and Council Member Willie Goldsmith were in attendance. Council Member Dee Woodham was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The local Girl Scout Troop presented the colors and led the Pledge.

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Cost called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 9/28/15 Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the Minutes from September 28, 2015 as corrected. Council Member Gilbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Mayor Cost welcomed Price Alexander, President of the Junior City Council. She informed everyone that Mr. Alexander will be seated along with the Council during meeting to represent the youth in our community.

Student Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council

Kenneth Dukes addressed the Council and thanked them for considering him as a member of the Medical Clinic Board. He then discussed the upcoming Martin Luther King Day plans for January. He said next year's event will be our biggest yet.

Mayor Cost reminded him to obtain a Parade Permit.

Joe Orticke addressed the Council and suggested that they consider some sort of special recognition for the MHS football team.

Mayor Cost agreed that was a good idea and said we would include something in an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Fletcher addressed the Council regarding a problem she is having with a neighbor in terms of noise and abandoned cars. She said the owner is bringing junk cars to the property and working on them late at night. She said he does not live in Montevallo.

Mayor Cost asked if she had reported this problem to our Police Department. Ms. Fletcher said she had. The Mayor said she would check with our Code Enforcement Officer to see what can be done.

Price Alexander commented on the Troubadours and their outstanding performance at the recent completion. He said we have one of the best marching bands for a small town.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement)– Discussed earlier.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives) – Discussed earlier.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & recreation, Golf Course, Youth Athletics, Trails, Historical Commission, Planning & Zoning, Annexations) – Discussed earlier.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, Middle School Grant) – Discussed earlier.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber) – Discussed earlier.

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to rescind the bid award for the thermal imaging cameras made at the last council meeting and to award the bid to the low bidder, Kenco Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$18,567. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Council Member Gilbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business

Safe House Resolution

Council Member Peterson made a motion to adopt the Safe House Resolution. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.



WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become a more prevalent problem; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group of people, but cross all economic, gender, racial, and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace to the home, and to society; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all everyone so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our society;

FURTHER, let us remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the impact that domestic violence has on the health and well-being of our community I _____, City of _____, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Annexation Request – 454 Hwy 219, Terry Worthey, Owner

Mr. Worthey addressed the council regarding his request. He said he needs his property to be either all in the city or all out of the city. Mayor Cost informed him that the Council would not be likely to approve a deannexation. Therefore, he would need to annex the portion of his property which is currently located outside the City Limits into Montevallo. Mr. Worthey agreed. The item was postponed until a subsequent meeting in order to make certain the legal description of the property Mr. Worthey wanted to annex is correct.

Old Business: NONE

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business

Trevor Jones addressed the Council regarding the upcoming FALCON convention. He requested that the Council approve a waiver of all business license and vendor fees for the event, as was done last year.

Mayor Cost complimented Mr. Jones on the success of last year's event. She noted that not only did the event bring over 300 people to Montevallo but it also resulted in a \$4,500 surplus for the organization.

Mr. Jones said he hopes to attract over 400 people to the event this year. The event will be held October 17th & 18th.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to waive all business license and vendor fees related to the FALCON event. Council Member Gilbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Mayor Cost discussed the need to dispose of the personal property at the Mahler home before it gets ruined. Council Member Gilbert asked is Ms. Mahler was alright with our selling those items. The Mayor said she was, noting that Ms. Mahler had requested we keep just a few items with the house – the two buffets in the dining room and the painting of the home.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to declare the personal property at the Mahler property as surplus, with the exception of the items previously noted, and to authorize the sale of said items.

Citizen Participation: NONE

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk