

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

July 23, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, and Council Member Tiffany Bunt were in attendance. Council Member Matt Walker was absent.

Mayor Cost called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Mike Hardig explained the pasture succession proposal he developed for Shoal Creek Park:

Shoal Creek Pasture Succession Project

Management Plan

OBJECTIVE: To manage the natural successional sequence that will occur on Shoal Creek Park pasturelands after livestock are permanently removed.

BACKGROUND: Grasslands and pasturelands persist by virtue of recurring disturbances (e.g. fires, mowing, herbivore grazing) that prevent the recruitment of shrub and trees species. When left undisturbed, grasslands and pasturelands will undergo an ecological process known as *succession*. Succession entails a gradual transition in floral (and faunal) composition over time. It begins when seeds from adjacent woodlands (some already present in the topsoil) germinate and it proceeds through a series of stages wherein earlier-colonizing species are displaced by later-colonizing species, ultimately reaching a climax stage that will persist until being disturbed again. The rate of succession and the specific outcome depend on many factors including soil characteristics, hydrologic conditions, and proximity of seed sources. (See Figure 1 below.)

GOAL: To produce and maintain a park-like environment with uneven-aged stands of volunteer native and benign non-native species that affords park visitors with a rich ecologic experience and provides habitat suitable for the conservation of the indigenous flora and fauna.

DURATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN: Twenty years.

PROCEDURE:

1. Remove livestock.
2. Install permanent reference posts (Figure 2.)
3. Remove perimeter and interior fences.
4. Identify permanent grassland park areas.
5. Create trail system.

6. Monitor volunteer recruitment for non-native pernicious invasive species. Eradicate immediately upon discovery by pruning or herbicide treatment:
 - a. Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*, *L. japonicum*, et al.)
 - b. Chinese Tallow Tree (*Triadica sebifera*)
 - c. Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus calleryana*)
 - d. Cogon Grass (*Imperata cylindrical*)
 - e. Japanese Climbing Fern (*Lygodium japonicum*)
 - f. Kudzu (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*)
 - g. Tropical Soda Apple (*Solanum viarum*)
 - h. Non-native roses (i.e. *Rosa multiflora*, *R. laevigata*, *R. bracteata*)
7. Create uneven-aged stands with a 5-year artificial disturbance cycle. Uneven-aged stands create vertical structure and provide more habitat alternatives for the animals. (See Figure 3 below.)
 - a. Year 5 – brush hog 75% of original acreage
 - b. Year 10 – brush hog 66% of previously brush hogged acreage
 - c. Year 15 – brush hog 50% of previously (i.e. Year 10) brush hogged acreage
8. Maintain permanent grassland park areas by continuous seasonal mowing.
9. Maintain trail system.
10. Continue to monitor for invasive species recruitment and eradicate as necessary for duration of plan.
11. Prune and otherwise maintain as necessary established recruits in plots that will undergo no further disturbance, as necessary for the duration of the plan.
12. Assess management results and re-evaluate development goals twenty years after plan initiation.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Shoal Creek Park Board/Committee will be responsible for ensuring that this management plan is executed as described and scheduled.

The Shoal Creek Park Board/Committee will be responsible for monitoring the successional status of the managed acres and for invasive species identifications.

The City of Montevallo will be responsible for performing (or contracting to perform) the scheduled mechanical disturbances (i.e. brush hogging), the periodic removal of invasive species, the regular seasonal mowing of permanent grassland park areas, and continued trail maintenance.

Forest Succession and Wildlife

Old Field Succession



1st year Low-growing annual grasses and forbs (ragweed, horseweed & crabgrass, many non-native weeds).	2nd to 5th year Perennial grasses and forbs (asters, goldenrods, Queen Anne's lace, knapweed and many others).	3rd to 10th year Woody shrubs and shade intolerant tree seedlings invade among perennial herbs and grasses (blackberries & other <i>Rubus</i> species, sumacs, greenbrier)	10th to 20th year Pioneer tree saplings form thickets (Red cedar, pines, locust, aspen or cherries depending on site).	20th to 70th year Short-lived pioneer species gradually replaced by taller and longer lived trees (Tulip tree, ash, Red maple, Black birch, Black gum).	70th to 100⁺ yrs. Canopy dominated by long-lived hardwoods (mixed oaks, hickories, maples). Understory of shade tolerant species	Until the next disturbance Shade tolerant species dominate the canopy and understory (hemlock, sugar maple, beech).
Pioneer Shade-intolerant Species Which species of herbs, shrubs and trees dominate depends on location, site history, soil moisture, topography and circumstance.			Moderately Shade-tolerant Species Canopy trees are all about the same age (± 20 yrs).		Shade Tolerant Species Gaps from dying trees lead to an uneven age canopy.	

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W2 33.125301 -86.846826

W3 33.125134 -86.845997

W4 33.125788 -86.846142

E1 33.123989 -86.843126

E2 33.123463 -86.843743

E3 33.123471 -86.842414

E4 33.122631 -86.842983

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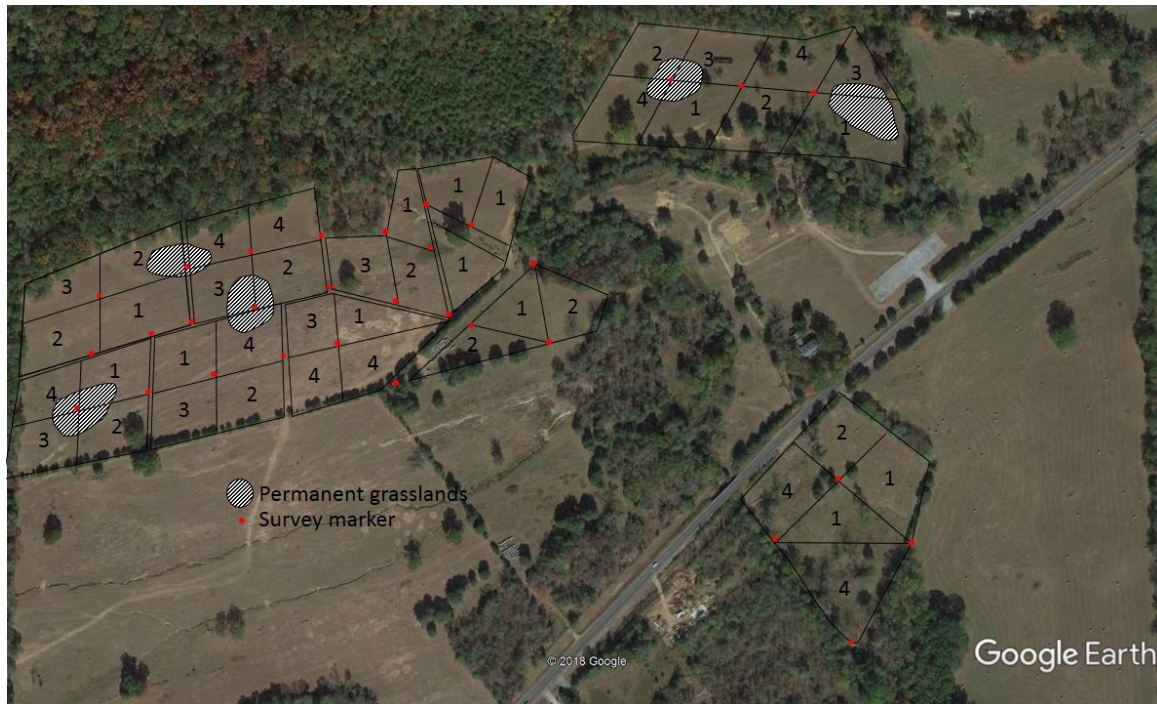


Figure 3. A hypothetical management template for Shoal Creek Park North and Northwest Pastures. The numbered plots would be management units, which would be disturbed in accordance with the schedule given below. (The trail system is notional.)

Management Schedule:

- 1 – Units left undisturbed for the duration of the management plan
- 2, 3, & 4 – Units disturbed during fifth year of management plan
- 3 & 4 – Units re-disturbed during tenth year of management plan
- 4 – Units re-disturbed during fifteenth year of management plan

Dr. Hardig stressed that park visitors and livestock cannot occupy the same places within the park. Removing the cattle so that people can safely enjoy the property creates issues as far as maintain and managing the property is concerned. The proposal he outlined is designed to manage and maintain the property as economically and efficiently as possible.

Council Member Nix noted that over a 20-25 year period it would cost the city a lot of money to develop the timbers stands rather than keeping it as a meadow for cattle.

Dr. Hardig agreed that it will cost the city money to money certain sections of the property, but that would be in the designated zones only.

Council Member Nix noted that kudzu and other invasive plants will continue to grow.

Dr. Hardig noted that the plan includes eradicating invasive plant species.

Mayor Cost noted that the plan still includes maintain a large section of the park property as open space.

Council Member Nix asked if we have the equipment and manpower to properly maintain the property.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation, said we can handle it. He said cattle are already not allowed on the south part of 119.

Dr. Hardig suggested that the city could sell the hay on the property as a means of offsetting some of the maintenance costs. He also pointed out that we would let the property grow naturally for 5 years before we'd start the cuttings.

Dee Woodham, Chair of the Shoal Creek Park Foundation, informed the Council that the Foundation supports the Plan. She said this will open up a lot of educational opportunities for our students. In addition, she said it will save our city money in the long-run. This plan promotes both open space and forested areas.

Again, Dr. Hardig stressed that the cattle must come off the property of people are going to use it. The idea is to allow the property to grow as naturally as possible and still maintain it for optimal use.

Ms. Woodham also informed the Council that the MDCD had approved the additional \$60,000 in funding for the Shoal Creek Park bridge and trail project.

Chief Littleton submitted his report as follows:



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Date:
07/03/2018

Inspection Period
07/03/2018

Inspection Period
07/23/2018

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:

Closed:
1

Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:

Closed:
1

Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected:

Pending:

Closed:

Property Inspections:

Inspected:
9

Pending:
2

Closed:
7

Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected:
1 Check clean-up Hwy 119

Pending:

Closed:
1

Inspected:
By Mike Wilder *MW*

Total Inspections this Period:
12

Total Inspections Year to Date:
12

Montevallo Police Department Stats

	January-18	February-18	March-18	April-18	May-18	June-18	July-18	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	Total
Total Reports	110	101	128	98	117	109	68						729
Criminal Cases	78	36	70	63	72	60	42						421
Non-Criminal	8	15	30	16	9	20	6						49
Traffic Accidents	14	11	15	20	18	15	5						39
Traffic Citations	120	134	117	86	197	153	109						916
DUI Arrests	3	3	3	5	6	1	2						23
Public Intox Arr	2	2	2	3	1	6	1						17
Alias Arrests	24	16	18	7	15	16	6						102
Juvenile Arrests	1	0	1	2	1	1	0						6
Misd Arrests	12	12	9	11	4	3	4						55
Felony Arrests	3	1	7	1	1	2	0						15
Drug Related	4	3	9	4	7	9	13						49
Total Arrest	50	37	49	33	37	38	22						266
Auto Thefts	1	2	0	1	0	0	0						4
Burglaries	4	0	2	2	4	3	3						18
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Auto Burglaries	1	2	1	0	0	0	0						4
Criminal Mischief	5	3	0	3	2	2	2						17
DV. Related	15	13	11	11	15	10	9						84
Assaults	0	2	1	0	2	2	0						7
Fraud/Forgery	9	2	2	1	4	1	0						19
Harass / Reck	5	9	5	0	7	5	5						36
Misc. Offenses	18	18	25	18	16	21	16						132
Robberies	0	0	2	0	0	0	0						2
Thefts / Attempts	14	16	10	6	5	4	4						59
Suicide Attempts	1	0	1	0	0	0	0						2
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Deaths	1	1	2	0	1	3	1						9

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Council Member Goldsmith asked the Chief about the status of the abandoned buildings. Chief Littleton said that Officer Wilder is getting caught up on his new responsibilities as Code Enforcement Officer and that he would check with him to see where we are on that.

Fire Chief Bill Reid informed the Council that things were progressing as usual. This is still a busy training time for their volunteers.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, informed the Council that milling and paving is underway and that they are about 50% complete. So far, the crews have done a great job accommodating our local business and special events at the schools. They are also trying to keep at least one lane open to traffic on the main roads.

Council Member Nix mentioned that at the Water Board meeting they discussed an issue regarding the risers.

Mr. Hamby said he thought the contractor talked with the Water Board about that that today.

Mr. Hamby noted that residents are still pulling out a lot of brush and debris from the recent storms and that his crews are busy getting it all picked up - over 60 loads last week.

Mr. Hamby also noted that he has two quotes for the HVAC work – the third company never presented their quote. That item is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

Mayor Cost reported that we held a public transit meeting last week and that our new pilot program is expected to start on August 13th. The service will be free during the pilot.

Council Member Bunt asked if we know the hours yet.

Mayor Cost said they are looking onto that based on the school schedules. If we need to adapt the hours or route as we move forward we will. That is one of the purposes of the pilot program. For example, based on the input we've received thus far, we now have stops at the Chevron on CR 10 and at least 3 stops on Hwy 25.

Mayor Cost also informed the Council that we hosted the ACE Walkability Workshop in Montevillo last week. We learned a great deal about ways to make our community more accessible. We found several locations where persons in a wheelchair still cannot navigate. We need to make addressing these problem areas a priority. For instance, there is not adequate access to the Water Board site.

Shane Baugh informed the council that he has a quote on repairing the restrooms at Orr Park. It is just over \$11,000. He said they spend \$4,000 last year alone just making temporary repairs to the restrooms last year. He said this is something that needs to be done if we expect to see travel ball tournaments continue to use our park.

Council Member Nix said the restrooms at Stephens Park have been a problem for years. He asked if there was money in the Park budget to address this.

Mr. Baugh said there was not. He said he would get additional quotes for the needed repairs.

The City Clerk presented the Golf Report:

From: Wade Rider
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Herman Lehman
Subject: MGC Update for Council Meeting

1. Greens are progressing beautifully. Three temporary greens will be closed this Saturday all regular greens will be open for play.
2. Players are returning to the course after the closing 6/24 – 7/13. Staff was able to complete improvements throughout the property, i.e. fairways & tee boxes, clubhouse upgrades & cart barn. This was accomplished while still removing fallen trees and debris from the severe storm on 6-27.
3. Three tournaments scheduled in the next sixty (60) days: West Blocton High School Girls Volleyball fundraiser, Knights of Columbus Annual Tournament and Calera Masonic Lodge Fall Tournament.

Not much more to report since we've been closed. I hope to have some good numbers for you for the first council meeting in August.

Wade

**Montevallo City Council Meeting
July 23, 2018
6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, and Council Member Tiffany Bunt were in attendance. Council Member Matt Walker was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Call to Order - Mayor Cost called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 07/09/2018 - Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes from July 9, 2018. Council Member Bunt seconded. Council Member Nix ABSTAINED. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Andrea Eckleman suggested we add water fountains at Orr Park, possibly at each restroom. She also suggested we have a place to provide water for dogs. She also offered to help in that initiative.

Mayor Cost asked Mr. Baugh to get prices on the fountains.

Council Member Nix said we used to have a water fountain there.

Mr. Hamby said the old fountains were routinely vandalized and the Park Board suggested they be removed.

Mayor Cost suggested we could look at adding lighting or other security measures to eliminate the threat of vandalism. She referred this to the Park Committee for recommendation back to the Council.

Mayor Cost introduced Jasmin Williams with the Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC). Ms. Williams was sitting in for Ms. Heuton.

Ms. Williams reported that the MJCC is planning a retreat to discuss their plans for the upcoming school year. She said they are still interested in hosting movies at the park.

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, Planning & Zoning, Annexations,) – Discussed earlier.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk) –

Lauren Bartell informed the Council that the library's summer reading program ends Friday. The library will be close August 3rd for their annual clean-up.

Council Member Bunt noted the Sister City Commission met last week. They are starting their planning early this year in order to encourage more people to be involved in the student trip to Echizen Town, Japan next spring. She also noted that school starts August 7th and UM orientation is this week.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Historical Commission, Main Street) –

Mayor Cost mentioned that Council Member Walker is still not feeling well.

At the request of the City Clerk, this week's Finance Committee meeting was rescheduled to August 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Cost noted she had asked Council Member Walker to investigate possible uses for the old timbers we have stored at SCP. She asked the Historic Commission to give that some consideration and get back to the Council. In the meantime, the timbers are being moved to the Recycling Center in order to protect them from the weather.

Council Member Nix asked if they could be milled and used to build tables or something for the park.

Mayor Cost said they talked about the possibility of making picnic tables with them.

Janice Seaman, Chair of the Historic Commission, said she worries that milling them would take away their historic significance. She said they will discuss possible uses at their next meeting.

Courtney Bennett, Montevallo Main Street Director, said the Friday Nights at the Cove events have been very successful. She said the next one will be held toward the end of August and that Main Street is planning several more for this fall.

Janice Seaman mentioned that Dr. Mike Mahan is near death. Given his tremendous influence on our city, she hoped we can do something special to recognize him.

With regard to the tree replacement plan, Council Member Peterson said he will work with Mr. Hale and the Arbor Board to come up with a proposed budget.

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Request from Arbor & Beautification Board for Funding to Implement Replanting Program – Discussed earlier.

Transit Project Update – Discussed earlier.

Council Member Nix said he realized this is just a trial run of the system. However, he asked if we had any idea of the cost of the service should we decide it is warranted.

The Mayor said she thinks the service would cost around \$250,000 a year. However, she said most of that cost would be offset by UM student activity fees and small ridership fees. Exactly how all that will work has not been determined yet. That is also part of what will be worked on during the pilot program.

Request to Purchase 2 6" Steel Slat Benches for City Hall for \$364 each, plus shipping, to be paid from the Regions Capital Reserve's Unallocated Funds –

Mayor Cost noted we need a place for people to sit outside of City Hall during court. Mr. Hamby said we have a bench we had to remove from the Promenade. Using that bench too, Mayor Cost suggested we'd only need to of the shorter, less expensive benches for City Hall.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to purchase two benches at as price up to \$300 each, plus shipping. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business:

SCPF recommends using the Mahler house as a caretaker house and having Marty Everse (SCPF board) and someone from Montevallo Historical Commission to co-head the renovation effort. They recommend a MOA with County to have Reed Prince act as general contractor/project manager. On the other hand, the Montevallo Historical Commission recommends they take on the project and use the property as a museum.

Mayor Cost said the amount of money we have set aside for improvements to the Mahler home should be enough to improve it for use as a caretaker's house.

Council Member Nix said he would like to see an agreement which details exactly what a caretaker would be expected to do at the property.

Mayor Cost said Shelby County has a caretaker at one of their parks and that she would request a sample agreement from them.

Janice Seaman said the Historical Commission does not oppose the idea of using the home for a caretaker's residence. However, the immediate goal is to get the condition of the house stabilized.

Mayor Cost suggested the council could approve a plan for the house subject to the caretaker agreement. Council Member Nix said he would see the agreement first. He also noted that the Historic Commission said they already have bids to repair the house.

Ms. Seaman said that was correct. They have a bid from a highly qualified contractor experience with historical properties, Psalms.

Council Member Nix asked why we would need to use Shelby County to help us oversee the construction project at the home.

Mayor Cost said the Foundation recommended we use them because they are qualified construction project managers.

Ms. Seaman suggested that the County does not have experience with historic structures.

Sherry Valdes, also on the Historical Commission, said their contractor has plenty of experience with historic properties.

Mayor Cost said we will revisit this item at the next council meeting.

Ms. Seaman said they would be happy to include Marty Evers on their project team.

SCPF recommends acceptance of Mike Hardig's "Pasture Succession Project" –

Council Member Nix said he is afraid that if we pull the cattle off the property now we will end up with a lot more invasive species throughout the property. He is also concerned we do not have the manpower to maintain the property.

Mayor Cost stressed that we have no choice but to remove the cattle from the property if we intend to open up the whole property as a park for our people to enjoy.

Council Member Bunt made a motion to approve the Pasture Succession Plan as presented. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. Council Member Nix voted NAY. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Branding guide (logo) Work Session Reminder, July 30th 4:30 p.m.

SPIRE / ALAGASCO –update – The City Clerk said we have heard from SPIRE and they have agreed to our terms. They are drafting a contract for the Mayor's signature.

HVAC Service Contract – City Hall & Library - update

Mr. Hamby presented the two quotes. He noted that the quote from Parker includes more buildings than Active Air's quote and is still far cheaper.



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April 5, 2018

City of Montevallo
Attn: Shane

Ref: HVAC Service Contracts

Dear Shane:

We are pleased to offer you this proposal on service contracts for your City Hall and Public Library Buildings. We propose to perform a quarterly service that will include changing all filters, belts, cleaning drains, washing coils as needed and routine maintenance items such as checking all electrical connections. Listed below are prices.

- 1) City Hall Building – 6 rooftop units and 1 ductless mini-split – price per quarter - \$625.00
- 2) Public Library – 5 rooftop package units and 1 ductless mini-split – price per quarter - \$850.00

We appreciate the opportunity to offer you this proposal. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Paschal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Paschal
BP/kh

PARKER BROTHERS HEATING & AIR

840 HIGHWAY 54 • MONTEVALLO, AL 35115
CELL: 205-283-9104 • HOME: 205-665-9529
AL License # 02104

Date: 7-23-2018 SERVICE INSTALL

Name City of Montevallo

Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

QUAN	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
		Service (Quarterly) mt on city hall - Change filters as needed - Change belts as needed - Clean coils as needed - Check frozen	per quarter	300 ⁰⁰
		Service Library (Quarterly) Same as above	per quarter	350 ⁰⁰
			Total	650⁰⁰
		Add Scout Lodge, Seniors Center Stephens Park and Boy and Girls Club, and Mahler House if (needed)		150 ⁰⁰
• QUOTE GOOD FOR 30 DAYS •				
CASH ON COMPLETION OF WORK			TOTAL >	

I hereby accept above performance, and charges, as being satisfactory and acknowledge that equipment has been left in good condition

Council Member Nix made a motion to go with Parker Brothers. Council Member Bunt seconded.

Council Member Peterson noted the quote from Parker states they will change the filters “if needed.”

Mr. Hamby said we don’t change filters if they aren’t needed.

Council Member Nix asked if the price of the filters is included.

Mr. Hamby said it is.

There being no further discussion on the item, the Mayor called for the vote. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

REMINDER - Invitation to attend Bicentennial Flag presentation at Chamber Luncheon – August 15, \$12 per person

White Goods – Refer to Sustainability Committee. Mayor Cost noted we’ve have more people asking about this service. She asked the committee to look into this again.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation: NONE

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk