

Minutes of Regular City Council
February 16, 2016

The City Council of Emory met February 16th, 2016 with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Emery Cathey, Jannie Stephens, Blake Cooper, Max Fletcher, and Travis Potts. Others present Phillip Alexander, City Attorney, Mike Dunn, City Administrator, Keeley Roan, Director of EDC, Gary Wallace, Public Works Director, Tracy Rosson, Chief of Police, Angie Allen, Director of Finance, and Donna Raper, City Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Emory Cathey at 7:01 PM

Consent Agenda:

- A. Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Emery Cathey and pledges given by Emery Cathey and Travis Potts.
- B. /C. Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Jannie Stephens to approve minutes of past meeting and financial statement for payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Items:

- A. Citizen's presentation and comments. No presentation or comment was made.
- B. Council did not adjourn into Executive Session.

Items for Consideration:

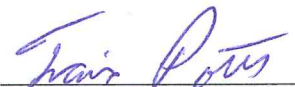
- A. Angie Allen, Director of Finance, stated for the annual year of 2015 she paid a lot of bills with the approval of the council. Increased the sewer base rates that went into effect September of last year. Held our budget workshop. Figured out our taxes for this year and approved the budget for fiscal year 2016. We had a clean audit for physical 2014. We paid the 1975 GO bond off this year. We have paid the equipment lease with Chase this year, and we acquired a new government capital lease for the backhoe, admin car, Chevy 1500 for the sewer plant and a utility truck for the water and sewer department. Mayor Pro Tem Emery Cathey asked about True up. Angie Allen stated the True-up is done, and we have already been paid from both places. Travis Potts asked where did the money go? Angie Allen stated the money went back into the reserve fund for the water and sewer.
- B. Tracy Rosson, Chief of Police, stated "since we started October 2014 we have rebuilt the police department, by hiring new officers. We just finished hiring our third officer in the department, a young man that has close to ten years experience in police work from Lone Oak , we have got some good depth within the department if something was to happen to me or one of the other officers, they would be able to take over without any problems. We have organized the department filing system, the evidence lockers , made the office more accessible by marking the front glass and unlocking the front door, we have gotten a lot of positive responsive out of the fact that folks did not know we had a police department. Since 2015 we have worked 33 accidents. Since we started in October 2014 had 47 arrested or filed cases with the DA for warrants or what- ever. I have monitored the training for all the officers. I have filed all the chief administrated reports required by the State and TCLEOSE. I have sure made sure all police officer records are incurrence within TCLEOSE standards. We have written 162 citations and warnings. We have rebuilt a working relationship with our district attorney. We have been through both the CJIS audit and TCLEOSE audit with no violations".
- C. ED Hall -Code Enforcement Officer was unavailable.

- D. Keeley Roan- Tourism Board Member (EDC Director) stated “we had 16 new businesses this year. Five (5) of them changed, expanded, or moved into new locations. Projects for 2015, renovations of our City Hall / EDC, downtown Christmas light project, expansion of Enterprise Blvd., Explore Emory Girls Night Out Program, Incentive agreement with AASTEK Electronics, and the park grant with the city. Highlights of the year - the filming of Misfit Garage on the downtown square. We held our first professional concert on the square, which included the sale of alcoholic beverages. Biggest struggles we seem to have are the lack of availability of land, storefronts and lack of housing within the city limits”. Roan also gave update of current events coming up within the city. Mike Dunn asked Roan to give update on the hotel / motel tax.
- E. Gary Wallace, Public Works Director stated “we set 26 new water services for the year. 6 sewer services. Set 3 new fire hydrants. Laid 800 ft’ of 6”, 1700’ of 2” inch, set 7- 6” valves , repaired 23 sewer cleans out , 78 sewer stops , repaired 37 water leaks, installed 6 culverts , replaced 10 street signs, used 19 tons of cold mix to fill in pot holes, 10 tons of flex base rock , installed 1-2” air release valve, moved the pumping barge further out in the lake / then removed the barge after lake filled up , re-routed sewer force main for the Hwy 69 project. Installed security cameras at the water treatment plant. Installed mixer in the new clear well. Replaced part of the fence at the city cemetery. Repainted, cabinets at water plant. Helped paint and remodeled city hall. Re-leveled head stones at city cemetery. Reset a man hole. Built a cover for filter wash control panel at the water treatment plant. Built a foundation for a building at the water treatment plant. Mowed countless acres of grass”. Mayor Pro Tem Cathey asked how many radio meters we have installed. Wallace stated 658, once all radio meters are installed we’ll total of over 900 meters.
- F. Mayor Pro Tem Emery Cathey asked City Attorney Phillip Alexander if he just came to be visit or would you like to say something, Alexander stated he just come over to get with Mike and Keeley about the hotel/motel tax issue. Mayor Pro Tem Emery Cathey asked Blake Cooper when is the fire department supposed to move out to the other building, Blake Cooper stated he thought they are supposed to be finishing up closing paper work on it on Friday. He figures it will take a couple month of remodeling. Mike Dunn stated “after the fire department moves out we are planning on moving police department over to the old fire department, doing a little bit of remodeling, so they may be some cost involved in that”.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM



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