

City of Margaret

January 23, 2018

6:00 P.M.

In attendance:

Councilman Perry, Councilman Chapman  
Mayor Pro-Tem McIntyre, and Mayor Howard

**Mayor called meeting to order**

**Prayer: Mr. Barker**

**Discussion**

*Mr. Barker informed the Council that the GUSC Board said that it would cost \$1000,000.00 to run sewer on South Hillcrest. Mayor Howard stated that the City is not liable for that cost.*

*Councilman Ray arrives at the Council Meeting at 6:02PM*

*Junior White of North Valley thanked everyone for their participation in the Fall Festival. Mr. White also informed the Council that North Valley will be doing something for Easter if the City wanted to participate. Mr. White also stated that the sign for the new playground has been made. Mr. White plans to be more visible in the community.*

*Mr. Barker was asked about the site where the Sloans plan to put a mobile home. Mr. Barker stated that he is "ok" with the progress. The variance will be granted because it was based off whether or not the site was cleaned off.*

*Mr. Barker then gave his reports to the Council. Total revenue for October was \$8149.00, total revenue for November was \$6494.60 and the total revenue for December is \$3403.80. and there are 48 open building permits.*

*Mr. Barker presented the Council with quotes on roads. The total for Sunrise will be \$36,212.50 in which the City will be responsible for \$28,087.60. Magnolia will be \$31,000.00 in which the City will be responsible for \$24,537.50.*

*Mr. Barker also talked about the new City Hall. Councilman Chapman wanted to hold off on getting specs for the City Hall because the Council doesn't know what they want yet. A workshop for the new City Hall will be held on 1/29/18 @ 6:00PM. Erskine suggested that after a decision have been made, the Council needs to have someone come in and talk to the Council about what specs are needed and how much it will cost.*

*David Parrish was next with his reports from the Public Works and Fire Department. David informed the Council that the Fire Department had 43 calls. And that the Public Works total revenue for the month of December was \$73,304.18. The Public Works total revenue for month of January so far is \$43,951.78.*

*The Developers where next on the agenda. The City Clerk sent certified letters to the builders in Margaret to discuss the conditions of the roads in the subdivisions and to try to come up with a feasible solution for the City and the builders. Mr. Smith and Mr. Piddard where here to represent Four Star. And Mr. Armstrong was here to represent A& W. Mayor Howard asked the developers what could they do to help with the road situation. Councilman Perry was wondering what type of monetary support could the developers contribute. Mr. Smith suggested an access road from Brookhaven to Acton Road. Councilman Chapman doesn't really want to have an access road that opens to Acton Rd. because it the Council needs to take care of the present problem and not create a new one. Mr. Smith also suggested just patching the roads until the construction is completed. And Mr. Smith said that if the City went with the route of just patching the roads, he would be open to coming in twice a year to fix spots. Erskine stated that the City may have to at some point consider assessing a fee to the builders. Mr. Armstrong feels that construction traffic is not the only problem with the roads, the conditions of the roads play a part as well. Mr. Smith suggested that the Council and builders have a round table discussion to reach a solution for the roads. Mr. Smith said that maybe a fee could be assessed to the building permits to cover road repairs.*

*Stacy gay asked the Council two questions: 1). Have we considered a sub committee for Economic Development and if so she would like to serve on it? 2) Is there some type of historical significant for the white building located on County Rd. 12 because it is an eyesore.*

*Mr. Piddard stated that it cost more money to build a house in Margaret that in Odenville because of the 2015 Building Code. Councilman Ray suggested that we get the Council, Developers, and HOA together to come to a solution about the roads. Mr. Smith suggested that only the Council and Developers get together to find a solution then involve the HOA. Mr. Piddard suggested may be raising taxes could be the solution.*

***Mr. White informed the Council that he will be meeting with the Birmingham Regional Economic Council next week to give them a tour of Margaret.***

***Councilman Ray made the Motion to table the road discussion until next time. Mayor Pro-Tem McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.***

***Mayor Howard asked the Council about giving Teja Peeples family medical coverage. Councilman Ray asked the Mayor whether or not other department heads have coverage. Mayor Howard stated that David Parrish does. Councilman stated that David had coverage because he opted to have family coverage in lieu of a raise. Councilman Ray stated that he feels that if one department head has family coverage all department heads should have coverage. Mayor Howard told everyone to think about it and he will call for vote in next Council Meeting.***

***Erskine told the Council that they need to decide what specs to put in bid for the garbage contract. Teja Peeples the City Clerk will made sure to follow up with Erskine with two weeks.***

***Councilman Ray inquired about when the 3% raise come in effect for employees if it is approved. Mayor Howard stated that it would come in effect in March 2018.***

***Councilman Ray made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Meeting adjourned 7:27 PM***

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***Isaac Howard III, Mayor***

***Attest:***

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***Teja McIntyre Peeples, City Clerk***