

City of Margaret
September 7, 2021

6:10 P.M.

In attendance: Councilman Chapman, Councilman Jonathan Ray, Councilman Matthew Tortorice, Councilman Darius Crump, Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre, and Mayor Jeffrey Wilson

Prayer: Councilman Jonathan Ray

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson called Meeting to order

Discussion

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson asked for the approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 7-20-2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to approve the minutes from the 7-20-2021 meeting. Councilman James Chapman seconded the minutes passed with Councilman Jonathan Ray abstaining.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson asked for the approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes from 11-2-2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to approve the organizational meeting minutes from the 11-2-2020 organizational meeting. Councilman James Chapman seconded the minutes passed with Councilman Jonathan Ray abstaining.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson asked for the approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes from 6-23-2021. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from the 6-23-2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the minutes passed with Councilman Darius Crump abstaining.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson asked for the approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes from 7-28-2021. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from the 7-28-2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the minutes passed with Councilman James Chapman and Councilman Darius Crump abstaining.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson asked for the approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 08-03-2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to

approve the minutes from the 08-03-2021 meeting. Councilman James Chapman seconded the minutes passed unanimously.

The Council discussed contributing to the County's Drug Enforcement Task Force. The Council agreed that the task force is needed. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to authorize the City of Margaret to contribute to the Drug Enforcement Task Force. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles Pendley addressed the Council concerning a Plat change on 2 lots. Mr. Pendley stated that the remaining two lots are 45 ft. lots and they are the last two lots in the Phase for Black Creek. The homes if approved will be all brick homes. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to approve the 2 remaining lots with the condition that they be all brick. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. Motion passed with Councilman Jonathan Ray abstaining.

Harvey McWhorter updated the Council concerning the harvesting of timber. Mr. McWhorter informed the Council that the harvesting should be completed within two weeks.

Mr. McWhorter asked the Council for approval concerning a plat addressing Phase 12 which will have 44 lots in Brookhaven. Councilman Matthew Tortorice expressed concerns about the closeness of the lots. Councilman Jonathan Ray stated he did not have a clear emailed copy of the plat. Mr. McWhorter furnished Councilman Jonathan Ray with a hard copy. Councilman Jonathan Ray inquired whether or not the driveway will be able to accommodate 4 cars? Mr. McWhorter stated that the homes will have two-car garages. Councilman Matthew Tortorice asked if the homes would be rentals. Mr. McWhorter stated that the homes would be for home owners.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice asked McWhorter about the conditions of Lakeside Dr. Mr. McWhorter stated that he was no longer responsible for Lakeside Dr. and that the matter had already been addressed. Mr. McWhorter informed the Council that some money had been placed in an escrow account at either Metro Bank or Millennium Bank for Lakeside Dr. Erskine Funderburg the City Attorney will inquire about the money at either Metro Bank or Millennium Bank. Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to table the McWhorter Plat discussion until the next meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The essential pay for City workers was up for discussion. Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to table discussion in order to gather more information. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson informed the Council that developer Bill Arant is wanting to see the City five acres of land that start at intersection of County Rd. 6 and County Rd. 12; and ends in Woodland Ridge Subdivision. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to authorize Mayor Jeffrey Wilson to purchase Bill Arant's land in the amount of \$91,000.00 on the behalf of the City of Margaret. Mayor Wilson called for a roll call vote:

Councilman James Chapman – YES

Councilman Darius Crump – YES

Councilman Matthew Tortorice – YES

Councilman Jonathan Ray – YES

Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre- YES

Motion passed unanimously.

Garbage bid specs were discussed. Councilman Darius Crump made the Motion to discuss the garage bid specs at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Matthew Tortorice. Motion was passed unanimously. Councilman Matthew Tortorice informed the Council that the emergency contract will have to be extended for 3 more months.

The Dew Drop In LLC approval for a alcohol license was discussed, Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to approve The Dew Drop In LLC for a alcohol license. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The County contracts for EMA were discussed. The amount for the County's emergency services is: Central Dispatch - \$44,270.82 (to be divided in monthly payments), EMA - \$1325.00 and Adult Inmate hosing to which will increase from \$32.50 to \$35.00. Councilman Jonathan Ray made the Motion to approve the City to pay for the County's emergency services as listed on the Agenda. Councilman James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief David Parrish presented the Council with a quote to purchase a 2004 Pierce Fire Truck for the amount of \$49,500.00. Chief Parrish also asked the Council to include funds for striping the fire truck. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion to authorize the amount of \$ 55,000.00 for Chief Parrish to purchase the 2004 Pierce Fire Truck in lieu of a previous Motion to approve the amount of \$41,000.00. The authorized funds will also be taken out of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Councilman James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Lt. Chris Sanchez presented the Council with a plan for a K-9 Officer. Lt. Sanchez would like for the City to invest in a K-9 officer, in order to get drugs off the streets of Margaret. The vehicle housing the K-9 will be required to have a light alert system to protect the K-9 from getting over heated. The cost of this system is \$6954. The training will cost \$1000.00 for Lt. Sanchez and the K-9. There will be 1 hour overtime each time the K-9 is dispatched out. K-9 deployment report is \$100/year. And Argo Animal Clinic offers free vet bill. Mayor Jeffrey Wilson would like to know what are the guarantees for the K-9. Lt. Sanchez stated that the K-9 will remain with the City, but that he would like for the K-9 to be retired to his custody. The City Clerk Teja McIntyre will check into the insurance coverage for a K-9. Councilman Jonathan Ray made the Motion to suspend the rules in order to look into purchasing a K-9. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the Motion. The Motion failed because lack of majority.

Lt. Sanchez presented a quote to the Council for approval to purchase two police vehicles. Lt. Sanchez informed the Council that it will cost \$83,686.00 to purchase 2-2021 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility-T191L. Councilman Jonathan Ray made the Motion to spend up to \$84,000.00 to purchase 2-2021 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility-T191L. The cars will be purchased using the American Rescue Plan Funds. Mayor Jeffrey Wilson called for a roll call vote:

*Councilman James Chapman – YES
Councilman Darius Crump – YES
Councilman Matthew Tortorice – YES
Councilman Jonathan Ray – YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre - YES*

Motion passed unanimously.

The purchase of MacBooks computers for the Council was discussed. Councilman Matthew Tortorice would like for the City Clerk to increase the memory of the MacBooks from 8GB to 16 Gb as previously quoted. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to authorize \$1500.00 for each MacBook. The money is to be taken out of the American Rescue Plan Fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion.

*Councilman James Chapman – YES
Councilman Darius Crump – YES
Councilman Matthew Tortorice – YES
Councilman Jonathan Ray – YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre – YES*

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barker presented the Council with 3 potential City Engineers. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to approve Keith Hager of the Hager Company as the City's Engineer. Mr. Hager will make \$125.00/hour to look over development plats presented to the City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson asked for anymore comments:

Councilmembers had no comments.

Mayor Jeffrey Wilson opens the floor to the public:

Rodney Pruitt expressed his concern over the road conditions of Lakeside Dr. and smaller homes being built in Brookhaven.

Mark Altobella expressed concern for potholes on Lakeside Dr. and inquired about money allocated for Lakeside Dr. by previous developers.

Zeb Coppock expressed concern Lakeside Dr. and the lack of continuous sidewalks. And the need for a grocery store in the City of Margaret.

Ronald Bowman a 11-year resident of Brookhaven also expressed concern about Brookhaven Dr. Road condition.

Johnny Yarbrough stated that smaller homes are causing home values to go down.

Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Jeffrey Wilson, Mayor

Attest:

Teja McIntyre, City Clerk