

City of Margaret

February 21, 2023

6:09 P.M.

In attendance: Councilman James Chapman, Councilman Jonathan Ray,
Councilman Matthew Tortorice, Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre

Absent: Councilman Darius Crump

The mayor seat is vacant

Prayer: Mr. Barker

Pledge of Alliance

Meeting was called to order

Discussion

Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to table the Council Meeting minutes from 2-07-2023, due to grammatical errors and the omission of discussions (live streaming council meeting, financials, and forensic audit) from Councilman Matthew Tortorice. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the motion. The motion failed for lack of a majority.

Councilman Matthew made a motion to approve the minutes after corrections. Motion died from lack of second.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to table the Pendley Plat (Pleasant Valley Properties Plat Phase 4 Woodland Ridge Subdivision Lots 1 & 2) Councilman Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice added the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to the agenda as old business. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the motion to renew the City's membership with the RPC of Birmingham for an amount up to \$3100.00. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-1 abstaining.

Councilman Tortorice made a motion to allow the RPC of Birmingham to redistrict the district lines for the City of Margaret for an amount up to

\$5000.00. Motion not carried with a vote of 2 to 2.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the motion to allow \$1000.00 to purchase an IPAD and blue microphone and to have a city employee live stream the council meetings. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the motion. Motion not carried with a vote of 2-2.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a motion to allow the City to place copies of checks and invoices, and monthly cash flow & profit loss report on the City's website. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the motion. The motion was not carried with a vote of 2-2.

Councilman James Chapman made a motion to table the Century Homes Plat (Phase I Stephens Cove Subdivision Lots 45 and 51. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Interim Chief Anthony Fields asked the Council to consider allowing the Margaret Police Department to purchase two surveillance cameras to set up in the police property room. Councilman Chapman made the motion to allow the police department an amount of up to \$4000.00 to purchase the cameras. The motion died from lack of second. Interim Chief Fields will get an updated quote for 2 cameras because the first quote was for 1 camera.

Fire Chief David Parrish informed the Council of the P25 System which will provide radios for police and fire departments. Chief Parrish will gather more information to bring to Council. Councilman James Chapman would also like the city to look into getting a grant for the P25 system.

Councilman James Chapman made a motion to allow the city clerk to change the language as deemed necessary by the State of Alabama for insurance business licenses. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman James Chapman suggested that the Council table the discussion of the amendment of sewer reservation until the Council has researched it more.

Councilman James Chapman made a motion to delete all city-related Facebooks. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The council authorized Dona Abrams of adr Business & Marketing Strategies to maintain the city's website.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice would like the entire council to set down and discuss their council priorities. Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the motion to table council priorities for discussion at the next council work session. Councilman James Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Timothy Barrett addressed the council's lack of a quorum to appoint a person to the mayor's seat. Timothy Barrett informed the council of his views of why there was not a quorum. Timothy Barrett also informed the council that broken leadership will not fix broken problems.

Brett Gray informed the council that he thinks Interim Chief Fields is doing a great job. And that the lack of presence at the council meeting has been noticed.

Citizen Randall Ragland attempted to inform the Council of two people who witness a current sitting councilman who had used an inflammatory word while addressing a former councilman. The inflammatory word had supposedly been used by Councilman Jonathan Ray.

Councilman Jonathan Ray addressed the Council about various issues.

Councilman James Chapman made a Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Daryl McIntyre, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

Teja McIntyre, City Clerk