

City of Margaret

April 04, 2023

6:00 P.M.

In attendance: Councilman James Chapman, Councilman Darius Crump,  
Councilman Matthew Tortorice, Councilman Jonathan Ray, Mayor  
Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre, and Mayor Isaac Howard

**Absent:**

**Prayer:** Mr. Barker

**Pledge of Alliance**

**Meeting was called to order**

**Discussion:**

*Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to approve Council Meeting minutes from 2-21-2023 as written. Councilman James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 3 for and 2 against.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to allow \$5000.00 for the RPCGB to redistrict lines for the City of Margaret. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. Motion failed 2 for and 3 against.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice would like for the city to table RPCGB drawing up a five-year plan for the City of Margaret to promote growth. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to pay the City of Pell City the amount of \$6000.00 for the FY 2023 animal control fees. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion for the Council to approve an amount of up to \$1000.00 to purchase equipment to live stream council meetings via Facebook. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. Motion passed with 3 for and 2 against.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion to table the discussion on a*

*forensic audit. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion to approve the Amended Ordinance 2022-0405 Sewer Fees which allows the setting of reservation sewer fees for residential and commercial and their duration, reinspection fees, tampering fees, late fee assessment fee days, and impact fees.*

*Mr. Barker the building inspector, informed the Council of quotes that he received to repair Old Acton (146,402.00), Sunrise (\$8689.00), Sunny (\$1642.00), and Michael (\$7417.00) streets. Sunrise Dr., Old Acton Rd, and Michael St. All quotes include labor and materials. Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to approve the quotes as presented by Mr. Barker. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Pleasant Valley Construction Phase 6 Plat which would replace 2- 100ft. lots with 3- 50 ft. lots was tabled.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made a Motion to approve the minutes for Council Meeting 3-7-2023 as written. Motion dies from a lack of second.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion to table the minutes for Council Meeting 3-7-2023 in order to make corrections and add additional information. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. Motion passed with 4 for and 2 against.*

*Councilman James Chapman made a Motion to accept the donation of land by Brookhaven Development Partners with the addendum as suggested by City Attorney Erskine Funderburg. The Parcel is located at the Southeast corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ section 14, township 16 South, Range 1 East, St. Clair County, Alabama.*

*Councilman James Chapman made the Motion to authorize Isaac Howard to execute the proper paperwork for the City to take possession of the donated land from Brookhaven Development Partners. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Harvey McWhorter addressed the Council about giving Brookhaven Development Partners a break on sewer taps*

*Councilman Jonathan Ray made the Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Children's Place annual benefit luncheon to raise awareness of National Child Abuse and get the available 8 tickets for anyone that wants to attend.*

*Changes to the water/sewer applications tables because Isaac needs to add*

*more items.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made the Motion to table the purchase of office furniture for Mayor's Isaac Howard office for \$4476.00 until a budget is adopted. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. The Motion failed because of a lack of a majority. 2 for and 3 against.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to purchase office equipment for the mayor's office for \$4476.00. Councilman James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with a majority. 3 for and 2 against.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion to allow the City to pay for any council member that wanted to go to CRO training. April 18<sup>th</sup> training cost is \$150.00 and the annual training in Birmingham cost is \$425.00. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Jonathan Ray made the Motion for the City to pay for Teja McIntyre, City Clerk's room, and travel plus per diem for the conference in Minnesota because she won a scholarship that pays for the conference. Councilman James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Jonathan Ray made a Motion for the City to donate \$250.00 to the St Clair Knights Chess Club chess tournament to be held on 4-22-2023.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl McIntyre made the Motion to pay a monthly retainer fee of \$500.00 to City Attorney Erskine Funderburg. Councilman James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice made a Motion to allow up to \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a receiver, antenna, laptop, and software for the water department out of the American Rescue fund. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*David Parrish addressed the Council about ordering 400 meters at \$200 each in order to lock the price in. The meter price will increase to \$265.00 after 30 days.*

*Mayor Isaac Howard asked for any more comments:*

*Councilman James Chapman – no*

*Councilman Darius Crump – no*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice discussed his 5 priorities:*

- 1). Multi-year growth plan*
- 2). Budget*
- 3). Working relationships with surrounding cities*
- 4). Economic Development Plan*
- 5). Improve city boundary gaps*

*Councilman Ray has had several complaints concerning potholes and he would like a system in place to document pothole patching.*

*The city clerk will look into getting a form on the city's website.*

*Interim Chief Anthony Fields expressed concerns about hiring and acquiring bulletproof vests.*

*The city clerk will research information on previously purchased bulletproof vests.*

*The city clerk will research discussions concerning AR-15 rifles.*

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

*The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.*

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**Isaac Howard, Mayor**

*Attest:*

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**Teja McIntyre, City Clerk**