

City of Margaret

April 1, 2025

6:01 P.M.

In attendance: Councilman Darius Crump., Councilwoman Sandra Cook,
Councilman Matthew Tortorice, Councilman Jonathan Ray, Mayor
Pro-Tem James Chapman, and Mayor Daryl McIntyre

Absent:

Prayer: Mr. Barker

Pledge of Alliance

A quorum was declared.

Adoption of Agenda

Discussion:

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with four yeses and two noes.

Keith Hager, City Engineer, explained the difference between the water water impact fee and water tap fee.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to implement a \$1500.00 water impact fee. Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to amend Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman's Motion. Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to implement a \$1500.00 water impact fee into a specific account, effective immediately. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to table the discussion on the following roads: 358 Michael St, 1339 S. Hillcrest Rd., 1965 S Hillcrest Rd., 309 Lake Rd., and 339 Lake Rd. until Mr. Barker can get more quotes. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. The Motion was not passed with four yeses and two noes.

Mr. Baker informed the Council that he only had one quote from Massey because no one else is willing to do business with the city.

Keith Hager, City Engineer, explained the annual bidding process to the Council.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to hire Keith Hager to review roads, annual bids, and the ability to develop a road repair plan and submit it to the Council at his current rate. The Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to allow the city engineer to assess roads and recommend repairs, and obtain bids on the five roads presented by Mr. Barker, and obtain twelve-month bid contracts for paving-related services pursuant to current annual standards. Councilwoman Sandra Cook seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with five yeses and one no.

Councilman Jonathan Ray moved to accept the roads previously submitted by Harvey McWhorter: Pine Cove Cir., Sanie Rd, Ridge Cir., Ridge Loop, West Middlebrooke Crossing, Havenridge Court, because all roads have been completed for a year. Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

A company is coming this week to address the drainage problem at the sinkhole on Allison Court.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to approve \$1,000.00 for Councilwoman Sandra Cook to rent two inflatables from Southern Supply and purchase candy for the citywide Easter Egg hunt. Mayor Daryl seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Brandon Frazier presented the Council with two quotes to repair Station 2's roof. Ridgeline Roofing quoted \$9,250.00 to repair the roof. And Revolution Roofing quoted \$29,998.12 for a new roof. Chief Brandon Frazier also informed the Council that moving the gas tank was \$89.00.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to get the city engineer to draft plans for the third fire station.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice withdrew his previous Motion.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to approve for Chief Brandon Frazier to meet with the city engineer and draft a plan for the third fire station. The Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Darius Crump moved to pay part-time employees the same as full-time employees. Mayor Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Hager gave the Council a budget for Dillard Park and informed them that it was confidential. Mr. Hager informed the Council that because Brookhaven Dr. exceeded \$250,000.00, it has to be bid out.

Chief Anthony Fields asked the Council to remove the 48-hour allowance for street parking because the roads in Brookhaven are restricted, with people parking on both sides of the road.

City Attorney Erskine Funderburg suggested having an ordinance that addresses parking in subdivisions.

Chief Anthony Fields has received complaints about underage kids driving golf carts.

The Council set a budget workshop for April 23, 2025, at 9 AM.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to approve the minutes of 3-18-2025 as written. Mayor Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with yeses and two noes.

Councilman Jonathan Ray informed the Council that Homeland Security is currently making rounds with an 8-hour notification window.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice presented his Road Infrastructure Management Plan.

All Councilmembers went into executive session at 7:48 PM to discuss the two pending federal lawsuits against the city. The Executive Session is expected to last for 15 minutes. All councilmembers reconvened at 7:59 PM.

Councilman Jonathan Ray moved to give every employee a 5% rate increase. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the Motion, which failed with three yeses and three noes.

Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to increase the employees' rate by 15%. The Motion dies from lack of a second.

Councilman Jonathan Ray moved to give city employees a 4% rate increase. Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the Motion. The

Motion failed with three yeses and three noes.

Councilman Jonathan Ray moved to give city employees a 5% rate increase. This Motion was already voted on previously.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to allow Brad Cornett, the Attorney representing the city in the Redistricting Lawsuit to be paid his rate of \$250/ hr. once the insurance allowance is met. Councilwoman Sandra Cook seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with four yeses, one no, and one refusal.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to retain a separate attorney to represent Mayor Daryl McIntyre and Councilman Darius Crump in the lawsuit brought against the city by Councilman Matthew Tortorice because they were acting as city representatives. Councilwoman Sandra Cook seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with four yeses, one no, and one refusal.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Daryl McIntyre seconded the Motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Daryl McIntyre, Mayor

Attest:

Teja McIntyre, City Clerk