

City of Margaret

May 6, 2025

6:00 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 one no. (Councilman Jonathan Ray didn't vote)*

*Lawyer Brad Cornett answered questions about the redistricting lawsuit subject to attorney-client privileges. Mr. Cornett informed the Council and residents, negotiations with the plaintiff's counsel were successful. Upon learning of the City of Margaret's adoption and recording of the redistricting plan, Councilman Matthew Tortorice's attorney presented a proposed agreement acknowledging that the City of Margaret complied with the law, with the city having proportional districts, and there is no reason for the case to proceed. The attorney fees were the only thing left. The \$12,000.00 was a business decision. A federal judge approved the settlement amount, and the case is resolved.*

*Councilwoman Sandra Cook informed Mr. Cornett that Fox 6 News reported that the City of Margaret is paying attorney fees plus \$12,000.00. Attorney Brad Cornett stated that it was incorrect.*

*City Engineer Keith Hager updated the Council on the Brookhaven project. It has been advertised and put out for bids, which will be opened*

*on May 29, 2025. Brookhaven took so long because Mr. Hager was uncomfortable just putting anything out.*

*Mr. Hager explained the improvements for the pavilion located in Dillard Park.*

*Mr. Hager presented the bids:*

- 1) Mike Morgan \$203,305.00*
- 2) S E Construction Partners, LLC \$208,233.00*
- 3) Coston General Contractors \$316,277.00*

*Mike Morgan is the lowest bidder. The City has sixty days to decide. Mr. Hager suggests making improvements to Dillard Park one at a time.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice asked whether grants were pursued concerning the improvements. Mr. Hager was not aware of any.*

*Mr. Hager presented the annual paving contract bids:*

- 1) Massey Asphalt \$231,725.00*
- 2) Central AL Asphalt \$259,775.00*
- 3) James Paving Co. LLC. \$428,000.00*
- 4) Wiregrass Construction \$574,550.00*

*The lowest bidder is Massey Asphalt. Mr. Hager informed the Council that once the contract is signed, the paving company has to do the job when requested. The contract is good for two years.*

*Mr. Barker presented the Council with a plan to handle road repairs. Complaints include the Council's participation before having the City Engineer, Keith Hager, come out and inspect the roads.*

*Chief Brandon Frazier informed the Council that he has set up the new five-truck and will pick up the fire truck soon. Police radios have been programmed, and he will pick them up on his way to get the fire truck. Fire radios are on backorder. Chief Frazier would like to get more quotes on the roof for the fire station.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to allow the fire chief and city engineer to work on a plan to build Fire Station three and then figure out somewhere to place it. The Motion dies for lack of a second.*

*The budget workshop was postponed due to sickness in the auditor's family, so it will be rescheduled for a later date.*

*Councilman Matthew Tortorice moved to allow Keith Hager to proceed*

*with planning a water tower. Councilman Jonathan Ray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to approve the council minutes of 4-15-2025. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with four yes, one no, and one abstention.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem James Chapman moved to keep qualifying fees at \$50.00, Councilman Matthew Tortorice seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.*

*The mayor's breakfast will be held on May 27, 2025, at 7:30 AM. Jasmine Sledge will be the speaker.*

*Councilwoman Sandra Cook moved to adjourn. Councilman Darius Crump seconded the Motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.*

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**Daryl McIntyre, Mayor**

*Attest:*

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*Teja McIntyre, City Clerk*