

Minutes
Scottsboro City Council
October 9, 2006

The City Council of the city of Scottsboro, Alabama met in regular session on October 9, 2006.

The roll was called with the following results:

Present:	Council President:	Keith Smith
	Council Member:	Jim Helms
		Matthew Hodges
		Buddy Simmons
		Terry Thomas

Absent:	Council Member:	None
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Mayor Dan Deason, City Clerk Gail Duffey and Attorney Stephen Kennamer were also present.

The Council President started a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business. The agenda was approved after adding an item under new business to declare surplus property of a fork lift in the Solid Waste Department.

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next regular Council Meeting.

The City Clerk gave the following report on landscaping at the Senior Center.

The Council having given the Senior Center Committee the authority to award the Landscaping bid at the Senior Center up to \$10,000.00 the committee had the bid opening on Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

Three (3) bids were received as follows:

Greencare Landscaping	\$12,350.00
Campbell Landscaping	\$ 9,631.00
Brandon Landscaping	\$12,750.00

Each committee member reviewed the bids and with the recommendation of Mr. Tolar, the bid review committee awarded the bid to Campbell Landscaping.

A contract with Mr. Campbell has been prepared and approved by Attorney Kennamer. Work is to be completed not later than 14 days after the date of commencement, which shall be upon a notice to proceed from the owners.

APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPING
AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Motion was made by Council Member Jim Helms and seconded by Council Member Buddy Simmons to approve the committees' decision and award the bid to Campbell Landscaping as the lowest responsible bidder that met specifications. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

NON-CLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Motion was made by Council Member Buddy Simmons and seconded by Council Member Jim Helms that job descriptions of the Human Resource Director and the Police Chief be put on the floor for discussion.

Following a discussion motion was made by Council Member Matthew Hodges that the job descriptions prepared by the Mayor for Human Resource Director be

accepted by the Scottsboro City Council. Council Member Hodges' motion died for a lack of a second.

The Council President then announced that the job descriptions for a Human Resource Director would continue as the description prepared by Jacksonville University.

Motion was made by Council Member Matthew Hodges that the job description prepared by the Mayor for a Police Chief be accepted by the Scottsboro City Council. Council Member Hodges' motion died for a lack of a second.

The Council President then announced that the job description for a Police Chief would continue as the description prepared by Jacksonville University.

The Council President announced that Kwang Mi Kim had applied for an alcoholic beverage license.

The Clerk announced that the name of the establishment is C & M Food Store located at 1533 South Broad Street. A background investigation was clear. Out of a survey of seven (7) there were six (6) no objections and one (1) no contact. The nearest church and school met the required distance.

The license application was in order. The parking, floor space and health requirements did not apply. The fire, building and zoning verifications were all met. The type license applied for was a retail beer and wine off premise.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
FOR C & M FOOD STORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY OF SCOTTSBORO as follows:

That the City Council has received and reviewed the city application for C & M Food Store and finds and determines that an off premises beer and wine license is hereby approved for C & M Food Store this the 9th day of October, 2006.

Motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Council Member Buddy Simmons and seconded by Council Member Matthew Hodges. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR TIRES
FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS**

Having requested bids for tires for all departments the bid review committee made the following recommendation:

Due to the fact that each tire company bids different brand and different quality tires and the City is unable to specify a particular brand it is recommended by the Bid Review Committee that the tire bids be rejected and rebid for lack of information on the bid invitations. It is recommended that a mileage rating be placed in the bid, that way every tire dealer is bidding the same quality tire.

Motion was made by Council Member Matthew Hodges and seconded by Council Member Jim Helms to reject the tire bid and accept the Bid Review Committees recommendation. During a discussion it was recommended that each Department Head list all the tires they need for their department. That all different tires be broke down into categories where they are needed. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR A TRACTOR
AND LOADER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Having requested bids for a tractor and loader for the Street Department the following were received and opened prior to the Council Meeting:

	Total Price	Less trade in	Total
General Equipment	\$25,925.00	\$11,000.00	
\$14,925.00			
Dean Farm			
\$19,158.00			

Upon the recommendation of the Bid Review Committee, motion was made by Council Member Matthew Hodges and seconded by Council Member Terry Thomas to award the bid to General Equipment Co. as the lowest responsible bidder that met specifications.

During a discussion it was determined that the tractor being traded in was a 2004 tractor and was being traded in because it was too small. Street Superintendent, Shag Johnson reported that the Street Department doesn't have anything to pull a bush hog. There were others uses for the large tractor that was discussed. Motion was made by Council Member Buddy Simmons and seconded by Council Member Jim Helms to table awarding the bid and to continue the discussion at the next work session. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR A FORK LIFT
FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Having requested bids for a fork lift for the Solid Waste Department the following was received and opened prior to the Council Meeting:

Yale Carolina's Inc.	\$16,897.00
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Upon the recommendation of the Bid Review Committee, motion was made by Council Member Matthew Hodges and seconded by Council Member Buddy Simmons to award the bid to Yale Carolina's Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder that met specifications. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT
WITH AN OUTSIDE AUDIT**

Upon the request of Council President Keith Smith, motion to proceed to seek an outside agency for consideration of an external audit of the city's finances was made by Council Member Buddy Simmons and seconded by Council Member Jim Helms. During a discussion Mayor Deason told the Council he had written the Alabama Department of Public Examiners to come in and do an audit. Attorney Kennamer told the Council that the code says that the Mayor shall appoint the City's regular auditor. The Council President said this was no reflection on Mr. Croft or his agency. The Council asked that the Council President seek an auditing firm and bring the contract back to the Council for consideration. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

The Council President said an audit will cover the inventory as well.

COLA APPROVED FOR 2007

Motion was made by Council Member Matthew Hodges and seconded by Council Member Terry Thomas to approve a 3.5% increase for retirees effective this year to be carried in escrow and a 3.5% rate increase for the 2007-2008 budget giving a 7% COLA raise effective October 1, 2007. (The Council had a gentlemen's agreement to also give City employees a 3.5% raise this year and a 3.5% raise in the 2007-2008 budget. Upon vote being taken, the following voted aye: Council President Keith Smith, Council Members Matthew Hodges, Jim Helms and Terry Thomas. Those

voting nay: None. Those abstaining: Council Member Buddy Simmons. The Council President declared the motion carried.

The Council President named the following Council Members to Chair and work with the assigned departments:

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Matthew Hodges, Chairman
Terry Thomas

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Jim Helms, Chairman
Buddy Simmons

STREET DEPARTMENT
Buddy Simmons, Chairman
Keith Smith

RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Terry Thomas, Chairman
Jim Helms

ADMINISTRATION
Keith Smith, Chairman
Jim Helms

AIRPORT
Jim Helms, Chairman

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT
Matthew Hodges, Chairman

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
Buddy Simmons, Chairman
Keith Smith

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsboro, Alabama has certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Alabama Code of 1975 authorizes the municipal body to dispose of unneeded personal property:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Scottsboro, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That the following personal property owned by the City of Scottsboro, Alabama is not needed for public or municipal purposes:

SURPLUS PROPERTY

1. 1991 Fork Lift C177B86A 31M H-50-XL

That the Solid Waste Acting Department Head is hereby authorized to trade in the property owned by the City of Scottsboro, Alabama as described in Section 1 above, on a new fork lift as previously bid.

Motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Council Member Terry Thomas and seconded by Council Member Buddy Simmons. Upon vote being taken, all voted aye. The Council President declared the motion carried.

Robert Clark came before the Council and said he has lived on Scott Street for 16 years and there were holes there that had been there as long as he had lived there. He asked that Scott Street be considered for paving.

Street Superintendent Shag Johnson acknowledged that Scott Street was on the street paving list.

Council President Smith and Council Member Helms said they were waiting to get a list of streets to be paved.

Mayor Deason assured the Council that he and Mr. Johnson were working on the list and that they did not always agree on which streets should be paved. He said it was a tough call but that a list was forth coming.

Council Member Matthew Hodges said he would like to see a committee of employees, Council Members and leaders in the community appointed to study health insurance for long term solutions.

Council Member Helms thanked Eddie Blizzard and Mr. Simmons for taking a different approach in getting the fire put out in the old brush pit. He said it is not an easy fix but with the extra piece of equipment brought in the fire will be extinguished.

Mr. Helms stated that he hated to air our dirty laundry in front of the newspaper but that our Planning Commission does a fine job and they do not take their job lightly and that our City Planner Curtis Davis had been slamming our Planning Commission and that he hopes that doesn't happen again in the future.

Council Member Simmons said he was glad to see everyone out especially some that he thought had passed on since he doesn't see them too often.

He also said he appreciated the Street, Fire and Solid Waste Departments for working together.

Council Member Thomas and Hodges appreciated everyone coming out.

Mayor Deason reported that this time it was not a band aid at the fire in the brush pit at Long Hollow but a permanent fix. He commended the Street, Solid Waste, Fire and Water Sewer and Gas Board for all their hard work.

Mayor Deason reported that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast could be seen on Channel 10 next week. He reported they were working feverously on the budget and was looking forward to a good future.

Mayor Deason told the Council he had been asked to rewrite and update the H.R and Police Chief Job Descriptions.

The Mayor reported that Carver Park was shaping up nicely.

He reported that this Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm that local families with deployed family would be recognized.

The Mayor said he appreciated our Planning Commission but that any employee of the City should have every right to stand up as a citizen of this town and say what's on their mind. He said every citizen had that right.

Mayor Deason then reported that Acting Chief Dawe had the Skid Car for bad weather training for the next two (2) weeks.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Council Member Buddy Simmons and seconded by Council Member Jim Helms that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye.

