

Mayor
Eartha T. Cummings

City Attorney
Michael Howard

City Clerk
Stacie Jordan



Council Members
Brainard Crawford-Mayor Pro-Tem
Elaine Walk
Booker T. Coleman
Marlene Veal
Keith Lindsey
David Hartley

COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on April 15, 2019 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Elaine Walk, Brainard Crawford, Booker T. Coleman, Keith Lindsey, and David Hartley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cummings. Mayor Cummings led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford led the invocation.

Visitors-No Visitors

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cummings asked that council review the minutes for April 1, 2019. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.**

Attorney- Michael Howard

Mayor states that Mr. Howard is out of town and will not be attending the meeting tonight.

New Business

Mayor Cummings states that a copy of the Intergovernmental Animal Control Agreement was given out previously. Mayor Cummings states that there will be a reduction in fees percentage from 15% to 10% for the upcoming year. She asks were there any questions or concerns? **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the Intergovernmental Animal Control Agreement. Motion Carried.** Mayor Cummings states that we received one sealed bid for the Beautification project by Elite Lawns. Councilman Hartley asks was it only one bid? Councilman Lindsey asks should we solicit other bids since it was only one? Mayor ProTem Crawford states that we should open the bid and it is up to Council to accept or reject the bid. Councilwoman Walk asks that if we put in the ad that we would open the bid at this meeting. Mayor Cummings said no that was not in the ad. Councilman Lindsey states that we should open the bid. Mayor Cummings opened the bid and for Phase I \$7879, Phase II \$13,087.00, Phase III \$375. Councilman Lindsey states that he is surprised that the bid was not more. He states that last year we paid

about \$10,000 and have nothing to show for it. He states that Phase I is a total of 9 beds in the downtown area. Phase II is the large beds. Mayor ProTem states that the main focus discussed was to get Phase I done in the downtown areas first. Councilwoman Walk states that will it be a problem for Public Works to do the watering during of the beds? Mayor Cummings states she doesn't see it as being a problem. Councilman Hartley states that he likes to have more than one bid on a project. Councilwoman Walk states that she doesn't agree with putting the project out for bid again. Mayor ProTem thinks that we should accept the bid for Phase I. Mayor Cummings states that 40% is required as a down payment for the project. The city clerk Stacie Jordan states that in the negotiations for the contributions for the project from the Public Works department that we are mindful that we only have 3 full time employees for right now. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to accept the bid by Elite Lawns for Phase I of the Beautification Project with the possibility of it being lowered due to change orders. Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Mayor Cummings states that we have to adopt a resolution in observance of Georgia Cities Week April 21-27, 2019. **Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to adopt the resolution in observance of Georgia Cities Week April 21-27, 2019. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that its time to renew the GIRMA contract for the year which is the property and liability insurance. She states that they offer several payment options. The 3rd option that is a 25% down \$13,544.25 payment and with 4 monthly payments of \$10,158.18 to follow. The city normally has chosen option 3 in the past. Councilwoman Walk asks that we let the attorney look over the policy to make sure that we are completely covered. **Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to select Option 3 as the payment plan for the GIRMA contract renewal. Motion Carried.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asks if the council had any questions and comments. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford asks the city clerk has anyone came to get a building permit for a property on Smith Street? She states that not that she is aware of. He states that the resident has a storage house that he converting to a residence. Mayor ProTem Crawford states that is a violation. Mayor ProTem states that he will speak with Mike Wiggins about it. Councilwoman Walk asks that we adopt a resolution at the next meeting for the 3% liquor pouring tax. Councilwoman Walk thanked the mayor for all the hard work she did to make the retreat a success. Councilman Lindsey states that Trash Amnesty Day is April 27, 2019. He states that we will get the information out to the public. There will be dumpsters out at the WWTP for the citizens to bring it out on that day. Councilman Lindsey suggested that we give a Memorandum of Understanding to the Tennille Women's Clubhouse. Councilman Hartley stated that he wants to thank the mayor for all the hard work for the retreat. He states that he is happy to be back with the City of Tennille. Mayor Cummings states that we got the response back from the inspections that was done by EPD. There were a couple things that they found that we will take care of. Overall, they state that the inspections look good. There being no further business, **motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

Mayor

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