

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

May 6, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennille City Council was held on May 6, 2019 with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding. Council members present were Elaine Walk, Brainard Crawford, Booker T. Coleman, Marlene Veal, 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

Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by Booker T. Coleman, to accept the minutes for April 15, 2019. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports

Chief Cochran states that for the month of April the Police Department responded to 134 calls and collected \$11,613.30 in fines. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford asked Chief Cochran what are the condition of the police vehicles and if there are any repairs needed? Chief Cochran stated that everything is working fine at this time.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the report as information only. Motion Carried.

Mike Wiggins, submitted the April monthly report. The total amount for the work was \$9,000 and the permit fees collected was \$185.00. Mr. Wiggins stated that he issued a Notice of Violation to Mr. Simmons for a tiny house that had been placed on Smith Street behind a home. He stated that there were several violations that he listed. The main one was he did not obtain a building permit. Mr. Wiggins met with the occupant Mr. Simmons and said that he would tie in the tiny house to his home. He states that he told him to not do anymore work until he does further research. Councilman Lindsey suggests that city council look into doing an ordinance relating to handling tiny houses. Councilman Lindsey asks what is the ordinance that deals with signs. Mr. Wiggins states that as long as it is not obstructing the view that an owner can put signs on the business. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford told Mr. Wiggins to look at our city codes 40-56,57,58 and they state that

it would need to come through city council before the signs are placed. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the report as information only. Motion Carried.**

Accounts Payable Report-City Clerk Stacie Jordan gave the accounts payable report for April with a total of \$41,404.35 accounts payable for the water account and \$54,523.14 accounts payable for the general account. As of, April 30, 2019 the cash totals for the general fund bank account is \$184,608.94, and the water fund is \$92,106.13. The city clerk stated that the software company updated the system and the normal A/P report that she gives out she could not print it. She states that she will put the report in council members box when she prints it. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford states that he is pleased with the balances of the accounts and commended the city clerk on doing a good job overseeing the city's finances. **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to accept the report as information only. Motion Carried.**

Attorney- Michael Howard

Mr. Howard states that he does not have anything to discuss today.

Old Business

Mayor Cummings states that we have received sealed bids for the surplus property. The bids were open with Leroy Andrews bid for Parcel 1-\$508.00 Parcel 2-\$312.00 Parcel 4-\$127.00. Steven Childs bid for E. Montgomery Street Parcel T11-009-\$500.00 and Waco Mill Rd Parcel T11-011-\$1,000. Mayor Cummings states that this is all the bids that were received. Councilman Lindsey asks can someone provide the assessed values of the properties. Mr. Howard states that Parcel 1 is valued at 7,279.00 and E. Montgomery Street property is valued at \$2,000.00. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to table any action on the bids until further clarification of the bids. Motion Carried.**

New Business

Mayor Cummings stated at the retreat we had discussed that GIS mapping would finish the maps at a price of \$500.00. Mayor Cummings asks if we can move forward with this? **Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Elaine Walk to finish the mapping for the city. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cummings states that it was discussed to change the City Hall hours of operation from 9 am to 4:30 with the city hall staff to report at 8:30 am to 5 pm daily. Councilman Lindsey is concerned that people would see the employees inside and we could add a blind of some kind so that the customer does not see inside when the office is closed. Mayor Cummings states that we will get that done.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Elaine Walk to change the City Hall hours of operation. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cummings states that we received an email about the election of District 7 officers and we need to approve or oppose the elected officers outlined.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, Keith Lindsey to approve the election of the District 7 officers. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by, Brainard Crawford to enter in Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brainard Crawford, seconded by, David Hartley to come out of Executive Session. Motion Carried.

Motion made by David Hartley, seconded by, Elaine Walk to advertise for sealed bids for all the city's remaining surplus property with the exception of the Cook building. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by, Marlene Veal to hire one full time Public Works employee, advertise for the Public Works Director and to work with the high school's Work Based Learning program to get two part time students for summer work, in the Public Works department. Motion Carried.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cummings asked if the council had any questions or concerns. Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford states that he is still concerned about the ditches in the city that are a problem. He states that we have to do something about the delapidated houses in the community he will speak with the building inspector concerning this. Councilman Hartley states that he has a lot of ideas to share at a later time when the committees are formed. Councilwoman Walk asks about the status of the ordinance for the 3% liquor pouring tax. Mayor Cummings states that she has been doing some research on the tax with other cities and the pros and cons and she will bring that information to council at a later time. Councilman Lindsey states that the downtown flower beds will be done by May 18 for the Relay for Life event. Councilwoman Veal asked for an update on the pothole that she had reported. Mayor Cummings stated that we put a work order in for it to be repaired. She also says that it's a bush on the corner of 2nd Ave. and Hwy 15 that is obstructing the view of drivers that are turning onto Hwy 15. Mayor Cummings stated that she will check on that personally. Mayor Cummings stated we paid off the GEFA loan in February for \$75,000 we were making payments of \$6,952 monthly. She stated that DOT sent a letter that they will be doing some upgrades to the crossing and the red light by the bank building. She stated that the city has gotten the Groundwater Permit from EPD. Mayor Cummings stated that we were approved for both the LMIG \$20,000 and LMIG SAP applications that we submitted. She stated that we have a loan balance of \$15,133.00 with GEFA that is scheduled to be paid off September 2020. Since we paid of the other loan in February the money that we have saved over the last 3 months can be used to pay off this loan. This will give the city a savings of the interest for 16 months. **Motion made by Marlene Veal, seconded by, David Hartley to pay off the loan with GEFA in the amount of \$15,133.00. Motion Carried.** Mayor Cummings states that the Boogaloo lift station had some problems last week. She states that one of the motors is not working. Josh Godbee gave her quotes for a new motor of \$10,000 and a rebuilt motor of \$5,400 and this includes a warranty and also the impela needs replacing which is \$3,000. **Motion made by Keith Lindsey, seconded by, David Hartley to spend no more than \$10,000 to make necessary repairs to the Boogaloo lift station including labor. Motion Carried.**

There being no further business, **motion made by Elaine Walk, seconded by Brainard Crawford, to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk