

**STATE OF ALABAMA
MOBILE COUNTY**

The Chickasaw City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Mickey Day, Henry Phillips, Jennifer White, Adam Bourne, Ross Naze, and Mayor Byron Pittman, who presided. Board Attorney Jay Minus and Assistant City Clerk Sylvia Stollof were also present. Mr. Bourne opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Bourne made a motion seconded by Mr. Phillips and Miss White to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting as previously distributed. Motion carried and so ordered.

PETITIONS, APPEALS, AND COMPLAINTS

Rick Ballou – 527 Woodlore Drive – said that he travels a lot, and that he would like to see the minutes posted on the City’s website.

Mr. Ballou said that he had almost been hit the previous night by two Police cruisers.

Kaye Alexander – 207 Sutherland Drive – asked that they consider carefully before making a decision to raise the property taxes.

Ms. Alexander said that she felt that some of the School Board members didn’t attend the Council Meetings, and that she felt some of them had a conflict of interest.

Mayor Pittman said that if it came to an increase in property taxes, it would come to a vote.

Ms. Alexander said that there was no striping on Sutherland Drive east of Kansas Street. Mayor Pittman said that the street would be resurfaced, and that it would be re-striped then.

Raymond Griffin – 211 Myrtlewood Avenue – said that he had tried for five months to have a huge tree next door to him taken down, and that it had fallen. Someone would check on it.

Mr. Griffin said that Prichard Water had left a hole in the street in front of the first house on Myrtlewood Avenue from Highway 43. Mayor Pittman said that they would contact Prichard Water.

Mr. Griffin asked about Chickasaw getting our own water system, and Mayor Pittman told him that they were working on it.

Horace Allen – 207 Idlewood Drive – commended the Mayor and Council for what they had done. Mr. Allen said that there were 150 houses in Chickasaw on the market, and that he thought Chickasaw would die if we didn’t get a school system. Mr. Allen suggested that they have a town meeting.

Barbara McMullin – 1 Pine Street – said that she had been to the alternative school, and that it was a disgusting place. Mayor Pittman said that he agreed, and that promises that the Mobile County School Board had made had been broken.

Carnes Craig said that a very important vote was coming up on the renewal of taxes, and encouraged everyone to vote.

Danny England – 66 Elizabeth Avenue – said that his son was in private school, and that he would be glad to pay higher taxes to have good schools in Chickasaw. Mayor Pittman said that the money wouldn't be spent on buildings, but on teachers, and that it was all about the quality of the education.

CORRESPONDENCE

Final Quarter Working Test Report was presented for Steven Matthew Warren, Pool Guard, which the Department Head stated that she had concluded that the above named employee should be permitted to acquire permanent status. Mr. Bourne made a motion seconded by Miss White to accept the Department Head's recommendation. Motion carried and so ordered.

REPORTS

Attorney's Report: Mr. Minus presented an ordinance prohibiting loitering. Under the ordinance, if a Police Officer approaches someone and asks why they are standing around, they must be able to give the Officer a legitimate reason for being there. Mr. Phillips made a motion seconded by Miss White to suspend the rules for immediate adoption of the ordinance on loitering. Roll call vote went as follows: Mickey Day, yes; Henry Phillips, yes; Jennifer White, yes; Adam Bourne, yes; Ross Naze, yes; Byron Pittman, yes. Mr. Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried, and Ordinance #2011-02 was adopted.

Mr. Minus presented an ordinance prohibiting being in the alleys for everyone except Public Safety Officers, utility workers, owners, or invited guests. Chief Reynolds said that if it was adopted, he wanted to wait a while before enforcing the ordinance, send a letter out to all residents, and post a warning at each alley entrance. Mr. Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to suspend the rules for immediate adoption. Roll call vote went as follows: Mickey Day, yes; Henry Phillips, yes; Jennifer White, yes; Adam Bourne, yes; Ross Naze, yes; Byron Pittman, yes. Mr. Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried, and Ordinance #2011-03 was adopted. Mr. Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to send out the letters and post the signs at all of the alley ways. Motion carried and so ordered.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance and Sanitation: Mr. Day said that he would like to refurbish the concrete street signs around the City.

Public Safety: Mr. Phillips had nothing to report at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Miss White announced that Chickasaw would have its first Mardi Gras Parade for children 12 and under (like the Halloween Parade) on Saturday, March 5th.

Finance: Mr. Bourne reported that the Accounts Payable and Manual Checks since the previous meeting totaled \$167,640.55, and made a motion seconded by Mr. Naze to approve them. Motion carried and so ordered.

Public Service: Mr. Naze made a motion seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve for Code Inspector Carnes Craig to attend the COAA Spring Conference on May 2-5 with a registration cost of \$210.00 plus hotel, meals, and mileage. Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Naze reported that the job at 407 Valley Road was 75% completed. A metal pipe had rusted out, and they would let the new line cure before they set it on top of the box.

Mr. Naze said that a major sewer job at 451 Erie Street had just been completed. There was also a large job going on at Iroquois Street. A pipe had collapsed at a manhole. The stormwater pipe needed to be removed to replace the sewer pipe.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pittman said that most of the police cars were seven or nine years old. Most of them had been purchased in 2004. He said that they were falling apart, and that there were no backup cars. Mayor Pittman said that the City had been pre-approved at Compass Bank for a \$250,000.00 loan to purchase ten new cars. He would like to get a five-year loan, if they can get five-year warranties. He also said that the City would save enough on repairs to make the payments. Mr. Phillips made a motion seconded by Mr. Naze to approve the loan. Mr. Day asked what the interest would be. It would be 6%. Mr. Day also asked if this cost would include equipping the cars. It would. Chief Reynolds said that they would order the equipment and install it themselves. The cars would be Dodge Chargers, and they would be purchased through the State bid. Motion carried and so ordered.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances #2011-02 and 2011-03 were adopted earlier in the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Phillips said that there was a hole at Iroquois Street and Twelfth Avenue caused by Prichard Water. Mayor Pittman said that the hole was near the side of the road, going into Alabama Village, and that it was not caused by Prichard Water.

Mr. Phillips said that there was also a hole on Kansas Street near Thompson, by the Assembly of God Church. Mr. Naze said that Prichard Water was supposed to repairing the hole.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 on motion by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Naze and second by Miss White.

Sylvia Stollof, Assistant City Clerk