

STATE OF ALABAMA) (
 :
COUNTY OF BALDWIN) (

The City Council met in a Work Session
at 4:30 p.m., Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber,
161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532,
on Monday, 27 November 2023.

Present were Council President Jay Robinson, Councilmembers: Jack Burrell, Corey Martin, Jimmy Conyers, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City Attorney Marcus E. McDowell, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks.

Council President Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The first item on the Agenda was the Discussion of the Hermit's House by Sonny Brewer. He commented this was Henry Stuart's house located in Tolstoy Park. Mr. Brewer told the City Council about his book titled "The Poet of Tolstoy Park." He said thousand have visited the house that is on Ken Niemeyer's property. Mr. Brewer asked Mr. Niemeyer to give him the house provided he would move it and keep it. He asked the City Council to consider saving this house; and to "keep round house around." Mr. Brewer stated the house is listed on the National Registry of Historic places. Councilmember Burrell said he could name a couple of places that this house could be moved to: Triangle Property and Knoll Park. Councilmember Boone suggested removing one tree behind the Museum of History and put the house there.

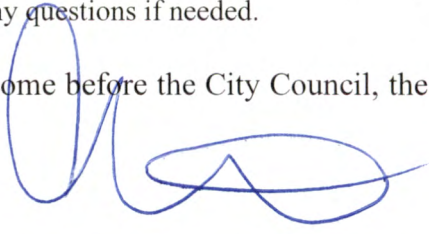
Mayor Sherry Sullivan asked the City Council if they would find a spot for the house. The consensus of the City Council was they would find a spot for the house; and Sonny Brewer would seek funds to have it moved.
- Councilmember Burrell gave a brief update on the Recreation Board and the Fairhope Airport Authority.
- Fire Chief Chris Ellis addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 9 and No. 10; and answered any questions if needed. Councilmember Burrell said he spoke to Chief Ellis and Tim Bung. He said the GovDeals and Municibid had the same item selling for \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Councilmember Burrell announced on December 13, 2023 at Fairhope Brewing Company, the City Council will be Bartenders of Christmas from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All tips will go to the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department.
- Human Resources Director Hannah Noonan addressed the City Council and gave a departmental update, i.e.: Job posting, reviewing and updating handbook, bi-weekly orientations, etc. And in the safety world since 2022, we have reduced claims cost by \$291,000.00 which is a 12.5% reduction. Ms. Noonan explained Agenda Item No. 15; and answered any questions if needed.
- Gas Superintendent Wes Boyett addressed the City Council and commended his department for their work with the Federal and State Audits with no findings. He explained Agenda Item No. 21; and answered any questions if needed. Mr. Boyett said the work would begin December 4, 2023 on White Avenue and then Sea Cliff.

Monday, 27 November 2023

Page -2-

- City Engineer Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and mentioned Barnhart Rigging and Crane for possibly moving the Tolstoy house; and would get proposals for same. Mr. Johnson gave updates on the following projects: Gaston Plaza, Arts Alley, Track and Field at Founders, Resurfacing of Cart Path, NW Corner of Stadium Restrooms, Tennis and Pickleball Court Expansion, and Repaving of Section Street. He explained Agenda Items No. 16 and No. 18; and answered any questions if needed. He announced Agenda Item No. 17 has been pulled.
- Water and Wastewater Superintendent Daryl Morefield addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 11, No. 12, and No. 13; and answered any questions if needed. Mayor Sullivan said Krebs looked at other bids from Municipalities for competitive like items; and there could be a possible Change Order reducing the amount by \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00
- IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 20; and answered any questions if needed.
- Police Chief Stephanie Hollinghead addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 7 and No. 8; and answered any questions if needed. Mayor Sullivan explained issues with obtaining Police vehicles. Councilmember Burrell said that most e-mails for bids are probably being ignored.
- City Treasurer Kim Creech addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 14; and answered any questions if needed.
- Electric Superintendent Ben Patterson addressed the City Council regarding the Underground Magnolia Project; and EV Chargers at Plantation Pointe. He explained Agenda Item No. 19; and answered any questions if needed.
- Mayor Sherry Sullivan addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 22 and No. 23; and answered any questions if needed.
- Planning Director Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 5 and No. 6; and answered any questions if needed.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:38 p.m.



Corey Martin, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk