

The City Council of the City of Robertsdale, Alabama met Monday, August 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Robertsdale City Hall, that being the date, time and place for such meeting.

Upon roll call, the following members of the Council were found to be present: Mayor Murphy, Councilmember Kitchens, Cooper, Grant, and Kendrick. Absent: Councilmember Hollingsworth. A quorum being present the meeting proceeded with the transaction of business.

Mayor Murphy presided over the meeting. Shannon Ellison served as secretary. Ken Raines, City Attorney, was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Grant, seconded by Councilmember Kitchens, with unanimous approval to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Mayor Murphy called for questions regarding the bills presented for approval. There being no questions, motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval to accept the bills as presented.

APPENDIX I

Mayor Murphy called for the first item on the agenda, a presentation from the Central Baldwin Middle School T.S.A. Tiffany Plato explained to the Council that the students had participated in a community service project contest. Ms. Plato informed the Council that the results of their project was an arbor located at the PZK Civic Center and that the students had placed third in the nation. Ms. Plato and the students were in attendance to thank the Mayor and Council for helping with the funding of their projects.

Mayor Murphy stated the Baldwin County Economic Alliance was next on the agenda. Mr. Lance Lacour, with the Alliance, informed the Council that they will be relocating to another office. Unfortunately the office to which they will be moving, is in the process of being renovation. The Alliance is requesting to temporarily install a mobile home behind the office until renovations are complete. Mr. Lacour explained to the Council that this process should only take about six months. There were no oppositions from the Council on this request.

Mayor Murphy had presented the Council with a letter received from David Kilcrease for a job re-assignment with the City. The Mayor called for a motion to accept his resignation as Public Works Director. Also, to move Mr. Kilcrease to a new position as Planning and Safety Coordinator at a Grade 7, and relocating Mr. Kilcrease and the Building Inspector to City Hall. Motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper with unanimous approval, to accept his resignation. Motion carried. After discussion with the Council for approval to fund this new position, motion was made by Councilmember Kitchen, seconded by Councilmember Cooper with unanimous approval to approve the new position. Motion carried. Mayor Murphy informed the Council that Mr. Kilcrease will continue working as Public Works Director until the position is filled in mid-September.

Mayor Murphy then discussed with the Council creating a Building Maintenance Coordinator position at a Grade 7 scale. The position would report to the Public Works Director, provide maintenance action to all City Buildings, plan out construction and renovation applications, coordinate and interface with contractors providing services to the City which deal with construction, renovations, and repairs on City buildings. Councilmember Kitchens asked when the renovations to City Hall would begin. Mayor Murphy answered that they should start in mid-August. Councilmember Grant asked if this position could be created on a trial basis. Mayor Murphy stated that in fact it could. Councilmember Kitchens asked for clarification on who this position would report to. Mayor Murphy stated that the Building Maintenance Coordinator would report to the Public Works Director, the Planning and Safety Coordinator and the Building Inspector would report to Ann Simpson, Chief Financial Officer. Motion was made by Councilmember Grant, seconded by Councilmember Kitchens with unanimous approval to approve this new position on a six month trial basis. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy provided the Council with the Job Posting for the Public Works Director position. Mayor Murphy suggested creating a committee of three to conduct the job interviews. The posting will begin on August 11, 2005 to close on August 25, 2005 and begin with the interviews on August 26, 2005 until September 3, 2005. The recommendation to be brought to the Council for decision on September 6, 2005. Mayor Murphy asked for volunteers for this review committee. Councilmember Kendrick and Councilmember Kitchens volunteered, and stated that Mayor Murphy should be on the committee as well. Mayor Murphy agreed to be placed on the committee.

Mayor Murphy then requested Council approval to authorize the solicitation of bids for garbage containers. Mayor Murphy explained to the Council that the customer would not be out any money up front for the container. Mayor Murphy stated that the bid opening will be on August 31, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. coming before the Council on September 6, 2005 for approval. Motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper with unanimous approval to authorize the solicitation of bids.

Mayor Murphy mentioned rescheduling the first council meeting in September to September 6th, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Also, starting the workshop meeting at 4:00 instead of 5:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Kendrick, with unanimous approval to reschedule the September 5th meeting and workshop time. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy stated that the trash loader truck bid results needed to be added to the agenda. Bert Campbell, Purchasing Agent, explained to the Council that the lowest bid did meet the advertised specifications, but created a safety hazard with the employee not facing the oncoming traffic. Mr. Campbell stated he had spoken with the vendor who understood his concern completely. Therefore Mr. Campbell recommended to the Council the second lowest trash loader at \$86,451.00. Ken Raines questioned Mr. Campbell about denying the lowest bid, which Mr. Campbell explained was from Empire Truck Sales, the same vendor as the second choice. Mr. Raines stated he saw no problem since the vendor for both bids was Empire Truck Sales. Motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Kendrick with unanimous approval to accept the bid from Empire Truck Sales and arrange for financing of this vehicle. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy stated the next item on the agenda was Resolution 18-05, for Chief Kendrick to travel to Auburn to attend a conference. Motion was made to approve Resolution 18-05 by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper with unanimous approval. Abstaining: Councilmember Kendrick. Motion carried.

APPENDIX II

Councilmember Kitchens stated that he had been approached by a concerned citizen about installing a traffic light at College Avenue and Wilters Street. He agreed that this is a high traffic intersection, and that maybe it should be considered.

Councilmember Cooper had been contacted by a neighbor, with a sewer problem, who wanted to express her appreciation to Rodney Whitehead and his crew.

Chief Kendrick approached the Council with the recommendation of changing the existing police car color to the traditional black and white paint scheme. Councilmember Kitchens and Councilmember Cooper stated that was a great idea. The entire Council agreed.

Mayor Murphy took this time to thank David Kilcrease on behalf of the City for his job as Public Works Director.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Kendrick, with unanimous approval to adjourn. Motion Carried.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2005

SECRETARY

MAYOR