

The City Council of the City of Robertsdale, Alabama met Tuesday, September 6, 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, Kendrick and 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 Cooper, with unanimous approval to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Mayor Murphy called for questions regarding the bills presented for approval. Councilmember Hollingsworth questioned the bill in the amount of \$31,535.00 from Southeastern Data Cooperative, which was clarified by Mayor Murphy. There being no further questions, motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Hollingsworth, with unanimous approval to accept the bills as presented. APPENDIX I

Mayor Murphy stated that there were no scheduled public hearings. Moving to the first item on the agenda, which was to be a presentation by Phillip Hadley on behalf of Robertsdale Slammers Softball Team. At this time, no one was in attendance on their behalf.

Mayor Murphy called for any discussion on the proposed utility rate increase. There being none, motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval to approve the projected utility rate increase as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy called for a decision on the 2005-2006 fiscal budget as presented and discussed in the workshop meeting. There being no further questions or comments, motion was made by Councilmember Kendrick, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy stated that the next item for discussion is the Police Department requesting solicitation of new vehicles from the state bid list. Chief Kendrick informed the Council that the Police Department is requesting the purchase of two new patrol cars, in the amount of \$19,987.00 each, from Family Ford Sales. Mayor Murphy questioned Chief Kendrick whether or not the price included the vehicles being fully equipped. Chief Kendrick stated that price did not include equipment, adding the estimate for equipment should be under \$10,000.00. Chief Kendrick stated that the Police Department would also like to purchase an Expedition in the amount of \$25,386.36, adding equipment for this vehicle should be around \$3000.00. Mayor Murphy called for questions from the Council on these purchases. Councilmember Kitchens asked Chief Kendrick if the new patrol cars would include the new paint scheme. Chief Kendrick stated that the price for painting the vehicles would fall under the equipment cost. There being no further questions from the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy informed the Council that next on the agenda was a request from the Public Works Department to solicit annual bids including asphalt, culvert, dirt, sand, gravel and concrete. Bert Campbell, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Council informing them that the annual bids normally include fuel, but this year the South Alabama Purchasing Co-op, is handling the City's fuel bid. Mayor Murphy stated that the bid opening will be October 5, 2005 in City Hall at 2:00 p.m., bringing the results back to the Council for approval on October 17, 2005. Motion was made by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Hollingsworth, with unanimous approval to solicit these annual bids. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy called the next item for business, the garbage container bid results. Bert Campbell stated there were two bid packets presented. One containing a letter stating that the company could not place a bid at this time, the other listing three different prices. Mr. Campbell recommended to the Council that due to the durability of the middle priced container, in his opinion, it would be the best choice. With no questions, Mayor Murphy called for a motion on this item. Motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval to accept the bid on the trash container at \$44.20 each. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy informed the Council that he wanted to announce that through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System the City applied for a \$10,000 Urban Community Forest Grant for renourishing purposes throughout the City for trees. Also, the City was advised last week of receiving a \$400,000 dirt grant to address some drainage problems in the City.

Councilmember Cooper took this time to express her appreciation, and commend Sonja Jackson for all the hard work she has done on the grant projects, and as chairman of the Tree and Parks Committee. Councilmember Kitchens expressed this appreciation to all the City employees for their hard work after the storm, getting the power reinstated as quickly as they did, and working above and beyond the call of duty .

At this time Mr. Rick Jones with the Robertsdale Slammers Softball Team addressed the Council. Mr. Jones explained to the Council that the majority of the players reside in Robertsdale. Mr. Jones is requesting funding in the amount of \$400.00 from the City to help defray the cost of tournament entry fees. Ken Raines, City Attorney, suggested to the Council that they make a determination at the next Council meeting, to allow him time to research the legality of funding private entities. Motion was made by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Hollingsworth, with unanimous approval to table this decision until the next scheduled council meeting. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
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SECRETARY

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MAYOR