

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, CECIL THOMPSON, KAILEY DEES, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, TOMMY SASSER – RECREATION DIRECTOR

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. CHESTER PROCTOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She stated that the 9/11 Memorial will be held on September 9th from 9 – 10. Coffee Before Hours will be held this Wednesday at Farmers Insurance. The event is from 8:00 until 9:00. She stated that the DVA Board Training will be held on July 26th at the Durden Cabin in Partin Park. Nick Overstreet, Melissa Moore, Eddie Tyson and Kailey Dees will be attending. The cost is \$70.00 a person.

VCVB – Alexa Britton gave an update of the activities of the Vidalia Convention and Visitors Bureau. She informed the Council that she would be attending the Georgia Presenters meeting in Valdosta on Wednesday. She also thanked the Council for their support for the recent July 4th event held at the Stage at City Park. The crowd was estimated at around 2500, and the fireworks were spectacular. She also reminded them of the August 13th and October 22nd upcoming events. Alexa also informed the Council that the Onion Festival Executive Committee was working on a slate of names to fill open positions on the Committee, and would bring this list to the Council for approval when completed.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He informed the Council of the progress on the Chamber remodel, stating that it would be completed in about two weeks. He thanked the City for their support and contribution in this remodel.

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of June. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilwoman Dees to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Streets and Sanitation Meeting 6/27/16** –Mr. Overstreet presented the minutes of the Streets and Sanitation meeting held on 6/27/16. (See Attached) Jeff West has met with Southeast Center Line as requested, and reports that they do not have the equipment to use the high build paint as requested. Mr. Overstreet asked the Council if they are interested in using the high build paint, and if so the bid was \$20,638.50 from Mid-State Construction. He recommends that we use the current low bidder Southeast Centerline at \$8998.38, but have Jeff West monitor the level of paint used. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Rusty Pig Mobile Vending Request** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request from Neal Anderson, owner of the Rusty Pig Restaurant, for a six month variance on the requirement of having to move

his mobile vending unit every night. He has leased space from Brice Ladson at the old Threlkeld Motor Company location on First Street, and is hoping to test the area before putting a permanent location in Vidalia. His mobile unit is 27 feet long and would be a hard ship in moving it daily. If approved the license would expire on 12/31/16. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.

3. **School Resource Officer MOU** – Mr. Overstreet presented the Memorandum of Understanding that will need to be signed by the Mayor and Police Chief. He is asking that the Council approve the signing of this document. He also reminded them that this is a temporary position, and can be terminated with a 30 day notice. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the Mayor and Police Chief to sign the MOU. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Peach State Assistance Request** – Mr. Bedingfield presented a request to allow Peach State Assistance help with the collection of the City's property taxes. There would be no cost to the City, but a fee would be charged to the delinquent tax payer. The fee would be assessed in stages as the property moves toward being sold by the City. The maximum charged would be \$175.00. He also is recommending that we postpone the current advertising schedule until Peach State Assistance has had a chance to send out their first demand letter. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Library Grant** – Mr. Overstreet presented the results of the Library roof bid. The consensus of the Library Board, County and City are to fund the Gayco membrane roof. This would only utilize \$31,853.50 of the \$40,000.00 committed by the City and County. The City approved their \$20,000.00 contribution at the August 10, 2015 Council meeting. The remaining \$8,146.50 could then be utilized, along with another grant, for flooring in 2017. The City would pay \$15,926.75 in 2016 and the remaining \$4073.25 in 2017. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.
6. **Boys and Girls Club** – Mr. Overstreet presented the results of the bids for the Boys and Girls Club. He stated that C. Merrill Construction was the low bidder at \$627,500.00. He informed the Council that the Boys and Girls Club has secured a second grant, and with the current CDGB grant would be able to fund the project. His recommendation is to approve the low bid from C. Merrill Construction. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dees. The vote was unanimous.
7. **City Hall Remodel** – Mr. Overstreet presented a proposal from Dunwoody / Beeland Architects to help in designing the City Hall remodel. This proposal includes mechanical, electrical and plumbing design. Their work would be capped at \$15,000.00. Mr. Overstreet explained that if this work is done in conjunction with the Pal Theatre that no travel expenses would be charged to the City. Mr. Overstreet stated that he feels it is extremely important that we have an Architect help in the design of the remodel. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

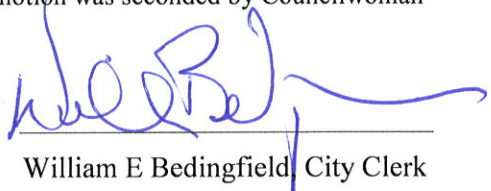
CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance presented an update on the Pal renovation. He presented 3 bids for the demolition part of the work. The low bidder was Waltec Contracting LLC from Reidsville, GA at \$167,323.00. (See attached bid tabulation) Mr. Torrance is recommending that this part of the contract be funded from the Capital Projects line item in the current SPLOST call. This would leave additional funds in the PAL project for the much needed construction phase. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

STREETS AND SANITATION MEETING

June 27, 2016

2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: **Raymond Turner, Cecil Thompson and Kailey Dees, Non-members present: Bill Torrance, Melissa Moore, Jeff West, and Bill Bedingfield**

AGENDA

1. **Bids on Street Striping** – Councilman Turner reminded the Committee that the Mayor had tabled the striping bid at the June 13, 2016 Council meeting, asking the Committee to review the quality of work of the current low bidder, and if the required specified DOT High Build paint was being included in the bid. Jeff West presented three new bids on the proposed striping with the highest bidder specifying the correct DOT paint. The next highest bidder specified paint but not the DOT High Build. The lowest bidder, Southeast Center Line, did not specify the paint. (See Attached Bids) Mr. West is recommending that he be allowed to get Southeast Center Line to give him a new bid which includes using the DOT High Build paint. The Committee agreed, and wants Mr. West to have the bid ready to present at the July Council meeting.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Memorandum of Understanding Employment and Utilization of School Resource Officers

The Vidalia City School System and the City of Vidalia will partner with one another to help provide a safe and secure learning environment at Vidalia Comprehensive High School and J. R. Tripp Middle School. The employment of a School Resource Officer (SRO) will be an integral part in meeting this objective. The SRO will not only assist in maintaining this safe environment, he/she will also provide opportunities for counseling and mentoring students as well as deliver prevention and education programs.

Specific Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives will be the focus of the School Resource Office's duties.

1. Increase awareness and effectiveness of community based policing programs and initiatives.
2. Increase the effectiveness of the "Drug Free School Zone" policy through intervention and education programs at the school level.
3. Monitor and counsel students who are on probation for violations of school rules, Federal, State, and city laws.
4. Assist in improving communication between the Juvenile Court system and school officials.
5. Assist in developing programs that are aimed at preventing, reducing, or responding to gang related activities.
6. Assist in activities that will decrease the truancy rates.
7. Assist in developing and implementing school safety programs.
8. Assist with disruptive students and violations of the law.
9. Prevention of crime or delinquent behavior on school campus.
10. Provide support for faculty, staff and members of other departments or agencies when involving students and/or their families.
11. Educate school officials and students in crime prevention and safety issues.
12. Assist in conflict resolution with students.
13. Assist in developing and maintaining school policies that address school safety, crime, emergencies and recommend procedural changes.
14. Assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in or around the school campus.

Program Issues

A. Supervision Responsibility of the SRO

The SRO will be assigned as a full-time police officer to the Vidalia City Schools. He/She will be under the direct supervision of the building principal or his/her designee and the indirect supervision of the City of Vidalia Police Department. The SRO work schedule and overtime hours will be the direct responsibility of the principal. Evaluations will be performed by the principal and the City of Vidalia Police Department.

B. Decision Making Authority

As an employee of the City of Vidalia whose law enforcement authority is provided through the city's charter, the SRO will have a primary responsibility to act in accordance with the policies of the City of Vidalia and the Police Department. The SRO will follow the policies and guidelines set forth by the Vidalia City School System while assigned to a school campus. When a conflict between the policies of the Vidalia City School System and those of the City of Vidalia and the Police Department arises, City policy when override school policy, and the SRO will seek to resolve the conflict with the building principal first. If no resolution can be found, the SRO will report the conflict to the Police Chief or his/her designee.

C. Discipline, Removal and Replacement of the SRO

The responsibility for managing the disciplinary issues of the SRO falls to the City of Vidalia Police Department. However, the SRO will be removed from the Vidalia City School immediately upon the request of the building principal or the Chief of Police. If this removal is performed by the Chief of Police, every effort will be made to do so only after consulting with the building principal to determine the proper timing of the replacement of the SRO. Additionally, the process for replacing the SRO will include a selection of interested candidates, and will not merely be an assignment of an officer to the position.

D. Roles and Responsibilities

The City of Vidalia and the Police Department will accept the following responsibilities for the implementation of the School Resource Officer Program:

- a. Receipt and distribution of funds to the SRO including salary, overtime, benefits, insurance, workman's compensation, unemployment benefits, and social security.
- b. The Vidalia City School System will participate in the above payments (at a 50/50 split, section D.a).
- c. Completion of program reports by the Vidalia City System and other agencies.
- d. Completion of annual financial reports or audit by the City of Vidalia and the Vidalia City School System.
- e. Oversee the coordination, research and implementation of grant opportunities in cooperation with the Vidalia City School System.
- f. Ensure that the SRO maintains his/her state certification by providing the required training.
- g. Provide the SRO with required items of uniforms and equipment necessary to perform the functions of the job.
- h. Provide the SRO with a marked police vehicle and fuel.

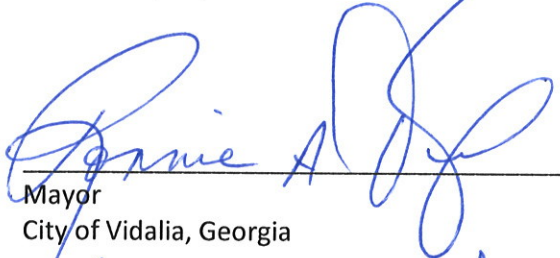
The Vidalia City School System will accept the following responsibilities for the implementation of the School Resource Officer Program:

- a. Disbursement to the City of Vidalia funds equaling to 50 percent for purchased services agreed to by the Vidalia City School System and the City of Vidalia to provide SRO services between 7/1/2016 and 6/30/2017.
- b. Assignment of the SRO to an office at the Vidalia School where he/she is assigned with the appropriate administrative supplies necessary to fulfill the goals and objectives of the program.

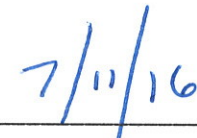
- c. Assist in the researching and completion of any future grant opportunities.
- d. Coordinate after school activities with the SRO to provide for direct supervision by either the SRO or other law enforcement authorities.

E. Termination of Agreement

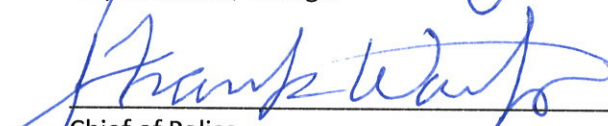
The terms of this agreement is one year. The agreement shall be renewed and extended annually for additional and successive one year terms unless written 30 day's notice of nonrenewal is given by either party.



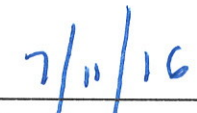
Mayor
City of Vidalia, Georgia



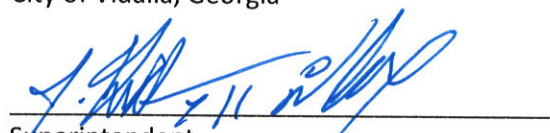
Date



Chief of Police
City of Vidalia, Georgia



Date



Superintendent
Vidalia City School System



Date

Bill Bedingfield

From: Kelvin Manning <mmiconstruction@live.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 3:11 PM
To: finance@vidaliaga.gov; Kelvin Manning
Subject: Pal Theater Interior Demo Package Bid Results

To all bidders:

Please see below bid results for the Pal Theater Interior Demolition Package:

WALTEC CONTRACTING LLC	\$167,323.00
HARRY MOSES CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	\$197,741.00
CHAPLIN AND SONS CLEARING AND DEMOLITION, INC.	\$200,500.00

Waltec Contracting LLC is the apparent low bidder.

We appreciate your interest in this project and your time and effort to submit a complete bid package.

Thanks,
Kelvin Manning
MMI Construction & Engineering, Inc.

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NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	City
Charlie Faulk	
Jonny Head	
Perry Pitts	
Harley Stanfield	
Alexa Britton	City CVB
Paula Toole	OVA "Main Street"
Howard Holman	1101 Center Dr.
Chris Jam	1911 Center Dr.
Ralph Goethe, Jr.	800 East First Street
STEVE BROWN	570 Church Street
Howard Hill	
Shannon Lockman	204 N Maple Dr.
Patricia Byrne	801 Jackson St
Jackie Miller	105 E. 6th St
Bill McMill	