

**MINUTES
CENTER POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CENTER POINT CITY HALL
JANAUARY 7, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Center Point, Alabama met in Regular Session at the Center Point City Hall on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President D.M. Collins.

Invocation: Councilwoman Tiffany Moore led the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Council President Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Debbie Wagner, Acting City Clerk, called the roll of Council Members with the following results:

Council Members Present:

D.M. Collins
Tiffany Moore
Sharon Jones
Ebonee Copeland

Mayor Bobby Scott was present

Councilman Glenn Williams arrived at 6:56p

Approval of Agenda:

Council President D.M. Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Tiffany Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was unanimously adopted.

AGENDA ADOPTED

Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Copeland made a motion to adopt:

1. Resolution No. 2021-1 Local Agreement with Jefferson County/CDBG
2. Resolutiion No. 2021-2 Human Trafficking
3. \$1,500 Appripiation to Center Point High School for IC3 Program

Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Moses Whitaker, 321 17th Ave NW wanted to discuss economic development. He suggested small business recruitment, crime stats reporting and being mindful of price points of businesses recruited.

Octavia Kuransky, Civitan Club representative, welcomed the new leadership ans to let them know they are here to assist. She also invited everyone to the Civitan's Open House on January 23rd at 11a.

Presentation

1. DCH Marketing, Jarvis Escott & Donnie Hatcher presented a marketing proposal.
2. Linda Kennemur thanked the Mayor and City Council for signing Resolution 2021-2. She presented the signed resolution to James Barrett with the Child Trafficking Solution Project.
3. Councilwoman Tiffany Moore presented \$1,500 appropriation to Center Point High School for their IC3 Program.

Discussion/Action

1. Councilwoman Moore lead a discussion on the police department feasibility study proposal. Added as a work session item.
2. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2021-1 H2O Water Agreement. President Collins called for a roll call vote: Councilwoman Copeland-yes, Councilwoman Jones-yes, Councilwoman Moore-yes, Councilwoman Copeland-yes, Councilman Williams-yes, President Collins- yes. President Collins declared the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bruce Carpenter explained why he wants the city to lower the franchise fee from 8% to 5 %. He initially thought he would be able to use the utility building next to the springs, but his trucks cannot access it. Therefore, he is renting the old Fred's building. He is also requesting 180 day instead of a 90-day deadline. Councilwoman Copeland requested his sales projections before she can make a decision on adjusting the franchise fee. Council President Collins, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Jones and Councilwoman Copeland may be agreeable to lowering the franchise fee temporarily but want to see the sales projections first. Attorney Hendricks is concerned about taxing the net instead of the gross and indemnification regarding EPA and ADEM. Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr. tabled the discussion until the next meeting.
3. Councilwoman Copeland made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-3 Avenu Sales Agreement. Councilwoman Sharon Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote: Councilwoman Copeland-yes, Councilwoman Jones-yes, Councilwoman Moore-yes, Councilwoman Copeland-yes, Councilman Williams-yes, President Collins- yes. President Collins declared the motion passed unanimously.
4. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-4 Award Bid for Serene Drive project to Dunn Construction. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote: Councilwoman Copeland-yes, Councilwoman Jones-yes, Councilwoman Moore-yes, Councilwoman Copeland-yes, Councilman Williams-yes, President Collins- yes. President Collins declared the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Report:

On January 16th, in commemoration of Dr. Martin L. King’s holiday, the City of Center Point is having a day of service Clean Up day from 9a-11a. Dumpsters are also located in 3 sites for additional waste from the Christmas holidays. If you are interested in recycling, please contact our Horticulture department to schedule your delivery. The Center Point Chamber report is included in the packet and everyone is invited to attend the Chamber Luncheon on January 14th for the Mayor’s Annual State of the City address. The cost is \$10.00

Committee Reports:

Economic Development- President Collins, Chair- blighted commercial properties are concern and in discussion with the City Attorney to see what legal actions can be done. The portal will be live next week and soon residents will be able to submit complaints and request online. The roads complaints received has been forwarded to the county. Please check her page for updates and feel free to follow up with Jefferson County Ketona Roads department.

Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones, Chair- the library is providing curbside service.

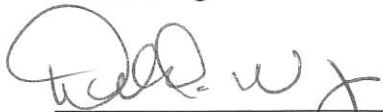
Finance Report: Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair- the October and November financial reports are in the packet and these are the highlights our Sales and Sellers tax revenue are steady and we over a million dollars in savings.

Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.- the community center has reopened, and classes have resumed. Youth basketball has begun, and Hill Crest Manor is booked every weekend this year.

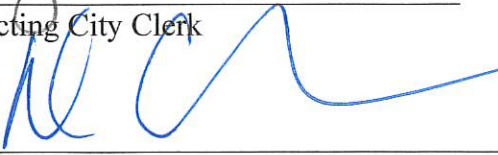
Public Safety- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore, Chair-our Neighborhood Watch Kick Off Meeting is scheduled January 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Community Center. We are encouraging everyone to attend and share concerns.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.



Debbie Wagner, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED: 

D.M. Collins, Council President

DATE: 