

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| (1) Mayor John Gayle | (6) Councilman Robert Yost |
| (2) Councilman Joseph "Sonny" Vickers | (7) Councilman James Wright |
| (3) Councilman Ben Norton | (8) City Manager Larry Hanson |
| (4) Councilman Alvin Payton, Jr. | (9) City Attorney George Talley |
| (5) Councilwoman Deidra White | |

ABSENT:

- (1) Councilman Tim Carroll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 7, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes: Approved by unanimous consent (6-0) of the Council.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPRENDITURES

Request to Approve a Lease Agreement and an Addendum to the Lease Agreement for Solar Arrays at the Mud Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Presented by – Henry Hicks, Utilities Director – The City has been approached by companies specializing in the development of renewable/sustainable energy projects proposing to develop and operate a solar photovoltaic facility in response to the Georgia Power Company Advanced Solar Initiative (GPASI) Program approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission. Georgia Power is currently accepting Request for Proposals for additional ways to diversify their portfolio on energy generation and the deadline to submit proposals is March 1, 2013. Hannah Solar has extensive experience in the development of solar photovoltaic facilities throughout Georgia and the Southeastern United States, and they designed, engineered, and constructed the solar photovoltaic facility currently in operation at the Mud Creek WWTP. Also, Hannah Solar offered the greatest revenue return to the Utilities Department for a 20-30 year lease of available acreage (\$30,000 annually for 10 years with rent increases at years 11, 16, 21, and 26 for two, 1.0 Megawatt arrays). The City of Valdosta was prepared to enter into a Lease Agreement with Hannah Solar; however, we will not be able to enter into an Agreement at this time due to recent changes in the law. George Talley, City Attorney, stated that there has been a change in the law recently in this area and in order to offer a Lease Agreement to Hannah Solar the City will need to go through one of the City's Development Authorities.

Motion to Approve - Councilman Payton
Second - Councilman Wright
Adopted - Unanimously (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn (5:50 p.m.) - Councilman Vickers
Second - Councilman Norton
Adopted - Unanimously (6-0)

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY

Teresa S. Bolden, CMC
City Clerk, City of Valdosta