

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor John Gayle called the regular meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Joseph “Sonny” Vickers, Tim Carroll, Ben Norton, and Eric Howard. Councilwoman Sandra Tooley, Councilwoman Vivian Miller-Cody, and Councilman Andy Gibbs were absent. The invocation was given by Pastor Mike Wells, New Covenant Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 21, 2019 were approved by unanimous consent (4-0) of the Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Consideration of a Resolution in opposition of House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards. This Resolution was tabled at the February 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting until the April 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Gayle stated that at the Work Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, there was a motion to remove House Bill 302 from the table. At this time, we will need a motion to postpone this Agenda Item indefinitely.

A MOTION by Councilman Howard, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (4-0) to postpone the consideration of a Resolution in opposition of House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards indefinitely.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES

Consideration of a request to approve a Contract Service Agreement for cleaning and upgrading the Ozone Generation System at the City of Valdosta's Water Treatment Plant.

David Frost, Assistant Utilities Director, stated that an Ozone generation system was installed at the Water Plant in 2007 as part of the Plant's upgrade project. The system consists of two generators that generate ozone to enhance the disinfection process while reducing the production of disinfection byproducts. Ozone is added to the water prior to final disinfection with sodium hypochlorite. The main components of the Ozone system are its two generators and an air supply system, which will be upgraded as part of this cleaning cycle. The manufacturer recommends the cleaning and passivation of the system every five years. The system was last cleaned in 2014. The Ozone system has reached its fifth-year cleaning cycle. Fin-Tek Ozone submitted proposals to clean the system and upgrade its air system to a Nitrogen feed system. The Nitrogen system will increase efficiency and extend cleaning cycles from five years to seven or more years. Fin-Tek Ozone is an Ozone Engineering Service Company that provides service, parts, and equipment to water treatment systems using ozone as a disinfectant. They are the only company that provides these services for the City's Wedeco Ozone system. They are also the only company that has procedures for Generator cleaning that comply with the Compressed Gas Association's Standards. The total cost to clean the Ozone generators and upgrade its air system is \$116,603.55. David Frost recommended that Council approve the Contract Service Agreement with Fin-Tek Ozone in the amount of \$116,603.55 to clean the Ozone generators and upgrade its air system plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances.

A MOTION by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (4-0) to approve the request as presented for a Contract Service Agreement with Fin-Tek Ozone in the amount of \$116,603.55 to clean the Ozone generators and upgrade its air system plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances.

There were no citizens to be heard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mark Barber, City Manager, thanked everyone who attended the meeting last night with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The presentation and discussions regarding the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant went very well and it meant a lot to those in attendance.

Georgia Cities Week will be held April 21-27, 2019 and we are planning several events throughout the week. A detailed schedule will be sent to the Mayor and Council in the near future.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gayle stated that at the Executive Session that was held on April 9, 2019, they reviewed the Contract for the City Manager and made a few changes. Those changes have been reviewed with Mark Barber, City Manager, and he was in agreement. Mayor Gayle entertained a motion to approve the Employment Agreement for the City Manager.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (4-0) to approve the amended Employment Agreement for the City Manager which is dated April 11, 2019.

Councilman Carroll thanked Darryl Muse, Utilities Director, for the terrific job that he did at the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Meeting both in preparation and execution. It was a great pleasure to meet the elected officials from North Florida and work together with them.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gayle entertained a motion for adjournment.

A MOTION by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (4-0) to adjourn the April 11, 2019 Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 5:38 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

City Clerk, City of Valdosta

Mayor, City of Valdosta