

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
9:00 A.M.

A special meeting was held by City Council on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., over which Mayor Bobby L. Davis presided. Council members Ronald Atkinson, Ralph Atkinson, Odessa Gregg, and Joseph Frazier were present. Council members Michael Baker and Emerson Hunt were not in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Alan Ammons, City Treasurer Patricia Brown and City Clerk Pam Jones.

Mayor Davis thanked Council members for coming to the Special meeting as there were several things to discuss, one considered an emergency. Mr. Ammons stated that a significant bat problem has been discovered at C. D. Joyner and the building has been closed until the problem is remedied. Nuisance Wildlife Specialty will seal everything, get rid of the bats and offer a 5 year warranty, and guarantees that it will be completed by November 22nd, which is the day for the movie premiere. Pee Dee Wildlife Control is a couple thousand dollars cheaper, but no warranty and no guarantee to be completed by date required. With this company not being willing to do a warranty, Mr. Ammons recommendation is to go with Nuisance Wildlife Specialty because of the 5 year warranty and, should bats come back within 5 years, we can just call him back. The bid is \$6,840 and will be funded from the Hospitality Tax and because it is the auditorium it will come from the contingency money set aside. Mayor Davis commented that even though Pee Dee Wildlife was \$4,300, (without a warranty), if they don't get rid of all the bats they can come back and charge another \$4,300. Mayor Davis further commented that even though it cost more, having a warranty would save money in the long run. After some comments from Council, Councilman Joseph Frazier made a motion to accept the bid with the 5 year warranty (Nuisance Wildlife Specialty) at \$6,840, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson. Councilman Ralph Atkinson commented that someone needs to inspect the work before they are paid and Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson commented that the biggest thing is to make sure that the bat droppings are cleaned up. Mr. Ammons responded that everything would be checked out. The motion carried.

Mr. Ammons recommended that Council accept the low bid of \$130,500 from Kirven Construction from Darlington to pave Southwood Point and Cartrell Brown Drive. This is a CTC project and they have met all qualifications on the bid sheets. In response to a question from Councilwoman Gregg, Mr. Ammons replied that Kirven had done work for

the City about 10 years ago and there was no problem with them and CTC does not pay them until the job is finished. At the recommendation of Mr. Ammons, Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to accept the low bid from Kirven Construction, seconded by Councilwoman Gregg; motion carried.

Mr. Ammons reported that the carpet in front of the stage at C. D. Joyner is in bad shape, as is the rest of the auditorium, but right now we would like to use \$2,600 of contingency from the Hospitality Fund to re-carpet the area in front of the stage and have it done before November 22nd. The remainder of the auditorium can be done after July 1st. Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to accept the low bid of \$2,600 from Causey's Floor Covering, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Mayor Bobby L. Davis

City Clerk Pam Jones
Taped November 3, 2014