

## **COUNCIL MEETING 3-15-2021**

The City Council of the City of Lineville met in their regular meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Annex Building in Lineville, Alabama, with the following present: Mayor Roy Adamson, Council Members: Carolyn Smith, David Proctor, Joseph Appleby, Robert Milstead, and Larry Bishop, City Clerk Donna Mathews, Assistant City Clerk Nicholas New, City Supervisor Rusty Taylor, Acting Police Chief Richard Bickerstaff, Ray Stansell from the Clay Times Journal and guest Monty Giddens.

Mayor called the meeting to order. Mayor asked the Council if they had reviewed the minutes from the previous Council meeting. A motion was then made by Council Member David Proctor and seconded by Council Member Carolyn Smith to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote was unanimous. Next the Mayor asked to Council if they had reviewed the bills to be paid. A motion was then made by Council Member Joseph Appleby and seconded by Council Member Larry Bishop to approve the bills to be paid. The vote was unanimous.

First item on the agenda was to approve our portion of appropriated funds to the Airport Authority in the amount of \$5000.00 for the repair and upgrades to be made to the Airport. A motion was then made by Council Member Robert Milstead and seconded by Council member David Proctor. The vote was unanimous.

Next Mayor Adamson asked if the Council had reviewed the job description for Chief of Police that City Clerk Donna Mathews presented last meeting. A motion was then made by Council Member David Proctor and seconded by Council Member Carolyn Smith. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Adamson then told the Council that it was his duty to appoint the Police Chief position with the support of the Council. Mayor then appointed Lt. Richard Bickerstaff to serve as the Chief of Police. A motion was then made by Council Member David Proctor and seconded by Council Member Robert Milstead. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Adamson then asked the Council for a vote of approval and quickly received a unanimous show of hands. Richard then thanked the Mayor and Council for the trust and faith they had in him to represent the City. I am speaking from my heart, and I appreciate your support and the support of the Council is major. I've been here a long time, and I would not have been here without that support. I love the City and enjoy my job. I'm all in and looking forward to working with the people of Lineville." He added, "My door will always be open to complaints and suggestions. I will continue the reputation of the Lineville Police Department and give it my all and will truly be honored to do so." Chief Bickerstaff also noted he looks forward to working with all departments and staff in the City and extends that to the residents and citizens of Lineville as well. Mayor Adamson added "I am excited and I'm 100 percent confident that Chief Bickerstaff will do a great job." Council Member Robert Milstead said all he needed to know was that Bickerstaff wanted the job. He added, "He has a love for the City and the job." Council Member David Proctor said he was excited about it and knows it will be a good choice. Council Member Carolyn Smith said the community thinks a lot of him and so do I. Council Member Joseph Appleby said he was good with it and that the people already know him and he knows

what is going on in the City. Mayor said he and Richard had several conversations in the past 2 weeks and he is the right person for the job.

Mayor Adamson said Good Friday holiday is coming up on Friday, April 2. All City offices will be closed with the exception of the Police Department. A motion was then made by Council Member Robert Milstead and seconded by Council Member Joseph Appleby. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adamson said he thinks the things of spring are coming to life and so is baseball. City Supervisor Rusty Taylor said baseball is going to be exciting this year and that there is already a great atmosphere about it. The games will begin on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

City Supervisor Rusty Taylor also asked about opening the position for a part time maintenance worker. They only received 1 application so far. Also, we had light issues on field 1 and thought we had it fixed but ended up calling Acker Electric and they worked 2 days on it before they got it fixed, so it will be a pretty good bill.

Council Member Smith thanked Rusty and his guys for changing out the lights to LED at the museum.

Council Member Proctor said the recreation and park board voted to have an “Oldies under the Stars” on June 4 from 6-8 pm at the City Park.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was then made by Council Member Robert Milstead and seconded by Council Member Larry Bishop. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 5:17 p.m.

Attest:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR