

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

February 22, 2016

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, Council Member Jason Peterson, Council Member Sharon Gilbert, and Council Member Dee Woodham were in attendance.

Mayor Cost called the Work Session to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Cost welcomed the audience and stated that the work session allowed the Council to talk with Department Heads and discuss upcoming business. She continued that she appreciates the community's participation and public comment would be heard during the Council Meeting that would begin at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cost called for committee reports.

Chief Jeremy Littleton presented the following Police Report:



**Montevallo Police Department
City Council Report**

Date:
Monday, February 22, 2016

Patrol Report:

Total Calls:
NA

Total Cases:
46

Traffic Accidents:
8

Traffic Stops:
NA

Traffic Citations:
50

Total Arrests:
10

Burglaries:
1

Auto Burglaries:
0

Domestics:
2

Assaults:
2

Fraud/Forgery:
1

Thefts/Attempts:
7

Zone Checks:
NA

School Patrols:
NA

Investigations:

Felony Cases Pending:
5

Felony Cases Closed:
2

Misdemeanor Cases Pending:
9

Misdemeanor Cases Closed:
4

School Resource Report:

Offense Reports:
1

Traffic Accident Reports:
NA

Cases Pending:
NA

Incident Reports:
NA

Arrest Reports:
1

Cases Closed:
NA

Additional Comments:



**Montevallo Police Department
Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Date:
02/22/2016

Inspection Period
02/08/2016

Inspection Period
02/22/2016

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:
3

Closed:
1

Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
0

Closed:
0

Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected:
19

Pending:
17

Closed:
5

Property Inspections:

Inspected:
2

Pending:
1

Closed:
0

Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
0

Closed:
0

Inspected:
22

Total Inspections this Period:
21

Total Inspections Year to Date:
6

Chief Littleton also stated that for the record no money was found under the house being demolished on Hwy 119 as it had been rumored in the City.

Chief Bill Reid reported that the Fire Department had assisted the Dry Valley Fire Department on a mobile home fire which was total loss but had no injuries. Chief Reid also reported a call on Hwy 219 in which a brush fire was extinguished. He continued that the truck being used on the call, busted the intake valve which is now in need of repair at an estimated cost of \$1385.00. Chief Reid also discussed the approval of the Council to apply for the Safer Grant. He stated that the grant would provide money for recruitment and retention of volunteers along with incentives for volunteers. Chief Reid noted that the grant would require no matching funds.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, reported that his crew was conducting a survey of sidewalks in the city to assess the need for repair and prioritizing areas which would be presented for funding at a later date. Mr. Hamby continued that the City Shop yard had been cleaned up and many of the items were recycled. Mr. Hamby also discussed an issue with street lights, in which many of the lights had been reported as not working. A total of 25 -30 lights in the city were in need of repair or replacement. He stated that he had discussed the issue with an engineer from Alabama Power and is in the process of completing work order requests to ensure timely attention to the problem.

Council Member Nix asked Mr. Hamby if Alabama Power was considering prorating or discounting the power bill due to the lights not functioning properly.

Mr. Hamby stated that he was in discussion with Alabama Power about possibly prorating the bill however, a representative would be scheduling a visit to the city to discuss the issue. Mr. Hamby also stated that most of the notifications of street light failure had been reported by citizens and his crew was working diligently to stay on top of the issue.

Herschel Hale, Chairman of the Arbor and Beautification Board, stated that Arbor Day would be held on Saturday, February 27 and good weather was expected for the event. Mr. Hale also reported that nominations for the Spring Beautification Award would be accepted at City Hall beginning in March and notifications would be included in the Chamber Chatter Newsletter. Mr. Hale also stated that he was unsure of who had worked to clean up the house on Hwy 119 located by the Fire Station but the house looked great and assists the community when the homes are maintained and upgraded.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that youth sports registration had begun and teams were being assigned with practice beginning within the week. Mr. Baugh reported that the 4th grade and 6th grade basketball teams won championships. The competition included teams from the surrounding communities including Calera, Alabaster, Helena, and Calera.

Mr. Baugh also reported that work was continuing at the Mahler property with cleaning out the barns on the property. Mayor Cost asked for the timeline for all items to be

removed from the barns. Mr. Baugh replied that the work should be completed within the week and all the hay had already been removed. Council Member Woodham asked Mr. Baugh where the items were being placed. Mr. Baugh explained that the items were being moved to the house as there was not a lot of items that were being kept therefore, the house supplied sufficient room for storage.

Dwight Dellinger reported on behalf of the Golf Course. Mr. Dellinger stated that the course had experienced good play over the last couple of weekends with most carts being used. He continued that the greens were looking good and people were noticing the difference on the course and he was receiving good feedback. Mr. Dellinger wanted to commend the UM Golf Team for coming to the course regularly, using not only the driving range but also playing the course. Mr. Dellinger has also been in discussions regarding the course hosting matches for area High School teams and the University in the future.

Council Member Woodham reported on behalf of the Trails Committee, stating that the committee would have a booth at Arbor Day and would provide information regarding updates and maps of the trails.

Janice Seaman, Chair of the Historical Commission, stated that a historic log cabin was found in the demolition of the house on Hwy 119. Ms. Seaman stated that the log cabin would be discussed further later in the meeting. Ms. Seaman also discussed the archeological grant noting that it had not been priced out yet. Ms. Seaman also referred to the status of the resolution for store-front grants. Mayor Cost notified Ms. Seaman that the resolution had been approved by the Council at the last meeting held on February 8.

Council Member Gilbert reported on behalf of the Education, Arts & Outreach Committee. Ms. Gilbert stated that the Sister City Commission was preparing for the upcoming student exchange visits on the dates of March 17 – 27. Ms. Gilbert stated the commission was looking at fundraising opportunities as well as seeking community members who were interested in serving as host families. Mayor Cost added that the Sister City Commission is requesting for the City to reimburse the funding of the cost of accommodations for the Echizen delegation that visited in October for the Mayor's Breakfast, City Hall Ribbon Cutting, and Founders' Day festivities. The Mayor explained the Commission felt that the visit was made due to City activities that was not approved for funding through the Sister City Commission, therefore, they were requesting reimbursement of \$1,700.00 to the Sister City budget. Council Member Gilbert continued her report by recognizing that the University had held their inaugural Lacrosse match and the interest of the community in this new sport for our city. Ms. Gilbert also announced that the Montevallo Connection meeting would be held on February 25 at Montevallo High School.

Council Member Woodham announced that the Finance Committee would meet on Wednesday, February 24 at 4:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Cost asked Ms. Janice Seaman for an update of the Industrial Development Board, specifically the aquaponics project. Ms. Seaman stated that the development of the lease for the aquaponics farm was in process. Mayor Cost confirmed that city attorney, Bill Justice was involved in the process and Ms. Seaman agreed of the collaboration. Ms. Seaman also stated that the IDB, Industrial Development Board has a meeting set for Thursday, February 25 at 5:30 pm.

Council Member Woodham reported on behalf of the MDCD, Montevallo Development Cooperative District. She stated that the committee had approved the funding for creating the parking area and removal of the barns at the Mahler property. Ms. Woodham also discussed that a committee was being formed to begin plans for the UMOM Park to determine what could be included in the area in front of the UMOM building that would be affected by the revitalization project. The committee would assist in developing a plan to complement the historical mural that was being painted in that location. She stated that the area was being reviewed as a Heritage Park as a commemorative to the city's bicentennial.

Council Member Woodham noted that the only large bill submitted for payment was a \$3,600 invoice for DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, the City's public accountants.

Mayor Cost noted that Chief Reid discussed the Safer Grant that would need approval for application. She expressed that the grant would provide a great opportunity. Council Member Woodham asked for clarification on how the grant would be used. Chief Reid explained that the grant would provide funding for incentives for recruitment of additional volunteers. He also stated that the criteria for the grant was just released and more information would be provided. Mayor Cost discussed that the requested approval is to begin the application process to move forward with pursuing the grant. Chief Reid stated that the grant would possibly allow the ability to pay a stipend per call to each volunteer and that Fire Marshal Brandon Broadhead was researching additional templates and ideas to use for retention and recruitment. Mayor Cost suggested the grant could provide funding for tuition waivers for volunteers to attend classes at the Fire College. Chief Reid reiterated that he thought the grant would be a good recruitment tool and that it would not require any matching funds.

Mayor Cost discussed the Voting Consolidation Ordinance. She explained that the consolidation of locations would save money for the city. She also noted that originally it had been proposed to have City Hall as the preferred voting location but due to concerns from the community the ordinance proposes that the Park and Recreation Building be designated at the voting location for all citizens for municipal elections.

The ordinance was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**An Ordinance Regarding the Consolidation of Voting Places within
the City of Montevallo**

WHEREAS, the voting place in District 1 has been located at University Baptist Church, 440 Overland Road; and

WHEREAS, the voting place in District 2 has been located at Montevallo City Hall, 545 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the voting place in District 3 has been located at the Orr Park Building, 420 Vine Street; and

WHEREAS, the voting place in District 4 has been located at University Baptist Church, 440 Overland Road; and

WHEREAS, the voting place in District 5 has been located at the Orr Park Building, 420 Vine Street.

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest to consolidate all three existing voting places into one central voting place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Beginning with the 2016 Municipal Election and remaining in effect until further amended by the City Council, the voting place for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 shall be located at the Orr Park Building, 420 Vine Street.

Section 2. The section, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance. The city council declares that it is its intent that it would have enacted this ordinance without such invalid or unconstitutional provisions.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS DAY, FEBRUARY ____, 2016.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

Herman Lehman, City Clerk

I hereby certify that this ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of Montevallo, Alabama, at a public meeting held on February , 2016.

Mayor Cost stated that the golf course was seeking approval for the purchase of a bush hog mower, however, she recommended that the vote be delayed until the next meeting in order to gather additional information. Council Member Nix asked that the Council be provided with a copy of all bids received for the equipment not just the lowest bid. Mayor Cost also stated that the funding for the mower would need to be clarified. Mayor Cost acknowledged that City Clerk Herman Lehman was not present due to health issues and would be able to provide additional information about the budget impact upon his return.

The lowest bid was provided by TopLine was presented as follows:

TopLine Equipment of AL, LLC

780 Walnut Street
Centreville, AL 35042

Phone: 205-926-9606
Fax: 205-926-7206

February 1, 2016

To: Montevallo Golf Club
Attn: Clay Arnall
RE: TD1100 Quote

Model	Description	Details	Price
TD1100	11' Cutting Width;	Anti-scalp rollers	\$13,292.00
Quote Total:			\$13,292.00

Quote includes delivery and set up.

Quote prices are valid for 30 days

Thank you,



Billy Thompson

Mayor Cost then discussed the Bid for demolition of the home located at 613 Shelby Street. Mayor Cost asked Ms. Janice Seaman for an update regarding the property. Ms. Seaman stated that she did purchase the property and has assumed ownership. She continued that she was securing the building permit and work was set to begin on the roof. Mayor Cost stated that Ms. Seaman would need to produce a copy of the deed of the property, building permit, and timeline of construction to present to the Council at their next meeting to finalize the issue. Ms. Seaman stated that she would have the building permit by Wednesday and would submit the documentation.

Mayor Cost discussed the proposed Food Truck Ordinance indicating that she would recommend delaying the vote due to the need to information regarding the requirement for a fire inspection to be included in the ordinance. Mayor Cost recognized Johnathan Danzer, Assistant Fire Marshal, he explained that approval of a fire inspection is required for all businesses licenses. Mayor Cost also recognized Debby Raymond, Revenue Director, who stated that the ordinance would also require additional changes to the business license ordinance by requiring an amendment to add a numerical code for the food truck category. She explained that adding a specific code would clarify all requirements of acquiring a business license for this particular business as well as easily identifying the type of business in the system. Council Member Woodham asked for clarification regarding the need for Council to now approve two ordinances, one for Food Trucks and one for Business Licenses. Mayor Cost agreed that the two ordinances would require approval for revisions, however, neither ordinance would be ready for a vote currently.

Mayor Cost then called for discussion regarding the proposed Ordinance to establish a salary for the Mayor and City Council Members. Mayor Cost explained that the vote would establish a salary for the next Council and Mayor following elections this year. You will recall that the proposal was discussed at the last meeting and tonight will be the last time the issue will be available for vote.

The proposed ordinance was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

CITY OF MONTEVALLO ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the salary of the mayor of the City of Montevallo, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$1,000 per month.

Section 2. That each councilmember shall be compensated at the sum of \$250 per month.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the first Monday in November, 2016, and shall continue in force and effect until repealed by action of the council.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Council Member Nix stated that he could not support the ordinance due that he took the position knowing it was a volunteer service and he could not justify agreeing to establish a salary for the Council and Mayor when city employees had not received raises. Mr. Nix stated that he did not feel that it was the right thing to do for himself or future members.

Council Member Gilbert stated that she agreed with Council Member Nix. She continued that she felt that city employees' salaries should be brought up to appropriate ranges based on market averages before the Council gets paid.

Mayor Cost noted that a salary study was being reviewed for city employees and would be presented to the Council for consideration this summer. Mayor Cost called on Chief Littleton to discuss as he serves on the committee. Chief Littleton stated that the committee was reviewing looking at pay grades or step increases however, the process was still in discussion and the committee was diligently looking at appropriate salaries for each position.

Mayor Cost then discussed the Proposed Engineering Services for the Mahler House which she recommended the vote to be delayed as options were still being reviewed and would like time to consider best next steps.

Mayor Cost stated that the Park Board was in need of two or three new appointees and recommendation for members would be accepted. The available positions would be posted on the City's social media and she asked that each share the need with any interested individuals.

Mayor Cost noted that she would be presenting a proclamation recognizing area Girl Scout Troops. The Mayor continued by asking the Council to add under Other Business discussion of the historic log cabin found during the demolition process and the Sister City Commission request for reimbursement.

Ms. Janice Seaman asked if language could be added to bids for demolition that the City has the authority to retain any material or property of value. Officer Holloway stated that the bid does include language that specifies smaller objects, such as fireplaces.

Mayor Cost stated that the issue would be discussed in detail during the Council Meeting, recognizing that a crowd was waiting to enter the Council Chambers. The work session was adjourned.

MINUTES
Montevillo City Council Meeting
February 22, 2016
6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, Council Member Jason Peterson, Council Member Sharon Gilbert, and Council Member Dee Woodham were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Boy Scout Caden

Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Hollie Cost called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 2/8/16

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016 as presented. Council Member Nix seconded the motion. Council Members Nix, Peterson, Goldsmith, Woodham and Mayor Cost voted AYE. Council Member Gilbert abstained due to her absence at the 2/8/2016 meeting. MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Student Recognitions / Awards

Mayor Cost called for the Girl Scouts in the audience to come forward to be presented with a proclamation for their service. The Girl Scouts were recognized for their upcoming cookie sales in which the funds would support the Ronald McDonald House.

Dr. Sheila Lewis and Mayor Cost recognized and awarded the following individuals from Montevallo Middle School with the Excellence in Education certificates:

STUDENTS:

Aniesjha Silas
Xavier Cartwell
Jorien Gilbert
Peter Jackson
Will Landers

Miranda Martin
Grayson Fulmer
Kayce Sankey
Janie Gray
Sarah Lowery
Ella Alexander

Emmanuel Hernandez
Rebeca Emiliano
Jazmine Williams
Evan Zou
Dylan Snider

TEACHERS:

Cheryl Fenn
Mona Guraya
Amy Green

Mr. Brandon Turner and Mayor Cost recognized and awarded the following individuals from Montevallo High School with the Excellence in Education certificates:

STUDENTS:

9th grade: Clay Colley

11th grade: Colin Gammon

10th grade: Kate Frederick

12th grade: Marjalon Henderson

TEACHER: Mary Howard

SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL: Tim Levan

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council

Mayor Cost called for any members of the audience that would like to address the Council.

Gregory Reece, resident on Brookwood Drive, stood and stated that he was in favor of a salary for the Council and Mayor. He explained that he had worked in HR management and had conducted salary studies for cities and counties. Dr. Condrey, a citizen, expert on salaries in cities with experience serving on the Federal Salary Committee, and wrote textbooks on the matter, had talked with Mr. Reece and asked for him to share his thoughts as well. Mr. Reece continued that approving the salary ordinance would put the Council in line with best practices, will help to professionalize the government, and that it would send an important message to future elected officials in that the community respects and values the work of the Council and Mayor but also expects a level of responsibility and accountability in conducting city government in a professional manner. Understanding that it may be difficult to vote on the issue, however, asked the Council to consider that they are voting for the next Council and Mayor and not themselves.

Mayor Cost thanked Mr. Reece for his comment and gave an opportunity for others to speak and no one responded. Mayor Cost reminded the audience that there would be another opportunity for citizen participation at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Cost thanked all that were present to support our youth that were recognized and if anyone needed to excuse themselves at this time was welcome to do so.

Mayor Cost called for a review or questions regarding committee reports.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

- **Public Health & Safety** (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement)–

Discussed earlier during the work session

- **Sustainability** (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives) –

Discussed earlier during the work session

- **Recreation, Preservation and Community Development** (Parks & recreation, Golf Course, Youth Athletics, Trails, Historical Commission, Planning & Zoning, Annexations) –

Discussed earlier during the work session

- **Education, Arts & Outreach** (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, Middle School Grant) –

Discussed earlier during the work session

- **Finance, Economic Development & Tourism** (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber) –

Discussed earlier during the work session

Mayor Cost noted that she would entertain a motion to pay the bills as presented.

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve and allocate funds to pay all bills as presented. Council Member Nix seconded the motion. ALL AYES. MOTION APPROVED.

Consent Agenda - NONE

New Business

- Application for SAFER Grant

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the Fire Department to proceed with applying for the SAFER Grant as presented. Council Member Nix confirmed that the grant did not require any matching funds and seconded the motion. ALL AYES. MOTION APPROVED.

- Ordinance Consolidating Municipal Voting Centers at Orr Park Rec Center

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the consolidation of voting centers as presented. Council Member Gilbert seconded the motion. Council Member Peterson, AYE. Council Member Goldsmith, AYE. Council Member Gilbert, AYE. Council Member Nix, AYE. Council Member Woodham, AYE. Mayor Cost, AYE. ALL AYES. MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Mayor Cost thanked the Council for their approval as the consolidation would save money for the City and make the municipal voting process less confusing for citizens.

- Approval of Purchase of Bush Hog Mower from TopLine for Golf Course - \$13,292

Mayor Cost recommended that the approval for the mower be delayed. Council Member Nix agreed and asked to see all bids submitted and Mayor Cost asked that Herman Lehman provide detailed budgetary information for the funding of the equipment. Council Member Woodham asked that the information be provided and discussed at the upcoming Finance Committee. Mayor Cost agreed to provide all information to the Finance Committee on Wednesday.

Old Business

- Demolition Bid Award - 613 Shelby St.

Mayor Cost asked Ms. Seaman to present all required documentation to finalize the issue at the next Council Meeting.

- Food Truck Ordinance

Mayor Cost recommended to delay this vote until the next meeting to amend language to include fire inspection requirement and to also add the amendment to the business license ordinance to the next meeting agenda.

- Ordinance Establishing Salary of Mayor & Council

Mayor Cost reiterated that the ordinance would not be in effect for the current Mayor and Council but would establish a salary structure for the next Council and Mayor as elected officials are not permitted to vote on the issue of their own salary. She continued that this would be the last chance to vote on the issue for the next four years upon the next election cycle.

Council Member Peterson moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Council Member Goldsmith, AYE; Council Member Peterson, AYE; and Mayor Cost, AYE. Council Member Nix, NAY; Council Member Gilbert, NAY; and Council Member Woodham, NAY. MOTION FAILED.

- Proposed Engineering Services for Mahler House

Mayor Cost recommended that approval be delayed until further information was obtained.

Board Appointments -- NONE

Other Business

- **Historic Log Cabin**

Mayor Cost explained that in the process of demolishing the property on Hwy 119, a historic log cabin was discovered. Discussions were needed to decide if the City would like to proceed with trying to secure the rights and ownership of the structure. Mayor Cost called on Officer Holloway to provide information.

Officer Holloway explained that the log cabin that was revealed was not a complete structure. The logs in the structure were used more like studs are used today when building a home. Research had been conducted and the cabin has been determined to have been constructed in the early 1900's. It is considered a dog trot cabin with no roof remaining as it was destroyed in a fire. He also explained that the floor was sagging and some of the logs had significant termite damage and the structure had been modified over the years.

Mayor Cost explained that the contractor who made the discovery had received an offer from a private party to purchase the logs for \$10,000.00. The contractor also had an idea to personally restore the cabin to be placed at Tannehill. The Mayor expressed that the community would like to retain our history. Officer Holloway agreed and stated

that the logs could most likely be reconstructed into a 17 x 17 structure and the contractor would accept \$11,000.00 for the purchase of all logs and transportation of the materials to the Mahler property for storage. Mayor Cost noted that the logs could be stored in a safe dry location to be reconstructed at a later time. Mayor Cost continued that she would entertain alternate options.

Officer Holloway addressed the bid process for demolition. He stated that in the bid packet it is stated that any historical items discovered during the demolition will be set aside for salvage to be reviewed by the City Clerk or his representative. However, the law also states that any item taken must be sold at city auction with the funds being used towards the lien of the property.

Council Member Woodham asked how the age of the structure was determined.

Officer Holloway stated that a professional company from Bibb County came and examined the structure and used the water cistern in the rear of the home to assist in dating of the home. Probate Court Records also were reviewed which indicated a date of 1919. He continued that the contractor had brought in a cabin expert who had determined the date of the structure may range from 1890's to 1920's.

Janice Seaman stated that she believed the log cabin was much older and would be dated back to the 1800's. She also asked for clarification about why more specified information could not be added to the bid package. Officer Holloway explained that it was due to State law that any item could be salvaged to be placed toward the lien and the clause is included to have the option of saving historical items versus allowing the contractor to just go to the property and bulldoze the entire structure without regard to hidden treasures. The City can bid on the items at public auction however, items but be submitted to auction.

Ms. Seaman stated that she believed the cabin was one of the first structures developed in Montevallo. She also asked whether the money that will be saved from demolishing the Shelby Street home could be used to purchase the log structure.

Mr. Gregory Reece, spoke on behalf of the Abatement Board, stating that the board would be uncomfortable with the funds being used in that manner due that the funds were set aside to address unsafe structures in the City and there were other houses that were a public nuisance and safety concern that could be addressed with the funds.

Mayor Cost discussed other funding options including monies from the capital reserve account.

Council Member Woodham asked what the estimated cost would be to reconstruct the house. Officer Holloway explained to fully reconstruct the house it was estimated to be a cost of approximately \$100 sq ft. It could cost approximately \$30,000 to reconstruct the logs into its original state. He suggested that an option would be to reconstruct a portion of the logs as many of the logs are already damaged and rotten. He continued

that a replica structure could be built with using some of the original logs inside the building for decoration and historic preservation. If the structure was used for a restroom facility at Shoal Creek, it would need to be ADA accessible but you want the logs to be reconstructed or used in a manner that would be easily viewed by the public and useful to the City. He suggested that you could use the few original shingles and dowels to display inside the replica structure. Officer Holloway continued that this option would allow the Council to consider purchasing only a portion of the logs to be used in some way to preserve history and not to reconstruct the original structure.

Council Member Nix asked if Officer Holloway thought there were enough valuable logs to build a 17 x 17 structure. Officer Holloway agreed.

Mayor Cost summarized the options for the Council to consider as follows:

1. Do Nothing – Contractor clean off the property and take ownership of the logs
2. Purchase all logs for a cost of \$11,000 and have the contractor transport the logs to the Mahler property
3. Purchase a portion of the logs

Mayor Cost commended the Contractor for his due diligence in notifying his discovery and doing a good job in maintaining the structure.

Council Member Nix asked if the decision could be delayed until funding could be secured.

Mayor Cost explained that the property is a public nuisance and property needs to be cleared for the safety of our citizens, as well as the logs will continue to deteriorate if left out in the rain and weather.

Officer Holloway suggested asking the contractor whether he would consider donating a portion of the logs to the city, as the contractor has expressed an appreciation of the history of the structure and would not just dispose of the logs. Officer Holloway continued that he would like to request whether the Council would consider authorizing the Mayor to negotiate on behalf of the city with the contractor up to a certain monetary value.

Council Member Gilbert stated she would like to request that the Mayor attempt to see what the contractor might donate first.

Ms. Seaman stated that the private party who was interested in purchasing the logs is interested in restoring the structure for profit, she asked if the Council could ask the individual if they would partner with the city to establish an opportunity to assist in restoring the structure at the Mahler property. It could provide an opportunity for advertisement of the person's restoration business in exchange for his contribution to the city. The structure could be used as a trail head facility.

It was agreed that the structure would be appropriate to use at the Mahler/Shoal Creek Park Property in some capacity and is worth trying to preserve a portion of the city's history.

Council Member Nix made a motion to authorize Mayor Cost to negotiate up to \$5,000.00 from the capital reserve account in purchasing logs from the historic cabin discovered as discussed. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. ALL AYES. MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Cost asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Council.

Hettie Wagner, resident on Crestview, stated that any profit that is gained from the log cabin should go to the property owner or towards the lien. Mayor Cost noted that the City would have no gain but actually a loss due to having to purchase the logs from the contractor and then would be used as public facility as a city park.

Shawn Jones, Ora Lee Jones Foundation, stood and asked to coordinate the annual Ora Lee Jones 5K run at Orr Park on May 7, 2016. The event would begin at 6:00 am with registration with the run beginning at 7:00 am. Mr. Jones asked if the Council would consider waiving the fees for the use of the park due that it was a benefit event for a non-profit organization.

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the use of Orr Park for the Ora L. Jones 5K run on May 7, 2016 as scheduled by City Hall free of charge. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. ALL AYES. MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Adjourn

Mayor Cost stated all business was concluded and she would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. ALL AYES. MOTION WAS APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:02 pm.

Submitted by:

**Sarah E. Hogan
Acting City Clerk**