

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bruce Altnauer called to order the regular meeting of Rutledge City Council on the above date. Council members Brenda Thompson, Brandie Owens, Adam Beckstine and Tony Sells were present as were members of the public. City Attorney John Nix was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Altnauer called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021, meeting as submitted. Adam Beckstine seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AMENDMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT REGARDING SERVICE DELIVERY WITH THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Altnauer said Andrea Gray with the JDA was present along with others from the county and thanked them for coming. He said the council set this aside last month for more information.

City Attorney John Nix stated that Andrea Gray has a brief opening and then we can go from there.

Andrea Gray introduced herself as the attorney for the Joint Development Authority and said Vice Chairman Andy Ainsley and Bob Hughes of the JDA were also present. She advised the request is to amend the Morgan County Service Delivery Strategy to appoint the Joint Development Authority as the service provider.

It is critical to have uniformity at Stanton Springs North and Stanton Springs South.

Water is of particular importance.

What we attract are big users in water.

The Southern part uses three million gallons a day and is provided by the Newton County Water and Sewage Authority. Andrea Gray showed the area on maps with the boundaries of what Stanton Springs North would encompass.

This allows us to expand with the service provider of our choice. The Service Delivery Strategy must be amended to do that.

It is my understanding that your concerns were the length of the agreement.

The Service Delivery Strategy is updated every ten years and your other concern was if we would consider Rutledge.

The answer is yes but it is a matter of capacity.

We came up with an additional agreement for 50 years.

Mayor Altnauer stated Newton County provides the South side and the North side you think will be four million gallons, we would not be able to provide the water.

That much water would take a reservoir.

Attorney John Nix stated that the Service Delivery Strategy is ten years but most entities do not update them every ten years. The second thing is we can't provide because of logistics. What we talked about with the fifty-year deal is, Rutledge could become a player in years to come. So , the first thing is do you approve the amendment and the second thing is do you want to approve this agreement that revisits the water.

Thirty-five years from now you may have the best in the state.

They are always going to want the best provider.

Tony Sells asked would it be bid out. Andrea Gray said they send out an RFP and we must identify who can provide that service. She stated this is the exact agreement they have with Social Circle and we will reach out to local providers first

ony Sells asked would this be new industry.

Andrea Gray said it is what we have currently and what we acquire in the future.

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John Nix said this is not something that comes every day. This JDA is unique and I mean that in a good way because the fifty-year deal is like an opportunity.

It is a piece of paper that says they will consider you and because of the proximity, and you grow who knows what you can provide.

Brandie Owens said we need to approve the amendment and the contract.

Brandie Owens made motion to approve the amendment to the Morgan County Service Delivery Strategy and authorize the Mayor to execute the document. Adam Beckstine seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Brandie Owens made motion to approve the Intergovernmental Contract with the Joint Development Authority and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Andy Ainsley advised the council a meeting is scheduled for December 28th at 3:00 pm and it is open to the public.

APPOINTMENT OF RUTLEDGE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Altnauer said the City received two applications for the Planning Commission, Maryann Dartnell and Miles Buzbee. He said both applicants have the background to do it. Maryann Dartnell served for the last two terms. Brandie Owens made motion to appoint Miles Buzbee to the Morgan County Planning Commission.

Brenda Thompson seconded.

Council member Tony Sells said he would like some discussion.

Motion died for lack of vote.

Tony Sells asked Miles Buzbee why he thought he would be the best applicant. Mr. Buzbee stated he has lived in Rutledge for six years, has family here and roots are important. I believe we have a lot coming this way and I think I can help make those decisions.

I will do my best to represent the community.

Rutledge is a very open community and I hear what people want.

I will be available responsive and listen.

Tony Sells asked if he would attend council meetings.

Mr. Buzbee replied yes, that is part of the role. Tony Sells stated Maryann Dartnell was not present.

Adam Beckstine made motion to appoint Miles Buzbee to the Morgan County Planning Commission. Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS

Mayor Altnauer advised it was time for Alcohol license renewals for Rutledge Wings, RTSN/Chevron and Rutledge Liquor. Debbie Kilgore informed the Council that Rutledge Liquor was the only one that still needed to turn in their paperwork. The other two are complete.

Tony Sells made motion to approve the alcohol license for Rutledge Wings / Greg Sherrill. Adam Beckstine seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the alcohol license for RTSN Enterprises / Tahir Nasir Khan. Tony Sells seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the alcohol license for Rutledge Liquor / Sagar Patel contingent on all paperwork being submitted. Adam Beckstine seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED LAND DONATION TO INCREASE PARKING LOT AREA NEXT TO TRAIN DEPOT

Mayor Altnauer stated that the City needs to accept the land donation of .09 acres for the parking lot next to the depot. Tony Sells made motion to formally accept .09 acres donated by Michael Hughes. Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF AWARD FOR TRAIN DEPOT PARKING LOT PROJECT TO LOW BIDDER, STRUCTURAL RESOURCES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,370.00

Mayor Altnauer advised all bids came in over the projected amount. The lowest bid was \$398,000.00 and we were able to get it down to \$368,370.00 and it is still the design the council approved. Brandie Owens

made motion to approve ratification of award for the train depot parking lot to Structural Resources, Inc.

Tony Sells seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Brenda Thompson made motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Adam Beckstine seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

ADJOURN

Debbie Kilgore City Clerk Bruce Altnauer Mayor