

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor pro-tem Brenda Thompson called to order the regular meeting of the Rutledge City council on the above date. Council member Thompson advised that Mayor Knight would be late. Council members Chad Cook and James Bratcher were present as were members of the public. Council member Bill Spann was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member James Bratcher made motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting as submitted. Chad Cook seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION JOINT COMP PLAN SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

Tara Cooper with Morgan County addressed the council and explained that they had met with the Mayor on the short term work program. She explained that each city had set goals for projects they wanted to complete. She stated that since the economy had tanked few had accomplished what they had set out to do.

She said that they had shortened the list to get done what was doable and had added two items.

The first item is to create an ADA review and compliance plan.

Chuck Jarrell is working on this.

Georgia is dropping the state plan and going to use the federal plan.

This will be for public buildings only.

This will be a phased in plan so the price will not hit us all at once.

She said the second item is on Rutledge's Soil and erosion control ordinance the issuing authority is listed as EPD, this will be changed so that the local issuing authority will be Morgan County.

She advised that this must be adopted by June 30

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and in order to meet the deadline it will be needed for review by April 1

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James Bratcher made motion to approve the Resolution for the Joint Comprehensive Plan Short Term Work Program Update.

Chad Cook seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE – RUTLEDGE CROSSING

Brenda Thompson stated that an alcohol license renewal application had been submitted by Danny Bruce for Rutledge Crossing. Debbie Kilgore advised that all paperwork was in order. Chad Cook made motion to approve the alcohol license renewal for Rutledge Crossing.

James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Brenda Thompson stated that two business license applications had been submitted for approval. She said James Mathew Knight submitted an application for Knight Inspections, LLC located at 4630 Atlanta Hwy, Rutledge. She stated it would be for home inspections and is allowed as a home office. Chad

Cook made motion to approve the business license application for Knight Inspection, LLC.

James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Brenda Thompson said the second business license application was from Jamie Knight for Neighbors Grocery located at 118 Fairplay Street.

James Bratcher made motion to approve the application for Neighbors Grocery.

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

RECREATION PARK – MARTY BOYD

Brenda Thompson advised that Marty Boyd was not present and this item would be discussed as soon as Mayor Knight got to the meeting.

BID OPENING – SPEED HUMPS

Brenda Thompson stated that two sealed bids were received for the speed hump project. She said the first bid was from A & B Contractors for \$18,830.00. The second bid was from Larry Bishop for \$21,000.00.

Mayor

Spencer Knight entered the meeting at this time.

Mayor Knight advised the public that the map which showed the amount and placement of the 14 speed humps was the recommendation from the traffic engineer who did the traffic study.

Mayor Knight stated that the low bidder was A & B Contractors and that would be his recommendation.

Brenda Thompson made motion to accept the low bid of \$18,830.00 from A & B Contractors to install the 14 speed humps.

Chad Cook seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

RECREATION PARK

Mayor Knight stated that he had spoke with Marty Boyd about the recreation park and it was way over estimate. He said the engineer is going to change a few things and we would have to bid it out again. He said only one bid came in although five packets had went out.

REQUEST BY RUTLEDGE LIQUOR FOR SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES

Mayor Knight stated that the people at the liquor store had requested that the city put this on the upcoming ballot in July. He advised that he talked with the attorney and said at some point we may have to put it to a vote. He said I suggest we let the people decide if the council agrees and if so we will amend the agenda to add the resolution.

Council members agreed to let the people decide.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

James Bratcher made motion to amend the agenda to add item number 8(a) Resolution for Morgan County Board of Elections and Registration to issue call for a referendum for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Rutledge the question of authorizing Sunday package sales for retailers of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits between the hours of 12:30pm to 11:30pm within the city limits of Rutledge, Georgia. Chad Cook seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

RESOLUTION – REFERENDUM ON SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

James Bratcher made motion to approve the Resolution Referendum on Sunday Package Sales of Alcoholic Beverages be submitted to the Morgan County Board of Elections to issue a call for a referendum for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Rutledge the question of authorizing Sunday package sales for retailers of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits between the hours of 12:30PM and 11:30PM within the city limits of Rutledge. Chad Cook seconded, James Bratcher voted for, Chad Cook voted for and Brenda Thompson voted against.

The motion carried with a constitutional majority.

James Bratcher made motion to adjourn at 7:30PM. Chad Cook seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

ADJOURNED