



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation

President Collins led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, President Collins

E. Public Comment

President Collins- All comments will be limited to 3 minutes each. After the last person speaks, the council will address each concern.

1. Mr. Alfonso M. Ghumra petitioned the city council for streetlights. He stated that Councilman Williams told him the city would pay for streetlights to be placed in neighborhoods.

2. Ms. Sheila Weeks petitioned the city council for streetlights. She stated that Councilman Williams told him the city would pay for streetlights in neighborhoods. She has been paying Alabama Power for her streetlights.

3. Ms. Tammy Chamblin asked who is holding rental companies accountable for discarding bulk debris in a timely manner. The debris is becoming an eyesore, and it takes up to three months to remove. Also, can you add no-dumping signs in the area?

4. Ms. Anita Pope- informed the council her home had been broken into. She is dissatisfied with how the Sheriff's Department handles her case. Also, the area is not well lit and would like the city to add streetlights.

5. Mr. Bruce Holder thanked the mayor and Councilman Williams for meeting with him and his neighbors to address their concerns. They have been present and made them feel heard and seen. The city has already taken action to address all of their concerns.

6. Ms. Bridget Lavender petitioned the city council for streetlights. She stated that Councilman Williams told him the city would pay for streetlights in neighborhoods. She has been paying Alabama Power for her streetlights.

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7. Ms. Jasmine Deloach expressed concerns about safety, speeding and automobile accidents. The streets are dark in various neighborhoods and we need additional streetlights.
8. Mr. Kefferesa Stokes would like to start a Youth Development Program in the city and would like the city to partner with him.
9. Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Tigner petitioned the city council for streetlights. She stated that Councilman Williams told him the city would pay for streetlights in neighborhoods. They have been paying Alabama Power for her streetlights.
10. Ms. Loretta Morton- petitioned the city council for streetlights. She stated that Councilman Williams told him the city would pay for streetlights in neighborhoods. They have been paying Alabama Power for her streetlights.
11. Mr. Felton Jackson complained about nuisances within his community.

President Collins thanked the residents for attending and notifying the council of their concerns. She emphasized that the city is very concerned about the issues that affect them.

Councilwoman Moore expressed her gratitude, saying, "Thank you for coming out. I pay for two streetlights myself, so I empathize with you. We want Councilman Williams to present a proposal outlining the potential costs. We need to make informed decisions. Please don't take it as if we aren't concerned about you. The first step is for Councilman Williams to present a cost proposal."

Mayor Scott added, "I have already been working with our Public Works Department to survey the city's dark areas and create a list. I will propose adding ten streetlights at a time to the council."

President Collins clarified, "We want to be transparent and ensure you understand what we are legally allowed to do. The city can pay for streetlights at intersections and those facing the streets only. We cannot pay for decorative lights on private properties."

Councilman Williams thanked everyone for attending and supporting him.

In response to Mr. Jackson, Councilwoman Moore stated, "Mayor Scott goes above and beyond for the residents. He has a true open-door policy and personally addresses residents' concerns."

Mayor Scott replied, "Mr. Jackson, every time you bring a concern to me, I investigate and address it. Please feel free to talk to me after the meeting."

F. Approval of Agenda

President Collins moved item H.1. Resolution No. 2024-86 Alabama Power Agreement for streetlights for Woodland Court to Discussion/Action. The move is to allow the council to make a decision after the hearing regarding 408 Woodland Court.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Moore, Williams and Collins

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No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

G.1. Resolution No. 2024-87 Alabama Power Agreement for streetlights at the dog park

G.2. Resolution No. 2024-88 Authorizing Travel Advance

H. Presentation

I. Public Hearing

I.1. 408 Woodland Court

President Collins informed attendees that the Public Hearing regarding the property located at 408 Woodland Court was called to order. She yielded the floor to Attorney Hendrix to facilitate the hearing.

He asked Tyraneeka Weir if she understood the purpose of the hearing. She stated she received a nuisance letter about gun activity involving her residence. She further said her son did not have anything to do with the shooting. Attorney Hendrix reminded her of their previous conversation, where she admitted the assailants were targeting her son. Bill Avery, an attorney representing the property owner, informed the council that he had started the tenant's eviction process. The illegal activity is a violation of the lessee agreement. The hearing was adjourned.

J. Discussion/Action

J.1. Resolution No. 2024-86 Alabama Power Agreement for streetlights on Woodland Court

President Collins to attendees - What you witnessed was due process. We are addressing your concerns, but we must do our due diligence. It is our job to ensure that you feel safe.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-

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86. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

J.2. FY 2025 Transit Service Agreement

President Collins asked Glenn Dickerson and Britnee Thomas, Transit Representatives, to approach the podium.

President Collins stated, "We have had several meetings about adding shelters at the bus stops to provide a safe space for the patrons."

Mr. Dickerson responded, "We appreciate the service and our relationship with the City of Center Point. Ridership has remained steady."

Councilman Williams stated, "Mayor Scott, President Collins, and I rode the bus, and the riders had several complaints. We have made requests, but transit consistently fails to deliver, yet the cost continues to rise."

Ms. Thomas said, "We will schedule a meeting at the bus stops to evaluate the best route to address the bus stop issues." The council agreed.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to accept the Transit Agreement. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Moore, Collins

Abstain: Williams

The motion passed by majority consent.

J.3. Ordinance No. 2024-2 Amend the Vicious Dog Ordinance

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-2. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Moore, Williams and President Collins

No:

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-2. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Moore, Williams and President Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

J.4. Discuss the invitation to bid for the solar panel and stairway project

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The city will be posting the ITB for the Solar Panel & Stairway Project.

K. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

K.1. Economic Development/Park & Recreation- President D.M. Collins

No report

K.2. Public Safety- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

No report

K.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

No report

K.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

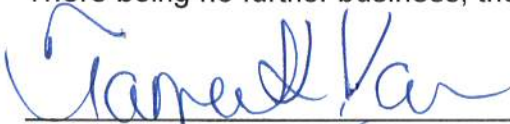
No report

K.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

No report

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.



Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:



D.M, Collins, President

Date:

12/19/24

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