

The Elba City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, 5:30 p.m. via teleconference due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Those present were:

Councilperson Johnathan Lockett**
Councilperson Gappa Wise
Councilperson Jane Brunson**
Councilperson Tom Maddox
Councilperson AR Williams**
Sally Bane, City Clerk
Pat Boothe, Assistant City Clerk
Mickey L. Murdock, Mayor
Tim Johnson, Water & Electric Board Chairman
**arrived late

**Members of the community and media were also present on the public/open conference call.*

Mayor Murdock called the meeting to order.

Mayor Murdock opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Murdock presented the minutes from the April 27, 2020 regular meeting for approval. Councilperson Wise made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilperson Brunson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise – yes; Brunson – yes; Maddox –yes; and Mayor Murdock – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Leslie Hussey presented the police chief's report. Chief Hussey stated that there had been no unusual activity and the police departments main efforts have been to provide protective services related to COVID-19 to the city. Chief Hussey updated the council on the active COVID-19 cases in the county and city.

Assistant City Clerk Pat Boothe presented her report. Ms. Boothe updated the council on all the ongoing projects within the City. Ms. Boothe stated that the Street Department was behind on trash pickup due to the recent storms and a truck being broken down.

Mayor Murdock, City Clerk Sally Bane, Assistant City Clerk Pat Boothe, Elba Water & Electric Board Chairman Tim Johnson and the Elba City Council discussed when employees would return to normal work schedules (employees had been on staggering schedules to the COVID-19 virus pandemic). After discussions, all parties decided that all employees of the City of Elba and Waterworks would return to normal schedules tomorrow, May 12, 2020 except for three employees with underlying medical conditions. City Hall, the Senior Center, Municipal Court, and the Elba Public Library building would remain closed through this week, however, employees would return to work. The police department will continue as they have been through this epidemic.

Mayor Murdock presented the bills totaling \$264,395.30 to the council for approval. Councilperson Maddox made a motion to approve the bills. Councilperson Brunson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise -yes; Brunson -yes; Maddox -yes; Williams -yes; and Mayor Murdock – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Under new business, Mayor Murdock presented Ordinance 05112020 to the council for approval. This ordinance changes the polling place from the Elba Recreation Department to the Elba Church of Christ's fellowship hall. Mayor Murdock made a motion to discuss and consider Ordinance 05112020 for immediate adoption. Councilperson Brunson seconded the motion. After discussion, Councilperson Brunson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05112020. Councilperson Maddox seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise -yes; Brunson – yes; Maddox - yes; Williams – yes; and Mayor Murdock -yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Murdock along with Ms. DeAnn Grantham presented Resolution 05112020 (MWPP) to the council for approval. This resolution is an annual report regulating sewer operations by ADEM. After discussion, Councilperson Maddox made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilperson Brunson seconded the motion. . A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise -yes; Brunson – yes; Maddox -yes; Williams – yes; and Mayor Murdock -yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Under old business, Mayor Murdock made a recommendation and motion to appoint Mr. AR Williams to the Water & Electric Board to fulfill the remaining term of former Councilperson Rolanda Jones. Councilperson Wise seconded the motion. . A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise -yes; Brunson – yes; Maddox -yes; Williams – abstained; and Mayor Murdock -yes. The motion passed.

Under other business, Mayor Murdock notified the council that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the council was Monday, May 25, 2020 which was Memorial Day. Mayor Murdock suggested that the meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The council agreed.

Mayor Murdock allowed Code Enforcement Officer, Bryson Dear, the opportunity to make his recommendations on repairing the Elba Recreation Department's roof. After discussion with the council, Mr. Dear recommended that the City contract with Mr. Bobby Sims in the amount of \$6,250 to make the necessary repairs. Mayor Murdock made a motion to contract Mr. Bobby Sims. Councilperson Maddox seconded the motion. . A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise -yes; Brunson – yes; Maddox -yes; Williams – yes; and Mayor Murdock -yes. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Brunson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Lockett – yes; Wise -yes; Brunson – yes; Maddox – yes; Williams – yes; and Mayor Murdock – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mickey L. Murdock, Mayor

Sally Bane, City Clerk