

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum.
COUNCILPERSONS: Frances Johnson, Betty Wells, Betty Mack and Nancy Foster.
CLERK: Bruce Watson.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Mrs. Johnson gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll. Everyone was present except Mr. Sandifer and Mr. Walker. Clerk Watson informed Council that Mr. Sandifer was fighting a fire in Midway and that Mr. Walker had called to say he was not feeling well.

Mrs. Wells made the motion to approve the agenda to include item 3A –a report on the PRT Grant and item 3B- an executive session to receive legal advice. Mrs. Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 02-04 to rezone the property of Mr. Grimes to R-4. Mrs. Mack made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum presented Council with the award letter from SCPRT awarding the City a \$60,000.00 PRT Grant to do work on the railroad birm. Mayor McCollum informed Council that he had asked for \$48,000.00 but had received \$60,000.00. He explained this was an 80/20 grant in which the City would have to match \$12,000.00. He explained that the BPW will be doing \$6,000.00 of in-kind work and that the City would then have to match \$6,000.00 in cash. Mayor McCollum told the Council the grant will be used to add landscaping, plants, water lines, electrical boards, street lights, and irrigation to the birm area.

Mrs. Johnson said she felt the prices for the plants seemed to be kind of high. After some discussion, Mayor McCollum explained that bids would be received for the plants. Mayor McCollum told Council that \$25,000.00 of the grant must be spent by the end of May and he made Council aware that Senator Mathews and Representative Rhoad had been instrumental in helping secure the grant.

Mayor McCollum informed Council that he had talked to Robert Owens and explained that plans to widen Highway 78 by the SCDOT would call for the taking of a large portion of the railroad birm which he had included in the grant. He said Mr. Owens of SCPRT saw no problem with shifting the grant project down the railroad birm.

Council was very excited about receiving the grant but they wanted to receive more bids for the plants.

Mrs. Johnson then made the motion to receive the \$60,000.00 PRT Grant . Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to come out of the executive session. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the announcements, Mrs. Foster announced that a regional Heritage Corridor meeting would be held on May 5, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hooten Black House. She invited all the councilmembers and asked Mayor McCollum to be present in order to welcome the group. She informed Council that St. Johns Baptist Church's choir and local crafters would be present.

With no further business, Mrs. Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor of Bamberg