



Blakely City Council Minutes

Work Session

April 6, 2021, City Hall, 5:00 P.M.

The Mayor spoke on the water & sewer quotes from Chad Griffin with Stillwater Engineering. The Mayor gave some information & history on Mr. Griffin

Mr. Griffin gave a short history on his firm and projects they have done in the past. Mr. Griffin then spoke on two projects he has looked at in the City.

Angus Dr. & HWY 39 – Mr. Griffin spoke of the fact that there is terra cotta clay pipe in this area and that it has breaks and cracks. He explained to the Mayor and Council that back in the day when they make a lateral the clay pipe would just be busted out therefore you have leaks around the laterals. He spoke to the Mayor and Council of a method called open replacement trench method. He explained this process and stated that he likes using this method because it can be tested and that they would be making all new connections on the laterals. He then stated that the estimated cost for this to be done was \$91,600. He then went on to say that he also wants to replace sections of sewer main due to bumps and sags. He informed the Mayor and Council that they would like to replace manholes and move the sewer line into the road and out of the ditch and that in doing so they would properly abandon/close off the line currently on Angus Dr. He stated to do these additional pieces the overall cost including the \$91,600 was estimated at \$106,700 with contingency added.

Dean/Deal Ave sewer– Mr. Griffin informed the Mayor and Council that they had evaluated the depth of the mains and that they would be replacing manholes and sewer lines that are gravity fed and that in doing so sewer would then be running in two directions. He stated that the estimated cost for the project would be \$123,550.

Dean/Deal Ave water – Mr. Griffin explained that currently there is only 1 ½ to 2-inch water lines in the area currently to serve 9 homes. He explained that they want to loop around to a 6-inch water main to create more water pressure. He also stated that with the increased pressure they would also be adding another fire hydrant to better service this area. He stated that the estimated cost for this project would be \$67,590. He informed the Mayor and Council that the estimated cost to do the water and sewer projects combined would be \$202,640 with contingency added

The Mayor informed the Council that there was a customer waiting to be connected in the Dean/Deal Ave area because of the issues that Mr. Griffin has spoke of and that they were waiting for this work to be done. He then stated that the previous administration had not

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looked at the water and sewer issues in this area when they had granted conditional use for lots to be sold in this area.

Mr. Griffin spoke of grants that could have been utilized for this work but that it was too late in the year. He stated that his firm would assist with the bid process, oversee the jobs and review all draw requests before submission to the City for payment. He informed the Mayor and Council that it would be best to bid the Angus Dr and Dean/Deal Ave projects together to get a better price and one overall prices on engineering cost. He was asked if the estimated cost provided included the engineering cost to which he stated it did not but gave the Mayor and Council and estimated engineering cost of \$28,000 to \$30,000.

The Mayor informed the Council of the server migration cost of \$51,952 from NTS

Chief Caudill spoke of security awareness training. He stated that all police have to take this training being in the building where documents are kept. He stated that anyone coming into the building has to take this training. He then stated that April Craft is the administrator for Police but that there should be a different administrator for the non-police employees. He stated that April Craft would get this set up

The Mayor informed the Council of the renewal quote on the City's liability insurance. He stated that the cost had increased by \$20,000 which was due to a yearly increase by GMA and the large claims the City has incurred in the last several years (Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Michael and the fire at the Landfill.) He informed the Council that there had been no other quotes presented.

The Council then toured the new camera truck.

The Work Session adjourned at 5:50pm

Travis Wimbush, Mayor