

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6-21-2021**

The City Council of the City of Lineville met in their regular meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Annex Building in Lineville, Alabama, with the following present: Mayor Roy Adamson, Council Members: Carolyn Smith, David Proctor, Joseph Appleby, Robert Milstead, and City Clerk Donna Mathews, Police Chief Richard Bickerstaff, Assistant Clerk Nicholas New, City Supervisor Rusty Taylor, Ray Stansell from the Clay Times Journal and guest Mike Sparks. Council Member Larry Bishop was absent from the meeting.

Mayor called the meeting to order. Mayor asked the Council if they had reviewed the minutes from the previous Council meeting. A motion was then made by Council Member David Proctor and seconded by Council Member Carolyn Smith to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote was unanimous. Next the Mayor asked to Council if they had reviewed the bills to be paid. A motion was then made by Council Member Joseph Appleby and seconded by Council Member Robert Milstead to approve the bills to be paid. The vote was unanimous.

First on the agenda was guest Mike Sparks from the Economic Development Council. The board is looking for funding for a full time Executive Director. They are starting with the local government offices, and industries asking them to consider putting something in their budgets to pay their share to the Council for future developments. Mike passed out handouts to the Mayor and Council. Lamar Dewberry is part-time now. We are just simply asking you to consider this at your budget time. The Council wants to work for you. This is our future. It is an investment for the County. Mayor Adamson asked about the County giving \$50,000.00 and wanted to know if that was what they have been giving or is this something new. Mike said this is not a new commitment, it is what we've already been receiving from the County. Mayor said he is very impressed and pleasantly surprised at all the information and knowledge Lamar has on all this with the Council. Mike also praised Rep. Steve Hurst and Senator Randy Price as well as Mr. Boswell from ADECA. Mr. Boswell had never been to Clay County and after coming here he has made two more visits. He is very interested and impressed about Clay County. We have actually had the Mitchell family move into the Barfield area after retiring from the Atlanta area and they love what we have to offer and want to be involved. We want to draw more people to our area.

Chief Bickerstaff presented a resignation from Officer Isiah Williamson effective June 10, 2021. Council Member Robert Milstead asked if he gave a reason. Chief said none other than he was hired by Ashland. A motion was then made by Council Member David Proctor and seconded by Council Member Carolyn Smith. The vote was unanimous. Chief then asked if he could open the Police position and keep it open until filled. A motion was then made by Council Member Joseph Appleby and seconded by Council Member Robert Milstead. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adamson said we need to change the next Council meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday on Sunday this year and we will close on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting was set for July 6 at 5:00 p.m. A motion was then made by Council Member Carolyn Smith and seconded by Council Member Robert Milstead. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor thanked the Maintenance department for a good job during the District tournaments.

Council Member David Proctor wanted to know who owns the Industrial Property in Ashland, the Industrial Board or the Economic Development Council. Mayor said it is jointly owned by them with Ashland having the back side of the property and EDC owns the frontage. Council Proctor said they owe us \$100,000.00 and Mayor said we will get in when we have developments to start. Council Proctor asked what we are going to do with the lot next to Partner's BBQ. Mayor told him we currently have someone talking to us about it now. Council Member Proctor next asked where we stand on the pocket park. Rusty Taylor told him we are waiting on the concrete company. Council Member Proctor told Rusty that we need a report next meeting on the buildings downtown. Rusty told him as far as he knows they too are just waiting on their contractors to do the jobs.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Robert Milstead and seconded by Council Member Joseph Appleby. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR