

City of Ashville
Council Meeting
December 5, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Mayor Derrick Mostella called the Council meeting to order at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 5, 2022.

Mayor Derrick Mostella, Councilmembers Robin Bowlin, Edward Roscoe Lane, Sue Price, Shirley Smith, and Denise Williams were present.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the final meeting agenda. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the final meeting agenda; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022, Council Meeting. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022, meeting; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2022, Special Called Council Meeting. Councilmember Sue Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2022, Special Called Council Meeting; Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve an amendment to the Court Clerk Contract. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the amendment to the Court Clerk Contract. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

City Attorney Joel Watson advised the council and public that it was his understanding that the Mayor and Council were considering going into an executive session for discussion regarding preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama or in other states or foreign nations. He further stated that there are certain requirements that must be met for the Mayor and Council to go into executive session. The purpose for the executive session must be one allowed under the code, which in this case was to discuss preliminary negotiations of trade or commerce. The public must be advised of the anticipated time that the Mayor and Council will remain in executive session, which in this case was approximately 15-30 minutes. The public must also be advised of the whether the Mayor and Council will reconvene the public meeting following the executive session and whether they anticipate taking any action when they return to the public meeting, which in this case the Mayor and Council anticipated returning to the public meeting and without taking action regarding the trade or commerce. The Mayor and Council were also informed that they would be provided a letter outlining these requirements and Attorney Watson's opinion that the issue to be discussed qualified for executive session under the code. Finally, the Mayor and

Council were advised that if they desired to enter an executive session there must be a motion including the information required, a second to that motion, and roll call vote in the affirmative.

Mayor Mostella asked for a motion to enter into executive session based on the information outlined by the City's Attorney. Councilmember Sue Price made a motion to enter executive session based on the information outlined by the City's Attorney. Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; Councilmember Shirley Smith votes yes, Councilmember Denise Williams votes yes, Councilmember Sue Price votes yes, Mayor Derrick Mostella votes yes, Councilmember Robin Bowlin votes yes, and Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane votes yes; motion unanimously approved. The Council convened for executive session at 5:35pm and returned at 5:52pm.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to pay the bills due. Councilmember Denise Williams motion to approve the bills due. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion, all Councilmember voted yes; motion approved.

Announcements:

- Christmas on the Square December 10th. 1pm – 5pm with parade at 5pm
- The next City Council meeting will be Monday, December 19, 2022. Meeting begins at 5:30pm.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Derrick Mostella, Mayor

Chrystal St. John, City Clerk