

CITY HALL, DECATUR, ALABAMA, MARCH 30, 2020 – 5:00PM WORK SESSION

The members of the City of the City of Decatur, Alabama met on March 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1st floor of City Hall 402 Lee Street NE, Decatur, AL with Council President Paige Bibbee presiding.

The following members were present: Bibbee, Ard*, Jackson*, Hill* and Kirby

Governor Ivey issued a Proclamation on March 18, 2020 that addressed teleconferencing as an option for attending certain meetings without violating the Open Meeting Law based on the current COVID 19 pandemic. *Council members Ard, Jackson and Hill participated by teleconferencing for this reason.

*Also present by teleconferencing were City Attorney Herman Marks, Planning Supervisor Karen Smith, Police Chief Nate Allen, DYS Interim Director Lemzel Johnson, Planning Supervisor Karen Smith, Landfill and Recycling Director Wanda Tyler, I.S. Director Brad Phillips, Finance Manager Kyle Demeester, Economic Development Director Wally Terry and HR Director Richelle Sandlin.

Present at the work session were City Engineer Carl Prewitt, CFO John Andrzejewski Assistant City Attorney Chip Alexander and Stacy Gilley City Clerk.

Council President Bibbee called the work session to order at 5:00 PM.

Rev. Chase Ackerman with St. John's Episcopal Church provided the invocation.

Council reviewed the April 6, 2020 Agenda:

Ordinance No. 20-4398 – Basic Standards of Care and Control of Dogs – Tethering (First Reading held on 3/16/20)

Council discussed delaying action on this item until residents are able to have an opportunity to address this matter based on the feedback some Council members have received from their constituents.

Council Business:

Council President Bibbee asked Police Chief Allen if the Arts and Entertainment district is closed at this time and Chief Allen stated that it was until further notice. This closure will remain in place until public gatherings are no longer a danger due to Covid-19 and the State of Alabama Public Health directive is lifted.

Council Member Kirby requested the City freeze any hiring and any unnecessary expenditures of funds until the economy is settled after this health crisis.

Council President Bibbee stated that if the public wanted to ask questions about the agenda to email councilquestions@decatur-al.gov and they would respond during this meetings.

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.