

Special Called Meeting
May 15, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dee Woodham, Reed Prince, DeAnna Smith
Staff Present: Regina Ashmore, Susan Hayes
Others Present: Mary Ellen Heuton, University of Montevallo; Steve Gilbert, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce; Pam Fagan, City of Montevallo Bicentennial Committee

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Woodham.

Chairman Woodham made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th meeting. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting. Chairman Woodham seconded the motion. Mr. Prince abstained from vote. The motion was approved with a two to zero vote.

Mr. Prince made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Chairman Woodham updated the Board concerning the paving budget. She noted the Phase 2 & 3 portion is currently short \$170K if all the proposed improvements are chosen to be completed. Phase 2 is the portion around Jeter and Main Street and should come in close to the proposed budget. The biggest shortage is in Phase 3, which includes the IDB park road, the road behind City Hall and some roads in Arden.

Chairman Woodham asked the Board to consider approving up to \$48K to be split equally between the city and UM for the park in front of UMoM which would include removal of concrete, install lawn and \$11K in plant material. The contractor can begin in ten days after execution of contract. She further challenged the Park Committee to raise the remaining funds to complete the implementation of Father Nature's design. Mr. Gilbert stated a contractor currently working in town offered to beat the lowest bid for removal services further reducing the overall cost of the project. The university has licensed plumbers on staff available reducing a small portion of the cost; however the electrical department is short staffed and will not be available to assist in the project. The time capsules could be placed in the grassy areas in the park. On behalf of the Bicentennial Committee, Ms. Fagan requested the Board consider granting permission to have them buried in the green space in front of Main Street Tavern. Chairman Woodham stated the Board would consider her request and notify the committee of the Board's decision. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve up the \$49,500 to be split equally between the city and the university for implementation of the park in front of UMoM. Chairman Woodham seconded the vote. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Ms. Smith made a motion to grant Chairman Woodham the authority to enter into a contract with Father Nature. Ms. Hayes stated the taxes should be removed prior to the execution of the contract. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Chairman Woodham asked the Board to consider ideas for the proposed pocket park in the green space in front of the Main Street Tavern. She will discuss with the Mayor and come back to the Board with the cities proposal at the next meeting. The plans will need to be finalized rather quickly to coincide with the Main Street paving project as initially planned.

Chairman Woodham asked for an update on the Arts Center. Ms. Heuton stated the selection of an architect is being finalized now and the preferred site is Jeter due to the topography of the land and the infrastructure already being in place at the location.

Ms. Heuton asked if the Board or the city had ever considered in city transportation. Chairman Woodham stated discussions about a trolley and other similar vehicles had taken place, however, the idea never progressed further than the discussion stage.

Ms. Smith asked the Board about future plans for Stephens Park. She asked if the city had plans of reinvesting the current rental fees back into the park. Chairman Woodham requested Ms. Smith provide a list of items that she considered necessary and the Board could add Stephens Park on the improvement list along with the other projects. Mr. Prince suggested the users of the park create a booster type foundation that could assist in maintenance and improvements at the site.

Chairman Woodham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.