

The Saraland City Council convened in special session on September 28, 2020, at the Saraland Municipal Annex meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Council President Joseph McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Paul Stanley

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of this meeting is the opening of bids for the Debris Monitoring, Disaster Management and Recovery Services. Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the City Engineer, Kirby Latham, to the open the bids for the Debris Monitoring, Disaster Management and Recovery Services. Motion carried.

The bids were opened in the following order:

- 1) Cartodyne, LLC
- 2) Thompson Engineering
- 3) Brenco, LLC

Each of the above met the criteria for submitting a proposal.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize Kirby Latham, with Neel Schaffer and Kingsley McCallum with True North to tabulate the bids and make a recommendation to the Mayor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts for storm debris monitoring and storm debris removal pursuant to authority under the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955 with terms and provisions acceptable to the Mayor and City Attorney. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the City has worked with the City Engineer, Kirby Latham and other professional staff with Neel-Schaffer Engineering as well as staff with their affiliated company True North to develop requirements and parameters for both debris removal monitoring and debris removal; and

WHEREAS, it is the express determination that due to the emergency caused by hurricane Sally, there should be no delay in the awarding of both a storm debris monitoring contract and a storm debris removal contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council President and the Saraland City Council as follows:

1. All authority and power conferred on the Saraland City Council, as the governing body of the City of Saraland, is hereby delegated to Mayor Howard Rubenstein, to be lawfully used and implemented in his discretion; and
2. To the extent any state law requirement is construed so as to require affirmative action of the City Council, this Resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute and utilize all manner of procedures, requirements, restrictions, and authority to enter into a storm debris monitoring contract with any appropriate private vendor under such terms as approved by the Mayor and City Attorney.

ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize the waiving of permit fees for contractors who are removing storm damaged trees. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning a potential real estate transaction for the City.

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, advised this is appropriate use of executive session as authorized by state law.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss a potential real estate transaction for the City.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald

Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Paul Stanley

Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised he anticipates the executive session to last approximately 10 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:24 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 6:35 with all members present. Motion carried.

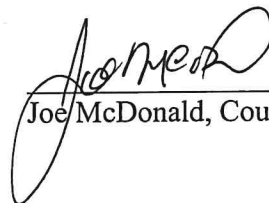
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this the 25th day of March, 2021.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President