

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.** Lord's Prayer Repeated in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Johnny Ford
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Georgette White Moon
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

All members of the Council were present at this meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the agenda as circulated. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (December 8, 2015 and December 10, 2015).

A. Minutes from December 8, 2015:

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

B. Minutes from December 10, 2015:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Jacqueline Gullette RE: Support of Increases to the Public Works Dept.
2. James Harris RE: One-time Cost of living Increase
3. U.L. Brownlee RE: Thanks to Council Member Whitehead for assistance with the meals for the Public Works Dept.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Johnny Ford, Mayor.
 - A. City Council Work Session.
 - B. Tuskegee Solar Services. (Thomas J. Reed, Jr.)
 - C. Announcements.
9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** NONE.
10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** James W. Harper, City Manager.
 - A. Council Updates / Concerns.
 - B. Street Maintenance Activities.
 - C. Financial Report.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept the financial report as presented. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- D. Head Start Report:
 1. Executive Director's Report (Nov. 2015)
 2. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card (Nov. 2015)
 3. Monthly Summary of Meals & Snacks Provided though USDA (Nov. 2015)
 4. Enrollment & Attendance Report

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept the Head Start report as presented. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- E. Employee Recognitions: Years of Service and Retirements
 - Capt. Jeffrey Lewis, 25 Years
 - Harvey L. Smith, Finance Director, 12 Years (Retirement)
 - Adrienne Robinson, Accounts Payable Manager, 20 Years (Retirement)
 - Betty S. Broadnax, City of Tuskegee: 2 Years & UBT: 23 Years = 25 Years (Retirement)
- F. Announcements:
 - Head Start Annual Red, White & Blue Social " Our Little Einstein's", Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM at TU Chapel
 - City of Tuskegee/UBT Joint Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 12:00 noon
 - City of Tuskegee will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for Christmas and Thursday, December 31, 2015& Friday, January 1, 2016 for New Year's

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution 2016-11. Authorization to engage JMCM Consulting for a second fire truck.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to authorize the City Manager to engage JMCM Consulting for a second fire truck and equipment. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11

Authorizing Execution of Contract Engaging JMCM Consulting for Project Plan and Application for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee is desirous of continuing to support and upgrade its firefighting capability through utilization of all resources available to it; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee has determined that application to the 2015 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program is necessary, appropriate and in the public interest.

WHEREAS, JMCM Consulting is recognized as having success in the area of project plan preparation and securing grants that benefit fire departments and, therefore, governmental bodies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, as follows:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to engage JMCM Consulting to prepare a project plan and application for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program upon terms set forth in a proposed agreement that has been reviewed by the parties;
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all required application documents on behalf of the City of Tuskegee; and is authorized to take other necessary actions as may be required to engage JMCM Consulting with all due speed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this _____ day of December, 2015.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

James W. Harper, City Manager

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** Fred Gray, Jr., City Attorney.

Attorney Gray stated that he gave Council the detailed report as it relates to claims and litigated matters that are pending. He stated that he continually work on cases that are in discovery and have depositions that are set for this week; and next week as well as he prepares for the term of court in February. Atty. Gary also stated that he continue to advise and meet on a regular basis with the City Manager and the City Clerk with respect to claims as well as the litigated and non-litigated cases of the City.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Moon moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk