SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

February 27, 2024

After posting an announcement of a special called meeting, the Council met on February 27, 2024 at 7:45 a.m., in the City Hall Building. Mayor Pro-tem Eddie Billings called the special meeting to order. The following were present:

Mayor Pro-tem Eddie Billings

Betty Dawson, Councilwoman

Kip Smith, Councilman

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Mike Jones, Attorney

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

Absent:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Mayor Pro-tem called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was to consider the replacement of a resolution and the awarding of the gas bid.

The mayor pro-tem presented the council with Resolution 022724 to replace Resolution 021224 authorizing submittal of an application to USDA Rural Development for Rural Business Development Grant funds to develop a comprehensive plan for the City of Luverne: to commit a $12,000 local match for the project and; to authorize the mayor to sign all documents related to the execution of the agreement if funded. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 022724 authorizing submittal of an application to USDA Rural Development for Rural Business Development Grant funds to develop a comprehensive plan for the City of Luverne: to commit a $12,000 local match for the project and; to authorize the mayor to sign all documents related to the execution of the agreement if funded. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and all was in favor. The resolution is as follows:

**CITY OF LUVERNE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 022724**

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

To replace Resolution No. 021224; to authorize submittal of an application to USDA Rural Development for Rural Business Development Grant funds to develop a comprehensive plan for the City of Luverne; to commit a $12,000 local match to the project; and to authorize the Mayor of Luverne to sign all documents related to the execution of the contract pending award of USDA Rural Development Rural Business Development Grant funds.

**WHEREAS,** the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development is accepting applications for grant funds through the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program; and

**WHEREAS,** the development of a long-range comprehensive plan is an eligible activity under the Opportunity Grant portion of the RBDG program; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Luverne has expressed the desire to develop a long-range comprehensive plan for the physical growth and development of the city that will address housing, community facilities, economic development, transportation, infrastructure, and land use; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed comprehensive plan will meet the requirements of the City of Luverne Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) program; and

**WHEREAS,** the estimated cost of the proposed comprehensive plan project is $76,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Central Alabama Development Commission has committed $16,000 in South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Planning Organization funds for development of a master street plan as a component of the comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS,** this resolution replaces Resolution No. 021224 that was adopted on February 12, 2024, to increase the funding of the proposed comprehensive plan project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Luverne does hereby authorize and direct the South Central Alabama Development Commission to submit an application to USDA Rural Development requesting Rural Business Development Grant funds in the amount of $48,000 for the preparation of a comprehensive plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City of Luverne does hereby approve and commit a local cash match in the amount of $12,000 to complete the proposed project and that the Mayor of Luverne is hereby authorized to sign all assurances and documents related to the filing of an application for funds through the USDA Rural Development Rural Business Development Grant program and, if funded, execute all agreements necessary for the implementation of the project.

**ADOPTED** this 27th day of February, 2024.

Mayor Pro-tem opened the gasoline and diesel bids. The only bid received was from J. Bryce Smith Oil Company. J. Bryce Smith bid 26 cents per gallon above dealer cost for gasoline and 26 cents per gallon above dealer cost for diesel. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to accept the bids from J. Bryce Smith Oil Company. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Councilwoman Dawson stated she would like to thank everyone who helped with the Moore property. It looks very nice.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.