

CITY OF SMITHS STATION, ALABAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 30, 2016

MEETING HELD AT: SMITHS STATION CITY HALL
2336 LEE ROAD 430
SMITHS STATION, AL 36877
WORK SESSION HELD AT: 11:30 A.M. EASTERN TIME
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT: 12:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

(ALL TIMES STATED ARE EASTERN TIME)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

LaFaye Dellinger	Mayor
George Stringer Jr.	Place 1
Morris Jackson	Place 2
James Moody	Place 3
Richard A. Cooley	Place 4
Richard Key	Place 5

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

The work session of the City Council was called to order at 11:34 A.M. All members were present. General municipal business was discussed and the agenda was reviewed. No business was conducted. The work session was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dellinger called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Council Member Stringer gave the invocation and Council Member Key led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Jerry Bentley conducted roll call. All members were present. Mayor Dellinger announced a quorum.

The minutes for the August 09, 2016 work session and regular meeting were approved as read.

Assistant Election Manager Scott Johnston began the Canvassing of the Municipal Election held August 23, 2016. The ballot totals of the Electronic Vote Counting System, and Absentee Ballot totals were announced. The Provisional Ballot Box was presented and inspected for being sealed and signed by the Election Officials.

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Provisional Ballots are regulated and are under the jurisdiction of the Lee County Voter Registration Office. The Lee County Voter Registration Office reported 36 provisional ballots were placed with 10 qualifying. The qualified ballots were separated from the non-qualifiers. The Provisional Ballot Secrecy Envelopes containing the ballots were opened. Each member of the Canvassing Board marked on their Tally Sheets the result of each ballot as they were read.

The Assistant Election Manager announced the ending of the Provisional Ballot Canvass and called on each Canvassing Board Member for their Provisional Ballot totals. After the totals were called, there was a difference in the totals for one of the contested City Council Places. The Assistant Election Manager asked to speak to the City Attorney. After a brief discussion with the City Attorney, the Assistant Election Manager stated a second canvassing of the Provisional Ballots was necessary. The Canvassing Board was instructed to Tally the Provisional Ballot votes again. After the second reading of the Provisional Ballots, the Canvassing Board's Provisional Ballot totals all agreed and the unanimous totals were as follows: Mayor, John "Buster" Bessant 2 votes, F.L. "Bubba" Copeland 7 votes; City Council Place 2, Davin Bostic 0 votes, Morris Jackson 6 votes, Adam Littleton 4 votes; City Council Place 4, Richard (Rick) Cooley 6 votes, Diane Holman Stein 3 votes; City Council Place 5, Mike Kane 3 votes, Richard "Dick" Key 6 votes.

At 12:34 P.M. Mayor Dellinger announced a brief recess to complete the required Resolution for the Canvassing of the Election Results. At 12:48 the meeting was reconvened.

The Assistant Election Manager announced the election totals:

Mayor;	John "Buster" Bessant	208 votes
	F.L. "Bubba" Copeland	576 votes
City Council Member Place 2;	Davin Bostic	64 votes
	Morris Jackson	386 votes
	Adam Littleton	320 votes
City Council Member Place 4;	Richard (Rick) Cooley	410 votes
	Diane Holman Stein	343 votes
City Council Member Place 5;	Mike Kane	353 votes
	Richard "Dick" Key	412 votes

Council Member Cooley introduced Resolution 2016-244 Canvassing the Election Results. Council Member Moody made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2016-244. Council Member Key seconded the motion.

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The call vote was as follows: Yeas: Council Members Jackson, Moody, Cooley, Key, Stringer, Mayor Dellinger. Nays: None. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Dellinger presented Certificates of Election to;

F.L. "Bubba" Copeland	Mayor
Richard (Rick) Cooley	City Council Member Place 4
Richard "Dick" Key	City Council Member Place 5
Morris Jackson	City Council Member Place 2

Smiths Station Planning & Zoning Director Lisa Deason spoke in favor of The City of Smiths Station to preserve and relocate the Historic Jones Store for an expense not to exceed \$16,000.00. Council Member Key introduced Resolution 2016-245, To Support Historic Preservation. After a small discussion, Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2016-245. Council Member Stringer seconded the motion. The call vote was as follows: Yeas: Council Members Moody, Cooley, Key, Stringer, Jackson, Mayor Dellinger. Nays: None. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resident and City Council candidate Diane Stein addressed the Council on the topic of the recent election. She acknowledged the City and all the Election Officials on a professionally run election.

Having no further business, Council Member Stringer made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. The motion passed and at 1:04 PM the meeting was adjourned.



Jerry F. Bentley, City Clerk

DATE: 9/13/16

ATTESTED BY: 

LaFaye Dellinger, Mayor