

October 12, 2023

The Eastman City Council met in a special called meeting on the above date at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Raymond Mullis, Buddy Pittman, Sebrina Williams, Ronnie Woodard, and Jermayne Hamilton. Others present were Police Chief Billy Cooper, City Manager Spencer Barron, City Inspector Jack White, Fire Chief Scotty Whitten, and City Clerk April Sheffield. Also in attendance were Mark Peacock, Graham Snyder, Debra Sheffield, Conner Bearden, Roy Grenade, Wynnon Pittman, Andrea McCranie, Diana Wheeler, and Dayna Winslette. Present from the community were Max, Debbie, Alec, and Xavier Lanci, Jesse Bearden, AJ Mehta, Amber Winans, Linda Dominy, Logan Spires, Brian Dennis, Sophie Jones, and Peggy Williams. Representing Dodge County Primary School and the Board of Education were Jill Studstill, Dena Barrows, Ashley Jones, Susan Southerland, Susan Long, Darla Faulk, Jessie Mincey, Richard Bazemore, Elvis Davis, Sonya Bundick, and LeNiece Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pittman.

The invocation was given by Councilor Hamilton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: We have two items on the agenda for this special called meeting. One is the approval/denial of package store applications. And we have one other item, vehicle purchase for the water department. I reckon **I need a motion from council to approve the agenda as it stands.**

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Williams. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS:

PACKAGE STORE APPLICATIONS:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Our first item under new business is package store applications. We have had discussion on them for the last 30 minutes. Pros, cons, and all. At this particular time, we will start with application 1, LDC Spirits and Wine, LLC.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: This will be the 214 Main Street. And the name on the application is Mr. Max Lanci.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Everything is in order? Meets state requirements and guidelines?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We are 90% there.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Council, at this particular time **I will entertain a motion to approve said application for LDC Spirits and Wine, LLC.**

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR WOODARD: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor show of hands. That is four. All against? One (Jermaine). **That is 4 for it and 1 against. Alright, motion carried.**

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And again, this will be a provisional license pending completion of the items required by the code section and the ordinance.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next application is DSNP, Inc. DBA **Bottle Cap Spirits.** Everything is in order on this? Meets all state requirements and guidelines? Local guidelines and requirements?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We are going to require confirmation of the advertisement. After that, that is the last outstanding thing I believe. Again, it will be provisional. Y'all give us authority to sign off on it, it will become an active one.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Council, once again everything is in order. **I will entertain a motion to approve this application.**

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion to approve from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands. All against? That's 4 yea's and 1 nay (Jermayne).

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next application is SLM Management DBA Eastman Package Store. We have had some discussions.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: This is the one that the City Building Inspector, Chief of Police, the City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the City Attorney all believe would violate state statute based on proximity to the South Dodge Primary School. 1078 McRae Highway.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: And y'all had all of the measurements? Alright, in this case, since this one does not meet state statutes, it basically, at this point, can't go any further because it doesn't meet them. **I will entertain a motion at this time to deny this application for SLM Management.**

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a motion for denial from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next item on the agenda is vehicle purchase for the water department.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Yes, Sir, our water department has two vehicles in the shop right now. We are actually in a pretty bit of a desperate situation. But they have gone out and found a 2012 Ford F550 at Goodman Auto Sales. The water department, Mr. Raymond, Jack, you have gone and checked it out. They believe it is a good truck and believe it will give us a good number of years. They are asking \$18,417 to purchase it. The money is available in our SPLOST account. And I would ask that Council would consider letting us waive our bid process and let us purchase that truck, due to circumstances.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: All right. Council, do y'all have any questions concerning the truck? If not, **I will entertain a motion to approve the purchase of the 2012 Ford F550 from Goodman Auto Sales.**

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. **Motion carried unanimous.**

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

On a motion from Councilman Mullis and a second by Councilman Hamilton, the meeting was adjourned.