

December Minutes
Commerce Civic Center
December 12, 2005
6:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Charles Hardy called the meeting to order and City Clerk Shirley Willis called the roll. Those in attendance were Mayor Charles Hardy, Mayor Pro Tem Archie Chaney, Council members Riley Harris, Donald Wilson, Mark Fitzpatrick, Bob Sosebee and Richard Massey, City Manager Clarence Bryant, City Attorney John Stell, one member of the press and approximately twenty-five to thirty (25-30) citizens.

Councilman Richard Massey gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Archie Chaney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mark Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes of the regular November 14, 2005 and the December 5, 2005 work session minutes as presented.

The vote was unanimous.

Citizens or Delegations

A. Stephan Wilcox – 2004-2005 Audit Report

Mr. Wilcox passed out copies of the Audit Report and covered highlights of the audit. He said the objective of the audit was to present a statement of the financial position of the City. Mr. Wilcox stated that the government-wide financial statements were designed to provide readers with a broad view of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. Statement of the City included the primary government's general and proprietary funds and also the Downtown Development Authority for which the city was financially accountable. He covered the significant accounting policies, the fixed assets, cash and cash equivalents and investments and all other components of the audit. Mr. Wilcox said, in his opinion, the City of Commerce complied, in all material respects, with the requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Mr. Wilcox thanked Clarence Bryant, Shirley Willis and Steve McKown for their assistance during the audit. He then asked for any questions and said if anyone had any questions later they could contact Steve McKown and he would contact him for an answer.

Mayor Charles Hardy thanked Mr. Wilcox for his work and his presentation.

Mayor Charles Hardy said that Mr. Bryant was absent due to his mother having surgery in Albany and to the mayor's knowledge that was the first meeting he had missed in fifteen years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Charles Hardy said that the only old business was the condemnation of the properties from the last meeting. He said that the allotted days had not expired as of the November meeting and compliance for the time limit had been met. Mayor Hardy asked for a motion to instruct Police Chief John Gaissert to get bids and process the condemnations.

Councilman Bob Sosebee made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archie Chaney to proceed with the process for removal of the structures.

The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Planning commission Hearing Items:

Mayor Charles Hardy read a letter for informational purposes only regarding the approval of the preliminary plat for Commerce Square located at Highway 98 and Old Bold Springs Road. Approval was given contingent upon the return of the soil/sedimentation control plan's acceptance.

- 1) Ms. Florence Gilliam Thomas's Conditional Use Request for a Personal Care Home at 125 Huntington Lane

Reverend Thomas passed out some literature regarding the personal care home she requested to be allowed to have at 125 Huntington Lane .