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## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION Tennille Fire Department**

January 6, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

### **MINUTES**

A work session of the Tennille City Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2025, with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding.

Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford, Clifford B. Coleman, Sr., Sidney Swan, and David Hartley.

Others in attendance were David Tyre, *Turnipseed Engineers*, Michael Howard, *City Attorney*, Mike Wiggins, *Building Official*, Danielle Ferguson, *City Clerk*, and Tanisha Ball, *Asst. City Clerk/Court Clerk*.

#### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Eartha Cummings.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Eartha Cummings.

#### **Invocation**

The invocation was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford.

#### **Review of Minutes**

- The minutes of December 2, 2024, were presented to council for review.

#### **Monthly Reports**

- The Building Official report for 12/2024 was presented to council for review.
- The Sheriff's report for 12/2024 was sent to council via email.

#### **New Business**

- WWTP Infrastructure – Bid Awarding Recommendation
  - o David Tyre, *Turnipseed Engineers*, recommends IHC Construction Company, LLC to be awarded the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project bid.
  - o IHC Construction Company submitted the lowest responsible bid for the project at \$13,934,000 inclusive of Deductive Alternatives A-2 and A-3.
  - o David Tyre also recommends the City pursues a small loan in the amount of

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- \$126,080 for contingency.
- CBOTS – Pooled Cash Account
  - o Opening a pooled cash account for the City at Citizen’s Bank of the South is presented to Council for approval.
  - o Council is also asked to add Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford as a signatory on this account.
- LMIG – Project Bid Posting
  - o The City will need to post an ad for bid listing city roads needing to be repaved using LMIG funding. Council approval is requested.
  - o These streets will include (but not be limited to) Carver, E Church, W Adams.

Attorney - Michael Howard

- Attorney Michael Howard
  - o Attorney Michael Howard has no new updates; however, he shares excitement for the City’s water system projects moving forward.

Mayor/Council & Committee Concerns

- Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford
  - o Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford shares the storm clean-up following Hurricane Helene is still on-going.
  - o Attorney Michael Howard notes this clean-up will continue for the next few weeks.
- Council Member David Hartley
  - o Council Member David Hartley shares concern of amount of debris still left to be cleaned up and inquires on the anticipated path of work left to be completed.
- Council Member Sidney Swan
  - o Council Member Sidney Swan shares the City website suffered an unexpected crash. Swan continues to note that while this is rectified, he is working to ensure online services are still available to customers.
- Mayor Eartha Cummings
  - o Mayor Cummings shares additional funding has been approved for the streetscape project.
  - o Mayor Cummings goes on to note she is excited for the year to come in Tennille and cannot wait to see all fruits of labor come to fruition within ongoing projects.
  - o Mayor Cummings notes the City is continuing to work with the renewable energy grant to get all staff certified to begin to utilize renewal energy within the City.

Adjourn

With no further business, Council Member David Hartley makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford to close the work session, and move into the regular council

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meeting. The work session is adjourned at 6:30 PM.