

Special Commission Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021
5:30 pm

Mayor Shannon Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present included Mayor Shannon Smith, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Daniel Nugent and Commissioner Wilbur Waters. Also present were City Manager John Holman, City Attorney Clay Martin, Deputy Clerk Lisa Terry and City Clerk Ricky Thompson.

Mayor Smith entertained a motion to approve spending the balance of CRA funds on the purchase of a Christmas tree. Commissioner Waters made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Chastain. Commissioner Mortimer asked if the commission had voted on the use of the funds at the last Commission Meeting. Attorney Martin said it was not voted on but there was a consensus. Commissioner Mortimer said there are two bids from Temple Display. One for \$10,522.70 and one for \$11,788.66 through February 28, 2021. Mr. Thompson said he believes they will honor the quoted price but there could be a not to exceed price in the motion. Commissioner Mortimer asked how much is in the CRA. Clerk Thompson said \$1,750.00. Mr. Holman said the Chamber of Commerce raised funds for the purchase of the Christmas tree in the amount of \$6,000.00. Clerk Thompson said he does not believe they have the funds to reimburse. Commissioner Mortimer asked Mr. Holman if he has that in writing. He said he has an email from Pam Whittle. Attorney Martin said the board could approve the expenditure for the Christmas tree upon receipt of \$6,000.00 from the Chamber of Commerce. He asked Commissioner Waters to repeat his motion. Commissioner Waters said the motion is to use the balance of funds in the CRA account towards the purchase of a tree. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Smith addressed CRA Resolution Number 2021-01. Attorney Martin read the title of the resolution. He said they were able to that the board who created the CRA could also dissolve it. Attorney Martin said he will have an ordinance for first reading the dissolve the CRA at the next meeting. Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2021-01. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Commissioner Chastain asked what the window to reestablish the CRA would be. Attorney Martin said there are no restrictions unless the state repeals the statute. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.