

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2025**  
**9:00 AM Central Standard Time**

**Present:** Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Nina Hendricks, Michael Hutto, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Robin Phillips, Eric Seib, David Tillar, April Watson, James Griffin, Alvin Miller, Alvin Carnley, Terri Carnley, Bethany Caraway, Denise McDonald, Joey Hutto, Marolyn Middleton, Trudie Blackmon, Ryan Long

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib

**Prayer:** Michael Hutto

**Pledge:** Nina Hendricks

**1. New Business:**

**Bray Hendricks Park Construction Bids Review:** Mr. Cozart discussed the legal opinion letter that was presented to the council regarding questions that were raised at the previous regular meeting on February 3, 2025 (attached). One bid was received at 4:00:23 pm central time. Mr. Cozart stated that this bid should be disqualified due to the language of the advertisement stating that all bids must be received before 4:00 pm central time. There were also two bids that had written deductions on the outside of the bid envelopes. Mr. Cozart stated that it was his legal opinion that those two written amounts should not be considered in the base bid, and the base bid would be what was given inside the sealed envelopes. These two bids should not be disqualified but the bids would be the amount of the original bid given. Discussion followed. Mr. Tillar from Dewberry provided the council with an evaluation of the bids received (attached). The lowest responsible bid was \$8,837,200.00 from Triptek Construction of Atmore, AL. It is the recommendation of Dewberry to move forward with the contract from Triptek. Discussion followed. Councilman Hutto made a motion to accept the bid from Triptek for construction within Bray-Hendricks Park. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

- 2. Visitor Comments:** Alvan Miller questioned the various bid options. Mr. Tiller stated that the bid options were available on the site plans (available in the meeting) and could be viewed as requested. Mayor Owens asked about the time frame for the start of the project. Mr. Tiller and Ms. Phillips stated that they would be working on this and would hopefully be able to start within the next 60 days pending DEO review. Mayor Owens asked if a meeting with Triptek could be scheduled sometime next week to discuss plan options and further questions. Mr. Seib will set a meeting time once the contract is signed. Mrs. Marolyn Middleton asked about the cost differences between each bid. Mayor Owens stated that after reviewing the bids, most of the cost differences were due to material choices and choices of equipment being utilized. She also asked about a walking path and was told that there was a walking path within the park which included some of the sidewalk areas. Alvin Miller discussed the use of the park until construction started due to Jay Recreation trying to schedule games. Mr. Seib stated that he would meet with Mr. Miller and with Jay Recreation to discuss this at a later date once the contract was signed with Triptek. Discussion followed

Mayor Owens made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried

  
Donna Bullock, Town Clerk

  
Shon Owens, Mayor