The Mayor and City Council for the City of Weaver, Alabama, met for a regular scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the municipal courtroom at Weaver City Hall, 500 Anniston Street, Weaver, Alabama.

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Jeff Clendenning called the council meeting to order.
2. **Invocation** – Rev. Matthew Martin gave the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Clendenning led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call**

At the direction of Mayor Clendenning, Assistant City Clerk Jody Stephens, acting as secretary for the council meeting, called the roll. The following councilmembers were found to be present: Councilmember Tim McRae, Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Bowles, and Councilmember Terri Summerlin. The following councilmembers were absent: Councilmember Clint Burns and Councilmember Cathy Hamby. With a quorum present, the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

1. **Adoption of Agenda** – Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Mayor Pro-Tem Bowles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McRae, to adopt the agenda for the Tuesday, February 13, 2024, regular scheduled council meeting with the addition of 5.1 Introduction of Guests. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Ayes-All and Nays-None. The motion carried.

1. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Councilmember McRae made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bowles, to dispense with the reading of and adopt the minutes as written for the Tuesday, January 23, 2024, regular scheduled council meeting. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Ayes-All and Nays-None. The motion carried.

1. **Department Reports**
   1. Public Works Department – Director Jonathan Ingram – The water project on Valley Drive was almost complete and very close to the budget due to additions. The public works maintenance shed has a new roof.
   2. Police Department – Chief Wayne Bush – Police department stats for January 2024 were provided, and Officer Michael Kane’s retirement will be official on March 1, 2024.
   3. Fire Department/Code Enforcement – Chief Brian Bunn – Chief Bunn had no report.
   4. Administrative Department – Assistant City Clerk Jody Stephens – Mrs. Stephens had no report.
2. **Council Reports**
   1. Councilmember Clint Burns – Councilmember Burns was absent.
   2. Councilmember Tim McRae – Clean-up day will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and all supplies will be provided. More research will be done before making changes to the existing ordinances regarding code violations. Considered suggestions were to increase the penalties/fines after one offense and to decrease the number of days allowed between offenses from 30 days to 15 days.
   3. Councilmember Cathy Hamby – Councilmember Hamby was absent.
   4. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Bowles – Additional suggestions in reference to code violations were to decrease the days allowed between offenses from 30 days to 10 days and to give Code Enforcement Officer Brian Bunn more power to use his own discretion.
   5. Councilmember Terri Summerlin – Some of the ordinances are old and outdated, so they all need to be combed through beginning with the most used.
3. **Old Business** – None.
4. **New Business**

a. Financial Statements & Auditor’s Report (FY 2020 and FY 2021) – Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Bowles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Summerlin, to approve the financial audit provided for fiscal year 2020. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Ayes-All and Nays-None. The motion carried. Councilmember Summerlin made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Bowles, to approve the financial audit provided for fiscal year 2021. Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Ayes-All and Nays-None. The motion carried.

b. Ordinance#2024-02 – Rescinding Certain Sections of the Rental Property Ordinance was introduced for the council to review and will be under Old Business at the next council meeting.

c. Changes to Family Affidavit Requirements – In future years, family affidavits will require a one-time $14.00 fee (instead of each year) as long as the tenant does not change, but the paperwork will still be required each year. No action was taken.

d. Update on Sale of Land on Jacksonville Street – There was a delay with the finalization of the sale of the Jacksonville Street land due to an error in the land description found after the buyer requested a title search. The error will be corrected and a new deed written in order to proceed. No action was taken.

1. **Mayor’s Report** – Commissioner Howell has signed off on the road paving project to pave 17 roads in Weaver, and it should let in the next couple of months. Actions to reverse the Senate bill prohibiting the city from collecting taxes from its police jurisdiction will continue, but it does not look promising. Because the city has a balloon note from a 10 year-old loan due at the end of February, the city will reach out for new terms to refinance and compare it to simply paying it off.
2. **Public Comments**

a. Jeff Winn shared his pride in the excellent leadership in the Weaver High School band program.

b. Mike Warren spoke for the paratransit program and for the Lions Club.

c. Greg Pierce mentioned the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee and paving the Old Alexandria-Jacksonville Highway, and he got clarification about out-of-state homeowners with code violations.

1. **Adjournment** – With no further business coming before the council Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Bowles made a motion to adjourn, and with all in favor the meeting was duly adjourned.

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**Jeffrey A. Clendenning, Mayor Attested: Chasity L. Whetstone, City Clerk**