TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016 AT 3:00 PM

The Town Council of the Town of Cedar Bluff, County of Cherokee, State of Alabama, met in Special Called Session in the Council Room at Town Hall, 3420 Martha Vera Lane, Cedar Bluff, Alabama on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law. Mayor Tammy Crane presided and called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were as follows:

Tammy Crane Billie Burkhalter

Mayor District 1

Donald Sanders Jerry Sprayberry

District 2 District 3

Norman Burton Leatha Harp **District 4 District 5**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Leatha Harp. Mayor Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Discussion of Purchase of Dump Trailer

Mayor Crane stated that several prices had been obtained for the dump trailer. She asked Mark Baty to go over the prices with the Council. Councilmember Donald Sanders made the motion to purchase the 7 X 16 dump trailer for \$5,175.00 plus adding 36 inches tall sides for \$120.00 extra from Baggett's Trailers in Piedmont. Councilmember Norman Burton seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sanders, Sprayberry

Nay: None Abstain: None

Next discussion was made regarding the lease of a mini excavator. Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to rent it from C&C Rentals of Fort Payne for one month for \$2,277.50. Councilmember Jerry Sprayberry seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sanders, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None Abstain: None

At this time Councilmember Burton gave an update on the potential park lease with Alabama Power. He said Alabama Power had asked for a more detailed plan. He said he had spoken with Ladd Environmental, who had agreed to work on a contingency basis to draw up the plan. He said he had also spoken with East Alabama Planning Commission and that there is a potential grant. He stated it would be a 50/50 grant to do the road into the park, a parking lot, a swimming beach area and 8 picnic tables. He also stated that Alabama Power had sent the Town a sample lease to look over. He said that the park would need a good name. He asked the Council what they thought of Cedar Beach Park.

2. <u>Discussion of Potential Closure of Martha Vera Lane</u>

At this time Mayor Crane stated she had spoken with the Town's Attorney and she had said in order to start the process to close the street the Council had to vote on the exact area to be closed and have it surveyed in order to have a legal description of the area. Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to close the street from the end of the council room to the stop sign at Old Highway 9. Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sanders, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None Abstain: None

Next Mayor Crane stated that Officer Chris Vaugh had something to bring before the Council. He said he had information on the Town obtaining a drug dog. He said he had spoken with Senator Phil Williams and we would be able to get a Public Safety Grant for the purchase of the dog. Councilmember Norman Burton asked who would tend to the dog and Officer Vaughn stated he would. Discussion was made as to the expense of taking care of the dog. Discussion was also made regarding the training Officer Vaughn would need.

At 3:37 Councilmember Billie Burkhalter left the meeting.

Councilmember Burton made the motion to start the process to obtain a drug dog. Councilmember Donald Sanders seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Burton, Harp, Sanders, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None Abstain: None Absent: Burkhalter

3. Adjourn

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded.

Motion Carried.

Approved: August 8, 2016

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Tammy Crane, Mayor

ATTEST
Susie Surrett, Town Clerk