

# TOWN OF OHATCHEE

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*"Biggest Little Town in the U.S.A."*

Steven E. Baswell  
Mayor  
Celesia S. Jennings  
Council Member Place No. 1  
J.M. "Butch" Mitchell  
Council Member Place No. 2

Anthony Crosson  
Council Member Place No. 3  
Teresa G. Lott  
Council Member Place No. 4  
Perry R. Howard  
Council Member Place No. 5

**Ohatchee Town Council  
Pre-Council Work Session  
March 19, 2019  
5:30 pm**

Ohatchee Town Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Complex for a pre-council work session. Members present were Mayor Steven Baswell, Councilmembers Anthony Crosson, Perry Howard, Butch Mitchell, Teresa Lott and Celesia Jennings. Mayor Baswell declared a quorum present and the work session was called to order. There were no questions on the minutes from the work session or meeting held February 19, 2019 and there were no questions on the invoices presented for payment.

Mr. Mike Barton, Calhoun County EMA Director attended the session to introduce himself to the Council and discussed his views on the EMA and the importance of building relationships with the communities. He would like to come to Ohatchee and set up to answer any questions the community may have.

Mayor Baswell began a discussion of Agenda items. He will be asking council to adopt two resolutions, the first resolution being R-19-03-01 authorizes the Mayor to finance the purchase of a new Tahoe through Cheaha Bank. Before asking for the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and Chief Oden had checked the terms with Mears Motor Leasing. Cheaha Bank's rates and terms were better than Mears. The second Resolution Mayor Baswell will also be asking the Council to adopt is R-19-03-02 authorizing him to open a line of credit in the amount of \$100,000.00 with Cheaha Bank. He would like to be able to complete the road work projects and not cause the town to be short on available funds. There were no questions on either of the Resolutions.

Mayor will also be asking from the approval of the transfer of ABC liquor license type 050-retail beer (off premises only and type 070-retail wine (off premises only) from Zoey Store, LLC to LE Store, LLC located at 1485 Highway 144 Ohatchee, AL 36271. There were no questions on the transfer.

Nominations for someone to be considered for membership on the Board of Equalization of due. After discussion it was decided not to present any nominations from the Town of Ohatchee.

Bids were received from two companies for the purchase of a new maintenance truck. Mayor Baswell wanted to make sure Council wanted thought it was worth it to spend more than \$47,000,00 on the truck. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and purchase the vehicle and to sell a couple of older trucks which would not be needed any longer, to be able to put a down payment of approximately \$10,000.00, which would keep the payments close to what we have been paying. The truck has everything needed by the Maintenance Department and will last the Town a very long time.

Mayor Baswell will also be asking for Council approval to purchase foul ball poles for the new ballfield at a cost not to exceed \$1200.00. There were no questions on the purchase.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Reminder that Statement of Economic Ethics must be filed before April 30, 2019.

The work session was adjourned at 6:05.

**Ohatchee Town Council Meeting  
March 19, 2019  
6:10 p.m.**

The Town Council of Ohatchee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:10 p.m. at the Municipal Complex for the scheduled meeting. Members present were Mayor Steven Baswell, Councilmembers Anthony Crosson, Perry Howard, Butch Mitchell, Teresa Lott and Celesia Jennings. Mayor Baswell declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The minutes of the work session and council meeting held on February 19, 2019 were presented for consideration. Councilmember Celesia Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Anthony Crosson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Invoices in the amount of \$9,303.56 were presented for payment. Councilmember Teresa Lott made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices as presented. Councilmember Butch Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to adopt Resolution Number R-19-03-01 Authorizing Mayor to Finance the Purchase of a new Tahoe through Cheaha Bank. Councilmember Celesia Jennings made a motion to adopt, seconded by Perry Howard. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to adopt Resolution Number R-19-02-02 Authorizing Mayor to Open a Line of Credit through Cheaha Bank in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Complete Roadwork Projects Councilmember Teresa Lott made a motion to adopt, seconded by Anthony Crosson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve the transfer of ABC Liquor License type 050-retail beer (off premises only and type 070-retail wine (off premises only) from Zoey Store, LLC to LE Store, LLC located at 1458 Highway 144 Ohatchee, AL 36271. Councilmember Teresa Lott made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Butch Mitchell. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve the purchase of an F350 maintenance truck from the low bidder Sunny King. A motion to approve was made by Teresa Lott, seconded by Perry Howard. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve the purchase of foul poles for the new ballfield at a cost not to exceed \$1200.00. Councilmember Celesia Jennings made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Anthony Crosson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The pay scale committee wished to present their proposal to the Mayor. Mayor Baswell asked for a motion to put their proposal to a vote. The proposed increase was for all fulltime employees to receive a fifty-cent (\$.50) increase per hour, except for Blake McGlaughn, who would receive a two dollar (\$2.00) an hour increase effective with the next payroll beginning March 25, 2019. Councilmember Celesia Jennings mad a motion to put the matter up for vote, seconded by Perry Howard.

Mayor Baswell made a Motion to Amend the previous Motion to include part-time employees, seconded by Celesia Jennings. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Being there no further business to come before the Council, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Teresa Lott and seconded by Anthony Crosson. Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Muzanne E. Frederick  
Town Clerk

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