COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

July 14, 2025

 The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on July 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

 Mayor Ed Beasley

 Betty Dawson, Councilwoman

Kip Smith, Councilman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

 Elliott Jones, Councilman

 Eddie Billings, Councilman 5:35

 Attorney Mike Jones

 Mike Johnson, Chief 5:35

 Margie Gomillion, Clerk

 Visitors: Steve Defee Dianne Richardson Brock Flynn Nola Flynn

 Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Councilman Jones to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Steve Defee to say a prayer.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of June 23, 2025. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

 Mayor Beasley stated everything was routine for the administrative report. Everyone has a copy of the report in their packet.

 The mayor called everyone’s attention to the police report. The clerk stated since the last meeting, the police department had 276 calls for service not including building checks, made 49 traffic stops, wrote 20 citations, and gave 29 warnings. The department made 4 misdemeanors and no felony arrest. There have been 6 animal control calls since the last meeting.

Mayor Beasley called on Steve Defee to report on the airport. Mr. Defee stated the airport was inspected again last Thursday. I emphasized to them that we were doing our best to proceed forward with the ramp with Mr. Cole. Mr. Cole is supposed to reach out to you to schedule a meeting to go forward with ALDOT and the fee for him to move forward himself. We do not have the report back. It will take two or three weeks for them to send the inspection report back for this year. The mayor stated we may qualify for a federal grant for around $50,000.

The mayor stated he spoke with Mrs. Kathyrn at the library, and they would like to thank the city employees for the weeding of the flower beds and cutting the grass.

 Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Smith to report on Fire/Rescue. Councilman Smith stated everything is good. I applied for a grant a little over a month ago with Anheuser Bush who offered a drinking water grant to fire departments. Luverne Fire Department was the only fire department in Horn Beverage’s district to apply, so we were blessed with a whole pallet of drinking water. Also, Pepsi donated water and Gatorade a couple of weeks before that to the fire department and police department. Also, yesterday we had a vehicle accident across the river bridge with our first fatality in that location since the Thrasher boy died many years ago.

 The mayor asked for an update of Robyn Snellgrove showing the Vanity Fair building. Mr. Jones stated Mrs. Snellgrove has someone who is interested in renting the building. Mrs. Snellgrove wanted to know what the council would want for rent. She indicated to me that this type of facility ranges anywhere from $1.25 to $2.25 per square foot. I believe the building is 32,000 square feet. The council was interested to know how many employees would be employed. Mr. Jones stated he would call her.

 Mayor Beasley stated he asked Brock Flynn to fill the council and guest in on the current projects. Mr. Flynn reported we have just about completed our water and sewer project on 9th St, 10th St, Woodford Ave, N Forest Ave, 2nd St, Jeffcoat Street and Hwy 29. That is $1.4 million on sewer and $800,000 on water. We have just a little cleanup work on Woodford Ave. When the project started we were supposed to mill our asphalt down but there wasn’t a lot of asphalt to mill down. There is a little height difference in some of the water valves and manholes. They are going to come back, cut those out, concrete them and make them look nice. They are also going to paint the stripes at the stop signs. That will wind up that section. There will be a little more lining of the sewer lines on 2nd St and some on 331. If possible, we can keep stretching our money and change out the pumping station at the hospital. We did have some problems; we were trying to give a good product before we paved 10th St and Woodford Ave but also, we had to do work on N Forest and 2nd St. We couldn’t get the contractors to come pave each section every time. We had to stretch our money. We were ready but we had a problem with the gas company, they had a leak. They were finding natural gas in our sewer lines. Brock discussed the length of time it took to get this solved. Troy Hudson and I had no luck with the gas company. Finally, I told the mayor. He is on the board, and he got it handled for us. We finally got 10th and Woodford Ave paved. I think if you take away the gas lines that is a new street from top to bottom. We got a lot done. I know there were some hiccups, but we have something to be proud of.

 Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Billings for the park report. Councilman Billings stated Merrill emailed everyone a copy of his report. The biggest thing we are looking at since ball has ended other than the upkeep of the fields is the walking trail is going to need some patching and resurfacing the tennis courts. The long-term projects are putting a fence around the walking trail for safety reasons and a new lighting system. Councilman Smith stated the fireworks show turned out good. Councilman Billings reported the groundbreaking of the new splash pad is set for August 1st. The Stars and Stripes Over the LU had a good turnout for the first time.

 Councilman Jones stated Lisa Miller with Energy Southeast (AMEA) will be here Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. for her annual economic development update at city hall if anyone would like to join.

 The mayor presented Resolution 071425(g) for First Citizens Bank 45 years of service. This resolution will be presented on Friday, July 25th. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(g) for First Citizens Bank 45 years of service. Councilman Billings seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously approved. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 071425(g)**

**WHEREAS**, First Citizens Bank was established on July 8, 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment, First Citizens Bank has been a vital part of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, First Citizens Bank continues to provide the citizens of Luverne with vital financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, First Citizens Bank has been an outstanding corporate citizen supporting and donating to many causes within the City of Luverne; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 25, 2025, First Citizens Bank will celebrate its 45th year of being a much-appreciated part of the Luverne community

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Luverne wish to congratulate First Citizens Bank, its Board of Directors, and employeesfor having been in business for 45 years;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** The Mayor and City Council acknowledge and send their sincere appreciation to First Citizens Bank for its many contributions to Luverne and its citizens;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this body and be provided to First Citizens Bank.

**DONE** this 14th day of July, 2025.

 Mayor Beasley stated I am a candidate for the upcoming election and thus disqualifies me by state law to perform election duties. Councilman Smith made a motion that the council finds that the clerk, Margie Gomillion, is a disinterested party and is hereby appointed to perform the mayor’s election duties. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

 The mayor stated one candidate per District #2, District #3, District #4 and District #5 filed a statement of candidacy for councilmember. The following resolutions were presented declaring Kippery W. Smith, Beverly Sport, Elliott H. Jones and Edward Billings, Jr. as Councilmembers.

 Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(a) stating Kippery W. Smith is duly elected to the office of Councilmember. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion and the vote was as follows.

 Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Elliott Jones

 Eddie Billings

 The motion carried. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 071425(a)**

**WHEREAS,** Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

**WHEREAS,** said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor of the City of Luverne has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Kippery W. Smith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Luverne that Kippery W. Smith be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilmember in the City of Luverne for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor of the City of Luverne be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Kippery W. Smith for the office of Councilmember for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

**ADOPTED** THIS THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Councilwoman Smyth made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(b) stating Beverly Sport is duly elected to the office of Councilmember. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 071425(b)**

**WHEREAS,** Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

**WHEREAS,** said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor of the City of Luverne has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Beverly Sport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Luverne that Beverly Sport be and she is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilmember in the City of Luverne for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor of the City of Luverne be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Beverly Sport for the office of Councilmember for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

**ADOPTED** THIS THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Councilman Billings made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(c) stating Elliott H. Jones is duly elected to the office of Councilmember. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was as follows.

Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Elliott Jones

 Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Eddie Billings

 The motion carried. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 071425(c)**

**WHEREAS,** Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

**WHEREAS,** said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor of the City of Luverne has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Elliott H. Jones.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Luverne that Elliott H. Jones be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilmember in the City of Luverne for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor of the City of Luverne be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Elliott H. Jones for the office of Councilmember for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

**ADOPTED** THIS THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(d) stating Edward w. Billings, Jr., is duly elected to the office of Councilmember. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was as follows.

 Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Eddie Billings

 Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Elliott Jones

 The motion carried. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 071425(d)**

**WHEREAS,** Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

**WHEREAS,** said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor of the City of Luverne has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Edward W. Billings, Jr.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Luverne that Edward W. Billings, Jr. be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilmember in the City of Luverne for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor of the City of Luverne be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Edward W. Billings, Jr. for the office of Councilmember for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

**ADOPTED** THIS THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

 Next, the mayor presented the council with the Certificate of Election for Kippery W. Smith, Beverly Sport, Elliott H. Jones and Edward Billings, Jr. as Councilmembers.

 Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the Certificate of Election for Kippery W. Smith. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Elliott Jones

 Eddie Billings

 The motion carried. The Certificate of Election is as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**CRENSHAW COUNTY**

**CITY OF LUVERNE**

The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2025 Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Luverne, Alabama, on August 26, 2025 that Kippery W. Smith was the only candidate to qualify for Council Member Place 2 of the City Luverne, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, **Kippery W. Smith** is deemed elected to **Council Member Place 2** of the City Luverne, Alabama without opposition.

Adopted pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-20 et seq. of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 14th day of July, 2025.

 Councilwoman Smyth made a motion to adopt the Certificate of Election for Beverly Sport. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. The Certificate of Election is as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**CRENSHAW COUNTY**

**CITY OF LUVERNE**

The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2025 Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Luverne, Alabama, on August 26, 2025 that Beverly Sport was the only candidate to qualify for Council Member Place 3 of the City Luverne, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, **Beverly Sport** is deemed elected to **Council Member Place 3** of the City Luverne, Alabama without opposition.

Adopted pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-20 et seq. of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 14th day of July, 2025.

Councilman Billings made a motion to adopt the Certificate of Election for Elliott H. Jones. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Elliott Jones

 Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Eddie Billings

 The motion carried. The Certificate of Election is as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**CRENSHAW COUNTY**

**CITY OF LUVERNE**

The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2025 Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Luverne, Alabama, on August 26, 2025 that Elliott H. Jones was the only candidate to qualify for Council Member Place 4 of the City Luverne, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, **Elliott H. Jones** is deemed elected to **Council Member Place 4** of the City Luverne, Alabama without opposition.

Adopted pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-20 et seq. of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 14th day of July, 2025.

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the Certificate of Election for Edward W. Billings, Jr. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Eddie Billings

 Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Elliott Jones

 The motion carried. The Certificate of Election is as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**CRENSHAW COUNTY**

**CITY OF LUVERNE**

The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2025 Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Luverne, Alabama, on August 26, 2025 that Edward W. Billings, Jr was the only candidate to qualify for Council Member Place 5 of the City Luverne, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, **Edward W. Billings, Jr** is deemed elected to **Council Member Place 5** of the City Luverne, Alabama without opposition.

Adopted pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-20 et seq. of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 14th day of July, 2025.

 Mayor Beasley stated the fire department has two vehicles they would like to surplus. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to surplus the following vehicles for the fire department: 1994 Chev Tanker Truck Vin#0942 and 1984 Imi Pumper Truck VIN#I054. Councilman Billings seconded the motion The vote was as follows:

 Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Kip Smith

 Kathy Smyth

 Elliott Jones

 Eddie Billings

 The motion carried.

 Next, the mayor stated the police department has three vehicles they would like to surplus. Councilman Smith made a motion to surplus the following vehicles for the police department: 2009 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#7945, 2009 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2537 and 2012 Chev Tahoe VIN# 7080. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion and all was in favor.

 The mayor presented the council with Ordinance 25-04 Amending Chapter 22 Zoning Article II. Definition of Terms. Mr. Jones discussed the issues and questions regarding definitions listed in this ordinance. This is just an effort to clarify the definitions until we get to the zoning ordinance revision and do them all. After further discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 25-04. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-04. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and all was in favor. The Ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE 25-04

AMENDING THE CITY OF LUVERNE CODE OF ORDINANCES

 Be it ordained by the City Council of The City of Luverne, Alabama, that Chapter 22, Article II, Definition of Terms, is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 22

ZONING

ARTICLE II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

This Article is amended to delete in their entirety the definitions as follows:

 House Trailer: See Mobile Homes and See Manufactured Homes

Manufactured Home:

 Mobile Home:

 Trailer: See Mobile Homes

And is further amended to add as follows:

**Dwelling, Mobile Home:** A detached residential dwelling unit designed for transportation after fabrication on streets or highways on its own wheels at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling, complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking. A travel trailer or recreation vehicle is not to be considered as a mobile home. Only one mobile home shall be allowed on a single lot.

**Manufactured Home:** A structure, transportable in one or more section, which when erected on site measures eight body feet or more in width and 32 body feet or more in length, built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling, with or without a permanent foundation, when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, hearing, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. A manufactured home can be new. A new manufactured home is a manufactured home which is still in the possession of the manufacturer, dealer or first purchaser of the manufactured home. For the purpose of these provisions, a modular home, mobile home, and/or house trailer shall be considered a manufactured home.

**Recreational vehicle:** A recreational vehicle is a vehicle or a unit that is mounted on, drawn by, or pulled by another vehicle, or mounted so as to be driven under its own power and primarily designed for travel. Recreational vehicles include travel trailers, camping trailers, truck campers and motor homes. The same shall not be authorized for residing in within the City of Luverne.

Approved and adopted this 14th day of July 2025.

 Mayor Beasley presented the council with Resolution 071425(e) 2025 SCRC SEID Application. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(e). Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. The resolution is as follows:

CITY OF LUVERNE

RESOLUTION NO. 071425(e)

Southeast Crescent Regional Commission,

State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program

To authorize the filing of an application to the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) under the State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program; to commit a local match for the project; and to authorize the Mayor of Luverne to sign all documents related to the filing of the 2025 SCRC SEID Application.

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC), established pursuant to the 2008 Farm Bill (Public Law 110–234, Section 379B), is a federal-state partnership created to address economic distress in parts of the southeastern United States and to foster economic development, improve infrastructure, and promote job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, the SEID Grant Program, administered by SCRC, provides funding assistance for basic public infrastructure, transportation improvements, business development, and other activities that support economic competitiveness in distressed counties and regions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Luverne, acting by and through its City Council, proposes to apply for SEID funding for **replacement of a critical pump station at the City’s lagoon**, a key component of the municipal sanitary sewer system. This pump station plays a vital role in maintaining consistent, safe, and reliable wastewater service throughout the city. ; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the grant administration requirements, the City of Luverne must designate an official to act as Financial Officer to provide fiscal oversight and compliance throughout the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **That** Mayor **Ed Beasley** is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application, with all required assurances and supporting documentation, to the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission for SEID Grant Program funds in the amount of **$422,500**; and
2. **That** the City of Luverne commits to providing a local cash match of **$422,500** to support the total project cost and ensure successful implementation; and
3. **That** Mayor **Ed Beasley**, or his successor in office, is hereby designated and appointed as **Financial Officer** for the purposes of the SEID grant administration, and is authorized to make assurances, execute documents, and take any and all actions necessary to carry out the responsibilities of this role on behalf of the City.

**ADOPTED** this 14th day of **July**, 2025.

 Next, Mayor Beasley presented the council with Resolution 071425(f) SES Professional Services. Councilman Billings made a motion to adopt Resolution 071425(f). Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion and all was in favor. The resolution is as follows:

**CITY OF LUVERNE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 071425(f)**

**Southeast Crescent Regional Commission,**

**State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program**

To accept a proposal for the provision of professional engineering services for the City of Luverne’s Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Rehab & Upgrades project, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents related to the execution of the contract.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Luverne solicited proposals from qualified firms for professional engineering services for the project titled “Luverne Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Rehab & Upgrades”, to be included in a 2025 application to the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) under the State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection process was conducted in accordance with federal and local procurement standards to ensure full and open competition, and no conflicts of interest have been identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement followed the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, including but not limited to Sections 200.318 through 200.320, governing procurement by non-federal entities expending federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, one proposal was received, reviewed, and determined to meet all requirements, and is therefore recommended for award; and

**WHEREAS**, Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc., the sole respondent, has been verified as eligible and not suspended or debarred, per 2 CFR Part 180 and the System for Award Management (SAM.gov); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City’s best interest to award the contract to Southern Engineering Solutions Inc. for engineering services related to the 2025 SCRC SEID application, as well as for post-award services, contingent upon grant approval and funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ALABAMA:**

**1.** **That** the City of Luverne hereby selects Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the provision of engineering services for the proposed SEID-funded project, contingent upon the award and execution of the SCRC SEID grant agreement.

**2.** **That** the selection and award were conducted in compliance with federal procurement policy, specifically as required under 2 CFR Part 200, and are documented accordingly.

**3.** **That** Ed Beasley, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with Southern Engineering Solutions and all related documents necessary to carry out this resolution on behalf of the City of Luverne.

**ADOPTED** this 14th day of July, 2025.

Mr. Jones stated we are trying to close out the Jeffcoat project. When SCADC filed to close out the project ADECA found wording in there that had to do with drainage that was in the original application. The grant was not to do any drainage. SCADC said the drainage goes along with when your paving, etc. SCADC called and we met with them. They asked that we get with ADECA and see what we can do. We called ADECA and we were not successful. It can be corrected. It will just take a little more time and effort. If we don’t do it, it would cost the city around $30,000. Ashton Hutchison with SCADC is in the process of redoing it. There were 12 draws and they have to redocument every one of them and have another public meeting. It will then have to come back to the council for approval. We fully expect once we do that ADECA will approve it. We cannot apply for another CDBG grant until this one is closed out.

 Mr. Jones stated he sent the council information on the lease for AT&T. The lease is coming up in October. They want to reduce the rent and a long-term lease. Mr. Jones discussed his concerns with technology. After some discussion, the council is in agreement to a three – ten-year terms, 2% increase every year and good with the lease amount of $1,750. Mr. Jones will contact AT&T with what the council will agree on.

 Next, Mr. Jones stated Verizon wants a 20-year-longer term on their lease. At this time, they have 19 years left on their lease. The rent would be the same with a 2% increase every year, but with better service and coverage for the city. Councilman Smith made a motion to agree to a lease with Verizon for an additional 20 years, same amount of rent with a 2% increase every year. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

 Mr. Jones stated he was not able to get up with Robyn Snellgrove about the number of employees but will email everyone once he speaks to her.

 Councilwoman Dawson stated she worked with the Chamber of Commerce and the food drive on Friday. I represented the city and Councilwoman Smyth did also.

 Councilman Jones stated he wanted to remind everybody he will start working on the city budget hopefully this week, so if anyone has anything get with me.

 There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Billings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.