

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

A Regular Council Meeting was held at 5:30 P.M. in the council chambers of city hall. Present for the meeting were Mayor Reuben Shelley, Council Members John Glover, Ray Marler, Steve Watson, Benton Beasley, and Mary Williams.

Mayor Shelley asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Watson offered prayer.

Mayor Shelley requested the appointment of Susan Money as City Clerk due to the retirement of Joyce Anderson. A motion was made by Ray Marler and Steve Watson seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley presented the re-zoning of the mobile home park on Hwy 173 to the Council for a vote. Mayor Shelley informed the public that there would be no discussion at this session. Ray Marler addressed Mrs. Applefield regarding the annexation letter, questioning if she had signed the letter to come into the City. Mrs. Applefield said she had signed the letter. After some discussion regarding the re-zoning a vote was taken. A motion was made by John Glover to change the zoning from O-L to M-H and Mary Williams seconded the motion. John Glover, yea vote; Mary Williams, yea vote; Ray Marler, nay vote; Steve Watson, nay vote; Benton Beasley, nay vote. The vote did not pass 3 to 2.

Mayor Shelley convened the public hearing at 5:45 P.M. concerning the vacation of part of Sporman Street from Mitchell to Peachtree for the Henry County Board of Education. The public hearing was declared over at 5:47 due to no public comments. Ray Marler wanted to go on record "That no one showed up for the hearing".

A motion was made by Ray Marler to approve Resolution Number 6-2006 Vacation of part of Sporman Street and John Glover seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Ray Marler to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Steve Watson seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley presented a letter from the Zoning Board of Adjustments approving a variance for Bartlett Ford to replace a singlewide mobile home

with a doublewide mobile home. A motion was made by Benton Beasley to accept the variance and Ray Marler seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative. Steve Watson discussed the need to re-zone Mr. Ford's lot from O-L to M-H and that this should be taken up with John Hewitt.

Mayor Shelley asked that Areal Crozier be re-classified from a Co-op Student at the Library to a Permanent Part-time employee. He advised the Council that he had misunderstood Dede Coe when she first asked for the re-classification and thought Areal would only work through the Smithsonian. Ray Marler made the motion to hire Area Crozier as a Permanent Part-time Library Aid to be paid by the Cities pay scale and Steve Watson seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative.

A purchase request was made to upgrade the current Peachtree Accounting Software to the 2007 version. The cost of the upgrade would be \$709.95 and this was a special that would only be available until September 6, 2006. A motion was made by Steve Watson to purchase the update and Benton Beasley seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

A request was made for the Council to take under consideration to pay for a MetLife \$50,000 life insurance policy. Steve Watson advised this should be put in the up coming budget and that it may come to the City paying part of the policy. Benton Beasley made motion that the City would pay the policy and Mary Williams seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley presented Ordinance Number 10-2006 to amend the Business License Ordinance Number 8, 2005. Steve Watson made the motion and Ray Marler seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley requested that the Council give him authorization to continue talks with the Henry County Water Authority. Mayor Shelley informed the Council the City would abandon the water lines at Wisteria and Huntington Place. Benton Beasley made the motion to allow the Mayor to continue talks with the Henry County Water Authority and Mary Williams seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Mayor presented the Council with a schedule to change the building permit amount for Churches and other religious organizations. A motion was made by Benton Beasley to amend the previous ordinance and change the building permit fees and Ray Marler seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley advised the Council that the Douglas family had made a request for the payment on Douglas Park. Mayor Shelley asked the family to send him a letter stating how they would want the payment distributed.

Mayor Shelley said he has received a request from the Wiregrass Lions Club for 50 to 200 parking spaces for a Poker Run that will be held on September 16, 2006.

Police Chief Mark Jones made his report for August 2006. Chief Jones informed the Council of their "Click It Or Tick It" program, where they will be checking for set belt usage and giving a warning ticket for those with no set belts. September 23rd Sgt. Cobb will be holding a Child Safety Set class on the Square and he will be checking to see if car sets are properly installed. Chief Jones informed the Mayor and Council that his computer was hit during a lightning storm. The cost to replace the computer would be \$782.50. Steve Watson made a motion to approve the purchase and Benton Beasley seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Mayor informed the Council that the State was unable to locate a Resolution for sirens that had been previously approved. The Mayor asked that the Council approve a Resolution and it could be worded later. Benton Beasley made a motion to approve a Resolution for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and Ray Marler seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Fire Chief Eric Lawrence updated the Council on ambulance calls, fire runs, 98 fireplugs have been painted, and the budget for his department has been turned in to the City Clerk.

Librarian Dede Coe presented the Council her report. She informed the Mayor and Council that lightning had got the radio for the Internet and she was going to go with a landline system. She gave a report on the number of books issued and discussed employee salaries.

Councilman Benton Beasley discussed the County taking care of the newly annexed roads and if the City had heard back on their decision. Beasley also commented on the classified ad in the Dothan Eagle for the Magistrates position. Mayor informed the Council that Mary Beth Brackin was resigning but would continue in the position though October 1, 2006.

Mary Williams stated that the ad was for 30 hours and that the Council had voted on 18 hours per week. Mayor explained to Council that this was a mistake.

Steve Watson informed the Council of several requests he had received for tournaments at Douglas Park.

Ray Marler made a motion to pay the bills and Mary Williams seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Ray Walden spoke regarding Holiday garbage pick-up. Mayor Shelley explained the schedule to Mr. Walden.

Diane Hinson addressed the Council in regard to the status of the new water lines to her house and her business. Mrs. Hinson also, was interested in the status of a red light at the intersection of Hwy 134 W and Main Street near her business. Mayor explained that his request for the red light had been denied and he was also denied on other options he had requested.

Danny Reeder addressed the Council concerning his trash pick-up being on a regular schedule. The Mayor informed him that there were some problems but they were being worked out.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ray Marler.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor