

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2007**

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, and Benton Beasley. Mary Williams was absent.

The mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Watson offered prayer.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7th meeting but requested that the minutes from the May 9th meeting be looked into due to no quorum being present, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Steve Watson made a motion to pay the bills, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to re-appoint Larry Wells to a five (5) year term with the Housing Authority Board that would expire 10-05-2011, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The appointments to the Tree Board were tabled.

Mayor Shelley presented the Council with two bids to refinance bank loans and borrow additional funds.

Peoples South Bank submitted a bid of 5.20% interest on \$773,478.00 (plus fees and closing). The bid was not itemized. The terms were 36-month balloon/240 month amortization.

Headland National Bank submitted a bid of 5.450% interest for 20 years on \$628,473.38 as follows:

Douglas Property	=	\$187,373.30
Headland Nation Bank Paving Loan	=	83,222.63
Refinance the HNB 2005 Loan	=	297,877.45
Finance Sirens	=	30,000.00
Work at Golden Field (electrical)	=	30,000.00

Steve Watson made a motion to accept the bid from Peoples South Bank and John Glover seconded. Mayor Shelley, yea vote; John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, nay vote; Steve Watson, yea vote; and Benton Beasley, nay vote.

Mrs. Andrea Shiphorst spoke to the Council against the boring of the \$175,000.00 to run water line out Co. Rd. 33.

Steve Watson made a motion to accept a 1.987 million dollar loan from USDA at 4% for forty (40) years and John Glover seconded. Mayor Shelley, yea vote; John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, nay vote; Steve Watson, yea vote; and Benton Beasley nay vote.

Steve Watson made a motion to borrow \$75,000.00 from Headland National Bank to establish water line to the Helms Property off 134 west and John Glover seconded. Mayor Shelley, yea vote; John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, nay vote; Steve Watson, yea vote; and Benton Beasley, nay vote.

Benton Beasley made a motion to increase Leigh Ingrams salary to \$11.50 an hour and Steve Watson seconded. Mayor Shelley, yea vote; John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, nay vote; Steve Watson, yea vote; and Benton Beasley, yea vote.

Ray Marler made a motion to accept amendments made to the Personnel Rules and Regulations, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence gave his departments report for the month of April 2007. He informed the Council that he had finished the 2007 Fire-Act grant to replace a fire truck and some gear.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary gave his departments report for the month of April 2007. He explained to the Council that his Department would be following the current policy for non-payment disconnects. Jason explained that at this time the wells were running at an 80 – 90% capacity and can not keep the tanks full during the day. He suggested that the citizens at this time go on a voluntary odd-even watering cycle.

Council Comments:

Council member John Glover requested speed bumps be place on Adams Dr. Mayor Shelley told him he would check into the cost of portable bumps.

Council member Benton Beasley asked about a paper that the Council received from George Trotter, Street/Sanitation Superintendent. Mayor Shelley informed the Council that this should have went before the Personnel Committee before coming to the Council.

Public Comments:

George Trotter, Street/Sanitation Superintendent came before the council requesting that he be allowed to meet with the whole Council on issues with his department.

Mrs. Diane Hinson informed the Mayor that she was very disturbed that the \$175,000.00 loan was brought up with Mrs. Mary Williams being in the hospital and thought that the current water users should be considered and corrects the situation for them instead of running water to new homes. She also brought to the Council's attention about potholes on her street.

Mrs. Zona Gail Baxter was present to express her concern about the quality of water at her home on Main Street. She informed the Council that she had been bring her problem to the City for two years and did not know how safe the water was.

Mrs. Andrea Shiphorst expressed her concern about getting "new" water in "old" water lines.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M. on a motion by Ray Marler.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor