

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 11, 2007

A regular Council Meeting was held at 5:30 P.M. in the council chamber 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 Benton Beasley offered prayer.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21st meeting, John Glover 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.

Steve Watson made a motion to accept Resolution No. 9-2007, Benton Beasley seconded, and all members voted in the affirmative.

Steve Watson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2007, John Glover seconded. Mayor Reuben Shelley, Steve Watson and John Glover voted in the affirmative. Ray Marler and Benton Beasley opposed.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept the State request for an access road for Subway on Hwy 431, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative. The city's share of the grant will be the responsibility of the developer, also to reimburse the city.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the proposal to maintain the grounds at the Recreation Park by the Water Department, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 5-2007 was presented to establish a program in Headland Municipal Court for deferred prosecution, which shall provide rehabilitative treatment in lieu of prosecution in certain cases. This was the first reading; it will be presented at the June 18, 2007 council meeting.

A Parks Addition to Policies and Procedures and Usage for the Recreation Park was presented to the Council by Mayor Reuben Shelley. Steve Watson expressed concerns about the prices being charged for tournaments and the fee not including dragging and lining of the fields. This will be put on hold until the next council meeting.

There were two bids presented for replacing a 7-1/2 ton air conditioner at the Chamber of Commerce. Ray's Heat & Air's bid was \$2,843.78 and Cureton Heating & Cooling had a bid of \$4,425.00. Benton Beasley made a motion to accept Ray's Heat & Air, Ray

Marler seconded. John Glover, Ray Marler and Benton Beasley voted in the affirmative, with Steve Watson opposing.

Mayor Reuben Shelley recommended Jo Geisler for the Tree Board. Ray Marler made a motion to accept, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

A benefit for "Living Waters Ministry" called Thunder On The Square, to be held June 23, 2007 was presented. Benton Beasley made a motion to approve, Ray Marler seconded, all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Reuben Shelley presented a Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement for RDS/AlaTax. Ray Marler made a motion to approve, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The request by Susan Money for Clerk's training was tabled.

John Hewitt, Zoning Officer reported on the Zoning changes being approved by the Planning Commission for Adam Barnes on Solomon Rd. from OL to C2. Also changing East side of Hwy 431 from OL to C2. Danny Shelley with Alabama DOT will need, in writing, exactly what the guidelines for that property are for information to be obtained from the DOT.

Airport Manager, Stephanie Blankenship reported on a grant for improvements to the airport. She requested a match amount of \$4,124.00 be approved by the Council. The airport would be accepting responsibility for match amount. Ray Marler made a motion to sign the agreement, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative. Bids were placed by Wiregrass, Lewis and APAC. Ray Marler made a motion to accept the lowest bid by Wiregrass Construction, Steve Watson seconded, all members voted in the affirmative.

Water Superintendent, Jason Singletary reported on one of the City's main Water Wells being down. He explained that the one working well is producing 50% of our water capacity. He has requested all citizens stop all outside watering and unnecessary use until the well can be fixed.

Librarian, Dede Coe gave a report on the success of the Smithsonian exhibit. Betty McGriff commended the staff on a doing a great job during the exhibit. She stated the Library has to be level funded. They asked that this be addressed before the end of the year. They were awarded two grants. She requested the council pay a \$2,497.00 grant match for both. Ray Marler made a motion to approve, Benton Beasley seconded, all members voted in the affirmative.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave his report for the month of May. He stated the dispatch handled 3, 645 calls. He promoted Thunder on The Square to help draw people to the square and bring in money for the merchants.

Council Comments:

Benton Beasley expressed concerns about someone overseeing the paving of roads in our new subdivisions. John Hewitt stated he was researching information on this and would report back. Mayor Shelley said he had a man who worked with the State for 42 years who would come check the roads as his contribution to the city.

Public Comments:

Donna Medina commended the Police Department on a road- block on S. Main St., which helped to slow the traffic in front of her house. She welcomed them to do this anytime.

Mrs. Beverly Cole added that the Police Department had a very quick response time to a call made from her neighborhood.

John Hewitt wanted to know if the \$2,400.00 that was approved was added to the Library budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 on a motion by Ray Marler.

Darlene Cunningham
Water Clerk

Reuben S. Shelley
Mayor, City of Headland