

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 16, 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, Benton Beasley and Mary Williams.

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

Steve Watson made a motion to approve the July 2nd minutes, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve a wine license at 2455 Co Rd 22 for Judy Cook, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Shelley asked the Council to approve a feasibility study for a proposed Sleep Inn and Suites in the amount of \$5,000.00. Steve Watson made a motion to pay for the study, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley discussed a Recreational Trails Program Grant, which would provide for a walking trail at Douglas Park. The project cost is \$148,580.00 and 80% of the projects estimated cost is \$118,864.00 which will be covered by the grant. The Cities match for the grant will be \$29,716.00. Benton Beasley made a motion for the Mayor to have a resolution drawn up to apply for the grant, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to allow the Wiregrass Amateur Radio Club to use the City Square on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence was absent.

Police Chief, Mark Jones presented his departments June 2007 report and activities for January through June 2007. Chief Jones requested approval to attend the LECC Conference (Chief's Conference) August 29-31, 2007 in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the LECC Conference and \$559.00 for expenses, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, George Trotter was present to present the Council with an update on his department. Mr. Trotter presented the Council a report of expenses to clean up the residence at 206 Davenport Drive. Update the Council on some budget concerns he had for his department and some equipment upgrades. A letter from ADEM was presented by Mr. Trotter regarding the George Fairchild land-field and an update on the clean up status of the land-field.

Council Comments:

Mary Williams thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her recent sickness.

Steve Watson asked that a recycling program be looked into to see if this could help to bring the tipping fees down.

Public Comments:

Mike Strickland from 112 Lakeview Lane was present to complain about the Walden Pond pumping station.

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

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Susan Money, City Clerk

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R.S. Shelley, Mayor