

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 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 Benton Beasley offered prayer.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the July 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Mrs. Betty McGriff with the Library Board presented the Council with the new Librarian, Mrs. Tonya Manzer.

Mrs. Lori Stamaris was present to request a variance for her home based bakery business on 601 Cleveland Street. The business will require no foot traffic because it will be delivery only. Benton Beasley made a motion to grant the variance, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to increase Areal Crozier's pay due to the recent minimum wage increase, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Ted and Mrs. Mary Claire Wilson with Wilson Realty were present to present the Council with their plans for a subdivision off of Main Street. Mr. Wilson will return with his final subdivision plan for the Council to approve at a later date.

Resolution 12-2007 was tabled.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Shelley requested that the Council give the Untied Way representative permission to talk with each Department Head about payroll deductions. Benton Beasley made a motion to allow the United Way representative to come in, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence presented his departments report for July 2007. Eric informed the Council that a Disaster Drill Report should be up coming. He also, asked the Council for a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100.00. This would be used for fueling the ambulance during transports. Benton Beasley made a motion for a petty cash fund to be established, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Police Chief, Mark Jones was present to give his departments July 2007 report.

Mrs. Barbara Knight and Mr. Richard DeVore with the Senior Community Service Employment Program were present with a request from the Henry County Family Services Center for a Senior Worker. Mrs. Knight asked the Council to consider a \$900.00 donation to fund this position.

Steve Watson made a motion to enter into executive session regarding the good name and character of an employee, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative. Executive Session was entered into at 6:30 p.m. with the Council meeting to proceed immediately following.

The Council meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Council Comments:

Ray Marler requested that the amount being charged for Professional Services on Business License be looked into.

Public Comments:

Mike Strickland requested an explanation of why the USDA Loan increased from 1.92 million to 2 million? Mayor Shelley informed that was explained earlier in the night and had to do with the 40 thousand plus. Steve Watson said the matter would have to come up again for a vote and would be explained at that time with a full explanation.

George Trotter spoke regarding his recent termination from Street/Sanitation Superintendent.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Ray Marler.

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Susan Money, City Clerk

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R.S. Shelley, Mayor