

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Steve Watson, Benton Beasley and Mary Williams. Ray Marler was absent.

The mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and John Glover offered prayer.

Mayor Shelley convened the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. concerning a proposed rezoning of the following properties:

Mark Espy's property off of Rock Creek Road

Property off Hwy 431 and Strickland Road

Benton Beasley made a motion to change zoning on the above properties, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative. There being no public opposition the hearing was declared over at 5:45 P.M.

At this time the regular called Council Meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Steve Watson to suspend the rules for the reading of the Ordinance and Benton Beasley seconded the motion. John Glover, yea vote; Steve Watson, yea vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Mary Williams, yea vote.

Mary Williams made a motion to accept Ordinance 7-2007 to rezone the Mark Espy property, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance 8-2007 to rezone property on Hwy 431 and Strickland Road with the following changes: (1) will be R-2 instead of R-1 (2) property owners name will change. Steve Watson seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept Resolution 14-2007 allowing Henry County Revenue Office to collect taxes from 2006, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Steve Watson made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 4th meeting, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Steve Watson made a motion to pay travel expenses for Mark Jones and Tonya Manzer, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley informed the Council that Chief Jones had been working on an animal adoption program for the City of Headland. He asked the Council to approve the program. Benton Beasley

made a motion to approve the adoption program, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley asked the Council to approve a (5) five-person committee to study the building codes according to the Southern Building Code. Steve Watson made a motion to approve the Committee, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley presented Steve Pitts as the new Street/Sanitation Superintendent as of October 1, 2007. Benton Beasley made a motion to accept Steve Pitts, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Water Superintendent, Jason Singletary informed the Council that Jacob Gamble had received his Grade 2 Water Certification and requested a pay raise based on merit and achievement. Mary Williams made a motion to approve the pay raise, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Singletary asked the Council to approve an update to the RVS Water billing program to assist with the collection process through RDS. The matter was tabled.

Mr. Singletary presented the Council with Bad Debt write off's for the fiscal year 06-07 in the amount of \$10,037.23 and gave the Water Departments monthly report.

Mr. Singletary gave the Council prices on lawn mowers from three different companies. Benton Beasley made a motion to purchase a mower from Wiregrass International, with the mower being purchased in the next budget year. John Glover seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Singletary gave the monthly report for the Wastewater Department and informed the Council of increased expenses for sewer cleaning due to temperatures dropping.

Nic Watson with the Fire Department was present to present the monthly report.

Police Chief, Mark Jones presented a monthly report for the Police Departments and Animal Control. He updated the Council with new forms for the Animal Control Department and that he is working with the Wiregrass Humane Society to start an adoption program.

Council Comments:

Steve Watson spoke regarding garbage pickup on holidays.

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M. on a motion by Steve Watson.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor