

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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 John Glover offered prayer.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5th meeting, Steve Watson 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.

The first reading of Ordinance 12-2007 (Business License Schedule) was tabled on a motion by Steve Watson. Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept the Variance Committees recommendation to allow Dwight Gamble to extend his building on Dave Street. Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley informed the Council that bids for the new sirens have gone out. These bids will be for the installation of the sirens. Also, starting with the 07 Christmas parade the sirens will be sounded to begin the parade. This will take place before all future parades.

Mayor Shelley presented Mrs. Beth Price with a key to the City for her winning a gold medal during her participation in a triathlon in Germany.

Mayor Shelley informed the Council that John Hewitt, Zoning Enforcement Officer, had received a letter dated November 13, 2007 from a resident on Naomi who felt the City had erred in issuing a building permit for a carport to her neighbor. Mayor Shelley told the Council that Mr. Hewitt is working on the issue to see what steps need to be taken.

Mayor Shelley presented three (3) letters from Mr. Hewitt regarding property that is a safety issue, a structural soundness issue, or a nuisance issue. The properties are 102 Sparks Street., 4 Main Street, and 126 W King Street. Benton Beasley made a motion to approve sending the letters to the property owners, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to give the Chamber of Commerce \$1,000.00 toward expenses to send the Ms. and Little Ms. Contestants to the Peanut Pageant, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary presented his departments September/October 2007 report. Jason requested that the revenue generated from the tower rental fee be deposited into the USDA Reserves Account. This money can be used in the future for painting the water tanks. Ray Marler made a motion to approve, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts presented the Council with a monthly report on his department's equipment. Mayor reported to the Council that a savings account would be started for the use of purchasing a new garbage truck. A check in the amount of \$39,147.00 from the Southeast Alabama Gas District will be deposited into a savings account along with any money collected from the sell of surplus vehicles.

Mr. Pitts requested approval to spend \$530.00 with Dixie Parts and Equipment for a new clutch for Unit 260. The parts will be purchased through the City and then taken to Todd's Auto Service for the repair work. Steve Watson made a motion, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Council Comments:

Ray Marler questioned if the City had a burn ordinance. He said that he had received complaints of burning on Solomon Road.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Cole informed the Council of burning in her neighborhood on Main Street.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Ray Marler.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor