

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

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, Benton Beasley, and Mary Williams. Steve Watson was absent.

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 December 17th meeting, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

John Glover made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mary Williams made a motion to approve Susan Money to attend the Clerk Training in Tuscaloosa February 6 – 8, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley reported on the five recent fires within the City.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence requested that the Council consider hiring another full time ambulance crew. Chief Lawrence said he would have the cost for the Council at the next meeting.

Chief Lawrence, also, expressed his concern of the recent concrete work done at the Fire Station. Due to driving the large trucks half on the asphalt and half on the concrete it is going to cause damage to both the new concrete and the existing asphalt.

Chief Lawrence gave his departments December 07 report.

Ray Marler made a motion to suspend the reading of Ordinance 1-2008 and Benton Beasley seconded the motion. John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, yea vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Mary Williams, yea vote.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2008 amending Ordinance 12-2007 (Business License), Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Zoning Enforcement Officer, John Hewitt presented his forth quarter report for 2007. Mr. Hewitt told the Council that currently the Planning Commission has one item before it. That is the reconfiguration of the rear portion of the Ice House. Currently he is awaiting a specific legal for the portion to be re-zoned. Mr. Hewitt requested that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss a letter about a zoning issue.

Ray Marler made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 5:45 pm, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to go into executive session on a formal complaint with the Council meeting to reconvene immediately after, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The Council meeting reconvened at 6:00 pm.

Benton Beasley made a motion for John Hewitt as Zoning Board Chairman to write a letter in response to the zoning issue discussed in executive session, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Council Comments:

Mrs. Mary Williams requested information regarding the twelve subdivisions in a recent newspaper article. Mayor Shelley said he would supply Mrs. Williams with a list of the subdivision names.

Public Comments:

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Ray Marler.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor