

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 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 and Benton Beasley. Mary Williams was absent and Steve Watson arrived at 5:40 P.M.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7th meeting, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Street/Sanitation Supervisor, Steve Pitts reported that truck 254 had been back in the shop and his crew had been hauling garbage on pickup trucks. He recommend that the Council purchase a used garbage truck from Dale County for \$10,000.00 and a new truck from Alabama Truck Body and Equipment, LLC for 97,068.00.

Mayor Shelley presented the Council with three (3) bids to finance the purchase of the new truck. Peoples South Bank was the low bid at 4.75 % fixed for 60 months. Mayor Shelley informed the Council that the City received \$39,147.00 from Southeast Alabama Gas District that was put into a saving account. 10,000.00 will be used to buy the used truck, \$3,000.00 will be used for the construction of a new Animal Control facility, and the remaining will be used on the new truck. Money from the sell of surplus equipment at the upcoming auction will also be used to pay on the new truck.

Mr. Pitts informed the Council that he had spoken with DeanCo Auction and they have lowered the buyer's premium to 7% and given the City a buy back option at no charge.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2008 to dispose of unneeded municipal property in the Street/Sanitation Department, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the low bid for a \$75,000.00, 60-month loan from Peoples South Bank, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley requested that the Council allow him to have the Building Permits published in a newspaper each month. This will reduce the number of solicitors calling for this information. Steve Watson made a motion to approve, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley updated the Council on his recent meeting with the Highway Department regarding the truck route. He said they have agreed to his request and hopes with in the next three (3) months to have the plans for the new route. The Highway Department has asked that the City pay for three (3) quarters of a mile on the paving of Railroad Street.

Renaissance Headland has requested the use of the gazebo for another orchestra night on July 3, 2008. Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the use of the gazebo, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley presented two (2) bids for bulldozer work at the dumpsite located on Solomon Road (Fairchild property). Ray Marler made a motion to accept the low bid from Barnes & Associates in the amount of \$70.00 per hour, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary gave his department's yearly report for 2007 and a January report. He requested approval to travel to Mobile for the Alabama Rural Water Conference at a cost of \$800.00. Jason asked for approval to purchase two work trucks in the amount of \$14,850.00 each (state bid). He asked for approval to contract out the installation of a 6" sewer with three (3) manholes to serve the Lakeview and Walden Pond Road area. Estimate for the installation is \$22,000.00. Jason, also, informed the Council that one of the check valves is stuck in the closed position and neither isolation valve operates properly at the South Lagoon Pump Station. Price to change the two (2) isolation valves along with the malfunctioning check valve is estimated at \$15,000.00.

Steve Watson made a motion to approve Jason Singletary's travel to Mobile, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) work truck at the state bid price of \$14,850.00, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the estimate to install sewer in the Lakeview and Walden Pond area at a cost of \$22,000.00, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Steve Watson made a motion to approve the work on the South Lagoon Pump Station, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Chief, Mark Jones gave the Police Departments report for December 2007. Mark requested he be allowed to hire an auxiliary officer and send him to the Police Academy in Selma, Alabama. The cost of the academy will be \$1,100.00 with the money coming from the Drug Forfeiture Account. Benton Beasley made a motion to approve, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Public Comments:

Nancy Gary from 100 Davenport was present regarding a problem she is having with rainwater and sewer water. She explained to the Council that when it rains hard the water from several different locations comes into her yard and under her carport. She also, expressed concern with sewer water coming up from the commode in her bathroom. On January 19, 2008 there was heavy rain that caused clear water to come up from the bottom of the commode in two of her bathrooms. The cost from Stanley Steamer to extract the water from one bathroom will be \$85.00 plus the cost to clean the carpet.

Council Member, Steve Watson asked Steve Pitts to take a look at digging a ditch at the end of the road to drain the rain water into a larger ditch that runs next to the railroad. Also, asked Jason Singletary to check on the clean out valve that is located in Mrs. Gary's yard to see if this could be the problem with the sewer.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on a motion by Ray Marler.