

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 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, Steve Watson, Benton Beasley, and Mary Williams.

The mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Ray Marler offered prayer.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22nd and February 4th meetings, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley informed the Council that the County Commission had approved the County Engineer to conduct the engineering for the re-routing of the truck route.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts updated the Council on the truck recently purchased from Dale County. Steve informed the Council that he would start using the Dale County Transfer Station to take garbage instead of the Dothan landfill. The cost is the same and the trucks will not have to leave asphalt to dump. At the Dothan landfill they have to climb or be pushed up a dirt hill, which is causing wear and tear on the trucks. The surplus equipment that was taken to the Denco Auction brought in \$6,500.00.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary informed the Council that a smoke test would be done Tuesday February 19th on the sewer lines. ARWA is conducting the test for free. The water tank on Peachtree was being drained for maintenance. Jason informed the Council that his department had found a problem with a Whitten Street manhole, which had 6 feet of asphalt in it. After the clean out was complete there was 3,620 pounds of asphalt taken out of the manhole. Jason gave an update on Mrs. Nancy Gary's drainage problem. He and Steve have cleaned out an area with the backhoe but felt more work would have to be done and would continue to work on it.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave his departments January 2008 report.

Council Comments:

Ray Marler expressed concern with the zoning laws for new commercial buildings. Ray expressed that the City wants new business but wants quality business. He asked that in the future these request be looked at carefully and be processed through the correct channels.

Mary Williams asked about the streets around Terrace Drive. Would those water lines be checked before any paving was done.

Mayor Shelley said that Polyengineering has graded those lines and had not indicated that any needed to be replaced.

Jason Singletary said that he has a list of water lines in that area that needs to be replaced before any paving should be done. The existing lines are of the lowest quality and are not in good condition.

Public Comments:

Mr. Cole requested the status of the new water lines for Forrest Street.

Mayor Shelley said this project is ready for bids within the next four (4) weeks.

Luke Douglas was present regarding his Business License renewal and the cost.

Mayor Shelley said the matter would be looked into.

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