

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

A Regular Council Meeting was held at 5:30 pm. in the council chambers of City Hall. Present for the meeting were Mayor Reuben Shelley, Council Members John Glover, Benton Beasley, and Mary Williams. Ray Marler was absent and Steve Watson arrived at 5:40 pm.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17th meeting, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

John Glover made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2008 for the annexation of County Road 39, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2008 to participate in this years Sales Tax Holiday, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mary Williams made a motion to continue the lease with Action Computer, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept the low bid from Strickland Construction to fix the roof on the old part of City Hall and the bid from Crews Construction to replace the windows in the same area. Mary Williams seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley informed the Council that the Street paving project would have to be put on hold until the next meeting. He is waiting on rates from two local banks.

Chris Capps recommended that Crystal Gibson be hired as the new Court Clerk/Magistrate. Her starting date would be April 28th. Benton Beasley made a motion to accept, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley thanked Jim McGhee for his participation in the Jazz Fest held April the 4th on the Square.

Mayor Shelley presented a request from Norman Fryer for the use of Douglas Park on May 25, 2008. Mary Williams made a motion to allow, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley read a Fair Housing Proclamation from Governor Bob Riley's office.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence informed the Council his department had 86 medical calls and 16 fire calls during the month of March. One ambulance was down for two (2) days due to air conditioning problems. The ISO report is still not in at this time. Chief Lawrence requested \$3000.00 (from the Fire Cigarette Account) for equipment to be installed on the new truck the department was receiving from a grant. Chief Lawrence said the money for the equipment could be taken out of the Fire Advalorem Account. Steve Watson requested an itemized listing of the equipment before the Council voted.

Police Chief, Mark Jones requested a resolution for an ADECA grant for a new police car. There would be a 10% match but the money would come from the Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund. Benton Beasley made a motion to allow for a resolution, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Chief Jones also requested that the Council adopt either an Ordinance or draft a letter to send to Alabama Power, the Post Office, Water Department, and any other utility service asking that service not be established until the resident has their 911 addresses confirmed. Currently the department is having problems with 911 address' not showing on the 911 map for new subdivisions and at newly built homes. Benton Beasley made a motion to allow Chief Jones to prepare the appropriate document and bring back to the Council, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

John Hewitt presented a letter from the Planning Commission regarding their April 3rd meeting. Due to no quorum the following items were passed to the City Council:

1. Zoning change from OL to C2, property owned by Barnes & Associates, LLC. Located on the west side of Hwy 431
2. Zoning change from OL to R2, first lot on right side (west) of Shirah Rd, property owned by Barnes & Associates, LLC.

Barnes & Associates, LLC have requested that five (5) properties on Shirah Dr. and (5) properties on Solomon Rd be re-zoned from OL to R1. Barnes & Associates, LLC no longer owns 90% of the property therefore the homeowners would have to make the request. Mr. Hewitt will bring back an official letter to send to each homeowner for Council approval.

Zoning Enforcement Officer, John Hewitt gave a quarterly zoning report and presented his invoice.

Council Comments:

Benton Beasley requested an update on the sirens. Mayor Shelley said not all (3) have come in and they will all be installed at one time.

Mr. Beasley requested that new Plexiglas be installed at Morriss Park on the bulletin board. He informed the Council that he would get a price. He also, asked that the income from the rental of Morriss Park be put into the Morriss Park bank account.

Public Comments:

John Hewitt volunteered to help Chief Jones with a 911 letter by putting the letter with the current zoning enforcement letter.

Dorthea Culver with the Henry County NAACP was present to introduce herself.

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