

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 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, Steve Watson, Benton Beasley, and Mary Williams. Ray Marler was absent.

The mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Watson offered prayer.

Mayor Shelley convened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. concerning a proposed rezoning of the following properties:

Property located on Cleveland Street (Edward Jones) O-L to C-2  
Property located on the north side of Shirah Dr (John Mobley) O-L to R-1

Benton Beasley made a motion to change zoning on the above properties, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

There being no public comments, Steve Watson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. Mary Williams seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

At this time the regular scheduled Council Meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Steve Watson to suspend the rules for the first reading of Ordinance 5-2008 and Mary Williams seconded the motion. John Glover, yea vote; Steve Watson, yea vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Mary Williams, yea vote.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance 5-2008 to rezone the above properties, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Hinesley was not present.

Steve Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21st meeting, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Steve Watson made a motion to approve the bills, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The upgrade on the lease of a new copier was tabled until further information on interest rates and a purchase price could be received.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2008 setting the compensation for the Election Officials, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley informed the Council that one of the Wex Tex tenants has not made a payment on the lease in over five (5) months. A ten (10) day certified letter has been mailed to the tenant regarding the

past due balance, but there has been no response. On advice of the City Attorney a ten (10) day vacate property letter should be mailed to the tenant. Benton Beasley made a motion to send the vacate letter, Steve Watson seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Shelley informed the Council he had renewed this year's football program ad.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave his departments July report. Chief Jones requested permission to attend the Chief's Conference August 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. Expenses will be paid from the Drug Forfeiture Account. Steve Watson made a motion to approve, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence gave his departments July report. Chief Lawrence presented a letter from Paul Brown (Henry County EMS Director) requesting a letter stating that the City will adopt the NIMS program. This will bring the Fire Department in compliance to receive Federal grants. Steve Watson made a motion for the letter to be written, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Chief Lawrence informed the Council that the ISO packet was in and the reading went from a six (6) to a five (5) and should save homeowners from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per year.

#### Council Comments:

Steve Watson made a motion to pay \$1,400.00 toward the purchase of carpet for the Burdeshaw Solomon Senior Center, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

City Clerk, Susan Money requested the Council adopt an updated 2006 Universal Building Code, changing from the outdated Southern Building Code. This was a recommendation from David Wilcox (Compliance Officer for the State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board) and John Hewitt (Zoning Enforcement Officer). The update could be purchased on a CD or book form for around \$300.00. The matter was tabled.

#### Public Comments:

Ms. Donna Medina asked that the City contact the owner of the Faulkner property going out Main Street to Hwy. 431 about cleaning up the property. She feels the house is a fire hazard.

Ms. Kristin Grace was present regarding the arrest of her child. She requested information on why her child was arrested for an illegally parked vehicle. Mayor Shelley informed Ms. Grace that as soon as the Police report was final he and Chief Jones would talk with her about the arrest.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Benton Beasley.

