

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 02, 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, Ray Marler Steve Watson, Benton Beasley, and Mary Williams.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18th meeting, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Steve Watson made a motion to accept Ordinance 7-2008 and Ordinance 8-2008 (Court System), Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Mamie Lee to the Headland Housing Authority Board, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mr. and Mrs. Andra Freeman were present to request a variance for a Fish Market and Oyster Bar at 301 Boynton Street. The Freeman's bought the property with the understanding that it was commercial and ran a day care for several years. They were told that they could put any form of business at the location as long as it was not an automotive shop. The establishment will be open Tuesday thru Saturday and will be closing around 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Lowell Weeks was present concerning his property that backs up to the 301 Boynton Street property. He is concerned with how this will devalue his property, the smell, how the oysters will be washed, and if it will create an insect problem.

Mr. Freeman informed the Council that they were creating a plan for the washing and the smell of the oysters. He has been in contact with John Bell with the Henry County Health Department and will be following all Health Department guidelines.

Mr. Weeks told the Council he feels in the future property buyers need to be made aware of zoning before they purchase property and spend their money.

Mr. Freeman had presented the Council with a petition in support of the business. Other than Mr. Weeks there was no other opposition present.

John Glover made a motion to give the Exception for one (1) year, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the 07-08 Water Department write-offs, Mary Williams seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion to approve an amendment to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all incident management in the City of Headland, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept the low bid from Jimmy's Heating and Cooling to replace the outdoor condenser at the Blanch Solomon Library, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Shelley thanked all Department Heads for their work during the recent storm.

Mr. Gerald Everett was present regarding the water damage at his rental home at 104 Valleyview Drive. He explained to the Council that he requested the water to be turned on and at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon received a call from a neighbor that he heard the water running inside the house. The neighbor turned the water off at the meter box. When Mr. Everett arrived he found that the water from the icemaker line had flooded the house. Mr. Everett removed the water from the house but the carpet was damaged.

Mr. Everett explained that the carpet in the house was old and he tried to replace it the least expensive way he could, which was tile. The charge was \$1,275.00. He asked the Council to pay \$600.00 of the charge. Mr. Everett told the Council that he would sue in small claims court.

The Council asked Mr. Everett to get a bill from Brian-Holloway and bring to the City Clerk and they would look into the issue.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence was not present.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave his departments August 2008 report. Mark asked the Council to approve the installation of a NCIC system. At the current time the City shares a system with the City of Abbeville. The Cities cost would be \$675.00 a month to be paid quarterly (\$2,025.00). This cost could be split with the Court System.

Ray Marler made a motion to table the matter and Mary Williams seconded the motion. John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, yea vote; Steve Watson, nay vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Mary Williams, yea vote. The issue to table the matter passed on a four to one vote.

Council Comments:

Public Comments:

Mrs. Tammy Kinsey was present to ask for help identifying who ran her off the road and damaged her car in Dothan. Chief Jones explained to her that she would have to go to the Dothan Police Department for help since the incident happened in Dothan.

Mike Strickland informed the Council that his family recently had to use the EMT service and they did an outstanding job.

Mr. Rudolph Warren was present to once again express concern about the noise in his neighborhood on Rock Creek Road.

Chief Jones explained that unless an Officer is present or the citizen could get a tag number the Police Department was unable to assist in this matter.

Danny McKinney spoke to the Council about the 104 Valleyview Drive water issue. He feels the City is not responsible for the water leak and should not pay.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Ray Marler.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor