

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 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 by Mary Williams and John Glover offered prayer.

Steve Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15th meeting, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion to appoint Ms. Rose Reeves to the Library Board, Ray Marler seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ray Marler made a motion approving the 2008 Orientation Conference for Elected Municipal Officials, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Taylor Thames, Area Manager for the Wiregrass United Way was present regarding an Employee campaign for payroll deduction. She informed the Council that any donation would be used in the Wiregrass Area and presented an Agency Matrix. The employees can request that their donation remain in the county in which they live.

Benton Beasley made a motion to allow Ms. Thames to talk with the City Employees and for any payroll deduction. Mary Williams seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

At 5:50 p.m. Mayor Shelley requested the Council go into Executive Session to speak with the City Attorney for legal advice regarding the Brian Holloway invoice submitted by Mr. Gerald Everett. Benton Beasley made a motion to enter into Executive Session, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Benton Beasley. Steve Watson seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to pay \$600.00 of the \$1,275.00 invoice from Brian Holloway Floorcovering submitted by Mr. Gerald Everett and Ray Marler seconded. John Glover, yea vote; Ray Marler, yea vote; Steve Watson, nay vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Mary Williams yea vote. The motion passed on a four (4) to one (1) vote.

Mr. Jerry McKay was present to inform the Council he was going to restart the City League Basketball program. He would need the Cities help with the gyms but the program should not be expensive to run. The kids will pay a registration fee to participate.

Ray Marler made a motion to allow the New Administration to make the decision on the re-appointment of the Municipal Judge, Mary Williams seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mr. James Davidson spoke on behalf of Piney Grove Church regarding the culvert at Hwy 173 and Knowles Road. He explained to the Council that the culvert needed to be replaced. They have spoken with the County and the State about the problem and have been unable to have the problem fixed. Mr. Davidson said the Church was hoping the City could spearhead the attempt to get the culvert replaced.

The State will put the culvert in but the culvert must first be purchased for \$1,500.00.

Mayor Shelley will have Steve Pitts with the Street Department check on the size and then he will talk with the County.

Chief Mark Jones gave the Police Departments September 2008 report.

John Hewitt presented the Council with a third quarter statement for zoning compliance request and one certificate of occupancy.

Mr. Hewitt informed the Council that the Planning Commission had information on two (2) subdivisions and will be bring the information to the Council when it is ready. He, also, submitted a request from Mr. Rickey Wilemon for a zoning change at 5528 County Road 13 from OL to MH. There was no public opposition at the September 18th public hearing.

Mr. Hewitt gave the Council the third quarter Zoning Enforcement Report.

Mayors Report:

Council Comments:

Mrs. Mary Williams informed the Council that she had recently visited Freeman's Fish Market and Oyster Bar. She said the establishment is very nice. The issue with the cleaning of the oysters has been solved. The oysters will be washed out and the water runs directly into the sewer system.

Public Comments:

Stephanie Blankenship requested that the Council Members be present at 8:45 a.m. Saturday October 11th for their introduction at Harvest Day.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Ray Marler.

Susan Money, City Clerk

R.S. Shelley, Mayor

