

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

A Regular Council Meeting was held at 6:00 pm. in the council chambers of City Hall. Present for the meeting were Mayor Ray Marler, Council Members John Glover, Jody Singleton, John Mellown, Benton Beasley, and Kendrick Spurling.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20th and November 3rd meetings, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the Library Budget, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve a yearly incentive award for City employees (20 hours for employees six (6) months to one (1) year and 40 hours for employees over one (1) year). John Mellown seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Marler presented Mrs. Mary Ethel Williams with a plaque for her twelve (12) years of service as a Council member. Mrs. Williams thanked the citizens of District five (5) and expressed her enjoyment of working with the City. Mrs. Williams informed the Council if needed she would be willing to help.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that the Library Board had invited the Council to dinner at the Library on December 2nd following the scheduled Council meeting.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary presented the Council with a notice regarding water service being temporally off. The notice will be posted in City Hall and around town to inform the citizens. Service will be off November 24th and 25th from 8:30 a.m. until around 11:30 a.m.

A Work session was scheduled for December 4th at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall. City Accountant, Martha Williams will be present to discuss the 08-09 budget. Matt Parker with Joe Jolly and Assoc. will also be present regarding a bond issue.

Mayor Marler presented the Council with a report from Polyengineering regarding the repairs of the Water Tank on Peachtree Street. He informed the Council that there would be \$200,000.00 remaining from the USDA loan and \$150,000.00 of this could be used for tank repairs. The remaining \$50,000.00 would be put in reserve.

Jody Singleton made a motion to use the \$150,000.00 for tank repairs, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Marler presented the Council with a packet from Crochet Equipment Co., Inc. The company would maintain a unit on City property to process wood waste. At the same time cutting landfill cost and possible generating revenue.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts informed the Council that the City is less than one (1) year away from filling up the Fairchild Landfill. This means another site would have to be found to take wood waste.

Mayor Marler asked the Council to take the packet home and look over and they will discuss it at a later date.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that the City of Abbeville will be having their Christmas parade December 1st and if anyone would like to attend please let City Clerk, Susan Money know.

He also informed the Council that Headland's Christmas parade would be held December 11th.

Mayor Marler asked the Council to make a change for this years Christmas holiday, with the office being closed December 25th and 26th. Hours for Thanksgiving will remain the same November 27th and 28th.

Kendrick Spurling made a motion to make the change for the 2008 Christmas holiday, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Marler informed the Council and the public that cut off time for additions to the Agenda will be the Thursday before the Council meetings at 4:30 p.m.

Police Chief, Mark Jones presented the Council with the October Police Department and Animal Control report. He informed the Council that the new kennels were complete and they should start moving the animals next week.

Chief Jones asked the Council to allow him to install Fleet Management units on two (2) of the department's police vehicles. The units would monitor the vehicles maintenance and fuel usage. The fee for the units can be paid for through the Drug Forfeiture Fund.

Chief Jones also presented the Council with information on a lease program for police vehicles.

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence informed the Council that his department had received a \$10,200.00 grant to purchase air pack bottles for the Fireman.

Chief Lawrence also requested the Council approve \$1,830.00 to purchase an IO Bone gun to be used when an IV could not be started.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the purchase, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Delvick McKay was present to inform the Council of a program the Christian Brothers Barber Shop and Community Center had started. In conjunction with Living Waters, Donald Smith Co., and Dixie Parts

and Equipment, "Lending A Helping Hand" will be giving out seventy-five (75) free turkeys. These turkeys will be given out to families in need on Sunday November 23rd from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center at 105 Davenport.

Council Comments:

Councilman, Kendrick Spurling informed the Council that St. Peter AME would have Bishop Knox this Friday and Saturday for a Leadership Conference.

Mayor Marler introduced a new City employee, Mr. Terry Grimes. Terry will be writing grants and in charge of the Cities web site.

Public Comments:

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Benton Beasley.

Susan Money, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor