

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 2, 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 Jody Singleton offered prayer.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

City Magistrate, Crystal Gibson presented the Council with information on the Lexis Nexis program for the Court system. The program will cost \$160 per month for one (1) year of unlimited use. If the program is not productive within the one year then the lease does not have to be renewed. This program will allow for searches to help collect on old cases. At present there is a total of around \$370,000.00 outstanding and around fourteen hundred old cases.

Resolution 15-2008 was presented designating the year 2010 as the Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns. The Alabama League of Municipalities will aid in the celebration in different ways including the publication of a book containing information on the municipality and the Alabama Tourism Department will furnish a locally written historic marker at no cost to the municipality. Any celebration cost would be decided upon by the City Council and Chamber of Commerce. The event will be celebrated at the 2010 Harvest Day, set for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve Resolution 15-2008, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

City Clerk, Susan Money presented two quotes for a new copier for the administrative office. After some discussion from the Council, Benton Beasley made a motion to table the issue until further information could be acquired. Jody Singleton seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve salary adjustments for six (6) employees bring the employees in-line with the current City pay scale. John Glover seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Susan Money presented a request for the opening and closing of two (2) bank accounts. A new account to be opened at Headland National Bank to make monthly deposits of \$7,700.00 which will be used to make a \$92,000.00 USDA payment due January of 2010. The Equipment Account at Headland National Bank with a current balance of \$22,164.16 would be transferred into the General Fund to make a payment to Lewis Inc. for concrete work at the Fire Station.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve, Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

## Mayors Report:

Mayor Marler presented the Council with information on portable speed bumps. The speed bumps would be placed on Park Street, Adams Drive, and West Church Street. He also asked the public and Council to inform City Hall of any other locations where speeding is becoming a problem. Councilmen, John Glover requested prices on permanent (asphalt) bumps to be located on Adams Drive. Mayor Marler said he would get prices.

Mayor Marler informed the Council of the following dates:

December 4<sup>th</sup> a work session at 6:00 p.m. with Matt Parker (Joe Jolley and Co) to discuss bond issues.

December 9<sup>th</sup> a work session at 6:00 p.m. with Martha Williams (Williams and Williams, P.C.) to discuss the 08-09 budget.

December 11<sup>th</sup> the City of Headland Christmas parade.

December 17<sup>th</sup> the Employee's Christmas lunch at noon.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that he has a meeting set up with the KPS group to discuss a comprehensive plan. The meeting is set for Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary was present to give his department's November report. He thanked the public for their cooperation during the water outage. He informed the Council that water customers on Forrest and Whitten are now on the new water lines.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts gave a report for his department. He informed the Council that due to the Thanksgiving holidays the Sanitation department had picked up around forty (40) tons of household garbage.

Mr. Pitts said he has been discussing a one (1) day a week garbage pickup for residential customers with the Mayor. He informed the Council that the current revenue does not cover the hauling expenses.

## Council Comments:

Benton Beasley commented on how nice the Christmas lights looked.

Mr. Beasley also asked about the repaving of Whitten Street. Jason Singletary said he would find out the status and report back to the Council.

## Public Comments:

Mr. Cole asked if there had been any progress on reducing the speed on Highway 431. Mayor Marler said a letter had been mailed the week of Thanksgiving requesting the speed be reduced.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Kendrick Spurling.

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Susan Money, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor

