

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 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 Mellow, Benton Beasley, and Kendrick Spurling.

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

John McLeod was present to request permission to have a fireworks display on New Years Eve and to ask the City to participate. Currently Mr. McLeod has the fireworks in the lot next to Landmark Church. Mayor Marler made the recommendation that he move to Douglas Park. The firework display would be from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Kendrick Spurling made a motion to approve the use of Douglas Park for the firework display. Benton Beasley seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2nd meeting, John Mellow seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 16-2008 was presented to the Council for a Series 2009 General Obligation Warrant with Joe Jolly & Co., Inc. The 2009 issue will refund the Series 2000 Bonds, pay off six (6) Bank Notes at Peoples South Bank and provide approximately \$260,000 for capital improvements. John Mellow made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2008, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Jody Singleton made a motion to table the copy machine issue until a price on shipping the old machine back could be acquired. John Glover seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

The employee lunch will be held Wednesday December 17th at noon.

City Hall will be closed for Christmas holidays the 25th and 26th.

Mayor Marler requested that the Council approve an additional day off for New Year's (January 2nd). The City currently has January 1st as a holiday. Jody Singleton made a motion to authorize Mayor Marler to make any decisions regarding unpaid leave or rearranging the holiday schedule without adding additional paid days. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion. John Glover, nay vote; Jody Singleton, yea vote; John Mellow, yea vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Kendrick Spurling, yea vote. Motion passed on a four (4) to one (1) vote.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that a work session with the KPS Group, Inc. for a Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations has been set for Monday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Marler thanked all city employees, the Headland Chamber of Commerce, and anyone involved with the Christmas Parade.

Mayor Marler presented the Council with an updated 2008-2009 budget. He asked the Council to look over and be prepared to adopt at the January 6th meeting.

John Glover made a motion to appoint the following citizens to the Tree Board with a three (3) year term starting January 2009:

Jean Adams (Chairperson)
Jo Geisler
Jimmy Jones
Chris Murphy
Tracy Scott

Jody Singleton seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

John Glover made a motion to table a request from a resident at 1258 Knowles Road for a streetlight until the Alabama Power form is completed. Benton Beasley seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

A proposal from Webbering Design, Development & Hosting was presented to the Council requesting a \$75.00 monthly retainer for maintenance and hosting of the Cities website. Owner, Luke Douglas will be working with Terry Grimes on the website. Mr. Grimes said the website will be interactive and a benefit to the City.

Two quotes for replacing a damaged pump at the Airport Pump Station were submitted to the Council. The pump station was damaged due to concrete and steel shavings entering the pump. Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary said the origin of the debris was unknown but he felt that it could have come from the farming of the land around the pump station.

Councilmen, John Glover asked if some type of screen could be installed to catch any foreign debris from entering the pump station. Mr. Singletary said he could try and figure out a way to install a screen.

Electrician, David Gulledge who worked on the pump station said he felt the debris were there when the pump was installed. According to Mr. Gulledge looking at the pump the concrete rock got into a line and worked through to the motor.

Benton Beasley made a motion to accept the low bid from Dixie Electric, John Mellown seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Assistant Fire Chief, Nic Watson gave the Fire/EMT report for the month of November 2008. He reported that the concrete work on the front apron at the fire department has been completed. About \$10,200.00 of Fire equipment was recently received from Homeland Security at no cost to the City. NIMS 300/400 classes will begin in January. The Mayor and Council may want to become NIMS certified incase of an emergency. The Fire/EMT and Police department will become certified first.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave the Police Department and the Animal Controls, November 2008 report. Chief Jones informed the Council he had not received a response from FORD regarding the lease of Police vehicles. His only quote is from MEARS, which he presented at a previous Council meeting. Chief Jones made the Council aware of a new school program called G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training). Chief Jones said he would like to see the program implemented into the school

system at the Middle School/High School level. Lt. Dennis Cobb would be taking a certification class in Orlando and the only cost to the City would be for transportation.

Council Comments:

Councilmen Spurling asked if there was a leash law. Chief Jones informed him there was an ordinance against animals running at large, but no leash law.

Chief Jones informed everyone that the 2009 police calendars are ready and can be picked up at City Hall.

Councilmen Glover asked if there was an ordinance against burning. Chief Jones informed him there was not, but a burn permit needed to be acquired through the Fire Department. Mr. Glover said a citizen had called and spoken with a dispatcher who did not know what the procedure was for burning.

Councilman Glover informed Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts that the he had a complaint about leaves not being picked up on Hollon Street. He also informed Mr. Pitts that there are a lot of potholes on Holman Dr, all the way to Peachtree and Cable.

Councilmen Singleton requested information on the street paving due to the water project. Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary said he had been informed that a topcoat would be applied before Christmas, but not guaranteed. Mr. Singleton asked if the company had to maintain the streets until they are paved. Mr. Singletary said the company does have to maintain the street until paved.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Cole thanked Chief Jones for keeping all the kids safe during the Christmas parade.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Jody Singleton.

Susan Money, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor