

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2009**

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 Benton Beasley offered prayer.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16th meeting, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 1-2009 was presented to the Council for a Transportation Planning Process Agreement for the Dothan Urbanized Area. The agreement is between the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the State of Alabama acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation.

John Glover made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2009, Jody Singleton seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Marler updated the Council on a recent trip to Bay Minette, Alabama to visit a company that produces bio diesel. The Company is looking at opening four (4) or five (5) plants across the State and will employ around 100 people.

Mayor Marler presented the Council with a water and sewer rate study.

The 2008-2009 budget will be presented at the January 20th meeting for approval.

He has a meeting on January 8th with a group regarding a possible hotel for the City.

Senator Shelby will be at Three Pigs Restaurant here in Headland, February 7th at 8:30 a.m.

City Hall will be closed January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

The Council will meet January 29th at 6:00 p.m. for a work session.

Mayor Marler asked the Council if there were any more recommendation for speed bumps. The following street were requested:

- Adams Dr
- W Church
- Terrace Dr
- Martin Luther King Dr
- Broad St
- Davenport

Mayor Marler presented the Obama Stimulus package to the Council. He informed everyone that he had sat down with Polyengineering and came up with some projects for around five (5) million dollars. The projects would include the Eastside sewage extension, the Westside sewage extension, a lift-station replacement, and other water or wastewater projects. Paper work for the package has been submitted and a response is expected back around February or March.

Adam Barnes was present to ask for a waiver on sewer tapping fees for a new subdivision on Solomon Rd. Mr. Barnes company would run the sewer line up Solomon Road to the new subdivision at an estimated cost of \$12,000.00 and the tapping fees for thirteen homes would be \$13,000.00, so he feels it would be no cost to the City.

Councilman Beasley asked if there had been any other situation where a fee had been waived for a Contractor. Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary informed the Council to his knowledge the fees have never been waived.

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

Jody Singleton made a motion to enter into an agreement with the KPS Group to prepare a Comprehensive Plan for the City and Benton Beasley seconded. John Glover, nay vote; Jody Singleton, yea vote; John Mellown, yea vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Kendrick Spurling, yea vote. The motion passed on a four (4) to one (1) vote.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts presented his departments December 2008 report. He informed the Council that he had a plan for a once a week garbage pick-up (Residential only) and would start in the month of February. This will cut down on fuel cost, mileage on the vehicles, and labor. Business accounts will not go to the once a week pick-up and will remain on their current schedule.

Mr. Pitts thanked Donnie Smith for the use of his bull dozier at Fairchild land field. Mr. Smith is allowing the City to use the dozier at no cost, cutting down on land field expenses. Mr. Pitts recently stated that the Fairchild land field was close to becoming full but since the recent dozier work there seems to be more room than he anticipated.

There have been some recent inquires into the installation of an incinerator at the City yard. Mr. Pitts informed the Council that he feels his department could build one at a less expensive price.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary gave his departments December 2008 report. The master meter at Well #2 is currently not working. Three bids were submitted to fix the meter with the low bidder being Summit Pipe and Supply \$2,070.00. Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the bid

from Summit Pipe and Supply, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative. There are also some problems with the South Lagoon Pump Station. The pumps are around twenty (20) years old and are in distress. Mr. Singletary will have more information on the pumps at the next meeting.

Mr. Singletary informed the Council that paving on Forrest and Whitten Streets would begin on Monday, with weather permitting.

Council Comments:

Councilman John Glover asked for an update on the 134 bypass. Mayor Marler said there had been no recent discussion but the Cities cost for the bypass would be around a half-million dollars.

Public Comments:

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

Susan Money, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor