

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 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 John Glover offered prayer.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20th meeting, John Mellown seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The Council was presented Ordinance 2-2009 for the first reading.

Benton Beasley made a motion to send Terry Grimes to the 2009 CDBG Application Workshop in Montgomery on February 26<sup>th</sup>, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

John Glover made a motion accepting a bid from Tri-State in the amount of \$1,350.00 to re-surface the City Hall parking lot, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative

A lease program for Police vehicles was presented to the Council.

The 2008-2009 budget was presented to the Council as follows:

	Revenue	Expense
General Government	\$1,645,929.88	\$790,247.99
Library		89,313.60
Police Dept	77,000.00	651,764.31
Animal Control	1,300.00	32,505.20
Fire/EMT	221,525.00	431,150.40
Street/Sanitation	476,500.00	553,537.95
Recreation	41,000.00	91,480.00
Cigarette Tax	12,190.00	21,000.00
Fire Advalorem Tax	43,100.00	26,800.00
Drug Forfeiture	20,000.00	14,000.00
Waster/Wastewater	832,700.00	762,306.59
Court	177,000.00	62,735.20

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the 08-09 budget, Jody Singleton seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

John Mellown made a motion to reduce the City Judge salary to \$750.00, City Prosecutor to \$400.00 and Cities Defense Attorney to \$400.00. Benton Beasley seconded the motion. John Glover, nay vote; Jody Singleton, yea vote; John Mellown, yea vote; Benton Beasley, yea vote; and Kendrick Spurling, yea vote. Motion passed on a four (4) to one (1) vote.

## **Mayors Report:**

Senator Shelby will be at Three Pigs BarBQ Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Headland Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Board will hold a Proclamation Ceremony Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> on the square.

Mayor Marler presented the Council with Jack Deloney drawings to be painted on the outside of the Cities water tank. The cost will be included in the \$150,000.00 from the USDA loan.

Mayor Marler asked that the February 17<sup>th</sup> scheduled Council meeting be changed to February 16<sup>th</sup>. John Glover made a motion to change the date, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted affirmative.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that they need to discuss the yearly incentive award given to employees in November.

Sales tax is down by 2% for the last quarter of 2008.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that he will be looking into adjusting the Privilage License for 2010.

A walking trail grant will be re-applied for in August through Southeast Alabama Regional Planning.

## **Department Reports:**

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary gave his departments January 09 monthly report.

Mr. Singletary informed the Council that USDA has approved the specification for painting the water tank.

He also gave a Recreation department update.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts gave his department January 09 monthly report.

Mr. Pitts thanked Donnie Smith for the use of his bull dozier and Councilman Spurling for his youth group help cleaning Strickland Road.

Mr. Pitts said that he and Mayor Marler have been discussing implementing an Adopt A Mile program.

Mr. Pitts informed the Council there will be a savings of around \$45,000.00 once the once a week garbage pick up takes affect.

Mr. Pitts requested approval to purchase uniforms for his department from Tractor Supply. Each employee would receive five (5) sets of uniforms for seven (7) employees at a cost of \$1,700.00. In six (6) months each employee would receive another five (5) sets. Councilman Singleton made a request to

put a six (6) month limit for any new hires to reimburse the City at a prorated amount for uniforms if terminated/resigned.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the purchase of the uniforms with the reimbursement requirement, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

**Council Comments:**

Councilman Glover requested that the asphalt at 204 Cable Street be patched.

**Public Comments:**

Mrs. Andra Shiphorst made a request to the Council to insert a solar light at the Church Street entrance to Douglas Park.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Kendrick Spurling.

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Susan Money, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor