

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2009**

A Regular Council Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Jamie Hyman with Autumn Creek Village presented the Council with a final plat for the Solomon Road subdivision. Mayor Marler informed the Council that the Planning Commission had signed off on the preliminary plat. John Mellown made a motion to accept the final plat for Autumn Creek Village, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ricky Branton with Polyengineering was present to ask the Council for approval on the final design for the sidewalk project for the City Square. The project will include redoing lighting in the square, roadway lighting, power supplies and concrete/brick sidewalks with landscaping. The project should be completed sometime in November 2009. The grant will be for \$615,000.00 with a match of \$153,000.00 from the City. Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the sidewalk grant, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3rd meeting, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve adding Darlene Cunningham to the signature card at Ameris Bank, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Quotes on new floor covering and Council seating were tabled until a later date.

Council proposals for the Employee's incentive award were tabled until the Council could have a work session to discuss the issue.

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Marler asked the Council to set a date for a work session. March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. was set.

Mayor Marler informed the Council he had a DOT meeting to discuss a safety plan for Highway 431 from Wiregrass International to the Headland IGA. He and Keith Hidle (owner, Headland IGA) will attend an additional meeting with DOT to discuss parking at the Headland IGA.

The KPS meeting held on March 12<sup>th</sup> went well, with forty (40) people attending. There will be additional meetings held, one (1) a month for the next eight (8) months. At this time no date or time has been scheduled.

The following 100 percent grants have been applied for:  
Railroad Depot for \$127,266,000.00

Installation of sidewalks through out the City for \$823,000.00

Gateways into the City for \$234,000.00

The National Day of Pray will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> on the Square from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.

Senator Shelby will be at Willie D's on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

### **Department Reports:**

Fire Chief, Eric Lawrence gave his departments February report. He informed the Council he had turned in five (5) fire hydrant repairs to Water Superintendent, Jason Singletary.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave the February reports for the Police Department, Animal Control and Street Signs.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts requested permission to attend a Deanco Auction in Montgomery to purchase a street sweeper. Mr. Pitts had budgeted \$45,000.00 for two (2) trucks and a mosquito sprayer. Instead of making these purchases he would use the money toward the sweeper. After some Council discussion it was decided that the budgeted money would go to the purchase of the all ready approved equipment and not a street sweeper.

Mr. Pitts also informed the Council that as of March 23<sup>rd</sup> he would be using Henry County Inmates in place of the current temporary service for Sanitation purposes. This will save the City additional funds.

### **Council Comments:**

Councilman Singletary informed Chief Jones that he had received a complaint from a citizen regarding smoking at Morriss Park.

### **Public Comments:**

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Kendrick Spurling.

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Marler convened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. regarding the rezoning of the following property:

16.949 acres located on the S side of Co Rd 45, owned by Beverly Joyce Shelley (Shelco Industrial Painting)

Speaking in favor of the rezoning was Mr. Tony Shelley with Shelco Industrial Painting.

Opposing the rezoning were landowners Marty Marshall, Danny Ellison, and George Rosilas.

Councilman Singletary felt the citizens opposing have a legitimate concern and would like to know what assurance does the Council have that Mr. Shelley will be able to comply with the concerns. He recommended that the company be given a variance for six (6) months to see if the concerns could be met.

Councilman Beasley also felt information for a temporary variance should be obtained.

Councilman Mellown said he would like to make some phone calls and get more information before deciding.

Jody Singletary made a motion to table the rezoning request until City Attorney, Durrell Whiddon could be contacted and more information received on the matter. Benton Beasley seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Marler informed Mr. Shelley he would contact Mr. Whiddon on Wednesday and be in contact when he had more information.

There being no further comments Kendrick Spurling made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 8:35 p.m. Benton Beasley seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

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Susan Money, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor