

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 26, 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 Mellow, Benton Beasley, and Kendrick Spurling.

The mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Jody Singleton offered prayer.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Marler convened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. regarding the rezoning of the following property:

Property located on Solomon Road (Bert Singleton) rezoned from OL to C2.

The Council heard comments from Mrs. Linda Crabtree a landowner on Solomon Road.

Mr. Singleton was present to answer question. He stated that his intent was to build around 52 storage units. The units would be in a gated area directly behind the existing beauty shop.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that this area did fit into commercial zoning.

There being no further public comments Jody Singleton made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Kendrick Spurling made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11th meeting, John Mellow seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Jody Singleton made a motion approving a contract for Alabama Power to install a street light at 1806 Strickland Road, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

The following Ordinances were introduced to the Council:

Ordinance 6-2009 / Amending the Code of Ordinance adding Chapter 35 entitled "Firearms"

Ordinance 7-2009 / Amending the Code of Ordinance adding Section 30-45 providing the time when permissible fireworks may be discharged

Ordinance 8-2009 / Amending the Code of Ordinance article 2 fireworks, Section 30-43 permitting public display

Ordinance 9-2009 / providing for general parking regulation & further providing a fine schedule for violations

John Glover made a motion to suspend the rules to allow immediate consideration of the above Ordinances. Benton Beasley seconded the motion. John Glover yea vote, Jody Singleton yea vote, John Mellown yea vote, Benton Beasley yea vote, and Kendrick Spurling yea vote. The motion cared.

Kendrick Spurling made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2009, 7-2009, 8-2009 and 9-2009. John Glover seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 10-2009 was introduced to the Council providing for the disposal of unneeded municipal property located at the intersection of Hollon Street and Mitchell Street.

Benton Beasley made a motion to suspend the rules to allow immediate consideration of Ordinance 10-2009. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion. John Glover yea vote, Jody Singleton yea vote, John Mellown yea vote, Benton Beasley yea vote, and Kendrick Spurling yea vote. The motion cared.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2009 for Jesus' First Church to purchase city property located at the intersection of Hollon Street and Mitchell Street in the amount of \$500.00 and legal fees. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 11-2009 was introduced to the Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance for property located on Solomon Road (Bert Singleton) from OL to C2.

The Ordinance will be brought before the Council for adoption at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Benton Beasley made a motion denying a request to purchase an ad for new City/County maps from Southern Engineering GPP, Inc. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to table the request for Supplement nine (9) of the Code of Ordinances until further information could be acquired. Jody Singleton seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Marler submitted bids on new flooring for sections of City Hall. Bids are on file in the City Clerks office.

John Mellown made a motion to approve the low bid of \$3,900.00 from Brian-Holloway Floor Coverings to install new Armstrong flooring in sections of City Hall. Benton Beasley seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Jody Singleton made a motion to table the bids for a new roof on the old section of City Hall until more information could be acquired. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

### **Mayors Report:**

The Daylily Festival will be held on the Square here in Headland May 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Fight for Faith will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Headland Armory for more information call 334-685-9381.

Headland United Methodist Church will be honoring all Emergency Personnel on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

A new Employee handbook and pay scale will be available for the Council in the near future.

A meeting with FEMA was held regarding the recent flooding in the Wiregrass Area.

After speaking with Polyengineering regarding the upcoming sidewalk project, it was recommended to the Chamber President that Harvest Day be moved to Douglas Park for the year 2009 only.

### **Department Reports:**

Chief Lawrence presented his departments April report. The Fire Department has applied for a \$120,000.00 (10% matching) grant to replace a brush truck. The City of Abbeville currently has both of their ambulances out of service due to repair work. At this time Headland is covering ambulance service for the City of Abbeville at their expense.

Chief Mark Jones gave April reports for the Police Department and Animal Control. Chief Jones reported that the Police Department was recently awarded a grant from Wal-Mart for \$2,000.00. The grant will go toward the purchase a new computer.

Chief Jones requested approval to purchase seven (7) new rifles at the cost of \$3,628.79. The purchase would be paid for through the drug forfeiture account and any additional funds remaining from the Wal-Mart grant.

John Mellow made a motion for the purchase of the rifles, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

### **Council Comments:**

Councilman Beasley informed the Mayor that the building next door to the new laundry mat is about to fall down. Mayor Marler said he would check and see who owns the building.

Councilman Singleton asked the status on the paving at Cross Creek. Mayor Marler said that it would begin as soon as weather permitted.

### **Public Comments:**

Mrs. Beverly Cole thanked the Fire/EMT Department for their recent help and commented that they always do a great job.

Mr. Ray Walden commented on the sidewalks, asphalt patching, and ditches through out the City.

Mayor Marler informed Mr. Walden that he has been in contact with the County Engineer regarding the ditches.

Reverend Spears was present to inform the Council and Public about the upcoming “Fight for Faith”. Reverend Spears is working with young kids through a boxing program to help keep them out of trouble. The program is free to all kids and is Christian based.

Reverend Spears asked the Council for a monetary donation of \$1,000.00 to help with the purchase of needed equipment for the fight.

Mayor Marler said at this time the City has received legal advice that a donation could not be made, but is waiting for additional advice from the Alabama League of Municipalities.

They’re being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by John Glover.

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Susan Money, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor