

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 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.

Jon Muller was present to request approval to use the Town Square from August 8th through November 28th for a Farmers Market.

Jody Singleton made a motion to table the request from the Farmers Market, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to table the request from Antioch Assemble of God to use the Town Square on June 20th for a Youth Rally. Jody Singleton seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Kara Dease with Lochem Revolution Ministries was present to request approval to use the Town Square on June 27th from 5:00 p m until 10:00 p m for the "Hanger's 2009 Summer Explosion". This will be a praise and worship outreach for youth ages 13 to 18.

Benton Beasley made a motion to allow Ms. Dease to use the Town Square on June 27th, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2nd meeting, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Emily Waters with Southeast Alabama Regional Planning presented Resolution 5-2009 for a FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant. The grant would be for sewer system improvements from East Main Street to the North Lift Station. The estimated cost of the work is \$641,946.46 with the Cities commitment being \$141,946.46 in matching funds. The matching funds will be needed June or July of 2010.

John Glover made a motion to approve Resolution 5-2009, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Marler explained to the Council that he had talked with the Henry County Water Authority and the City of Abbeville regarding the \$1,500.00 payment to Omega Rail Management and they currently are paying the same. The City Attorney was also consulted and recommended paying the invoice.

Jody Singleton made a motion to pay the \$1,500.00 to Omega Rail Management, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Marler submitted a bid from James Johnson Tree Service to trim and cut several trees on the Square for a cost of \$4,500.00.

John Glover made a motion to get additional estimates for the tree work, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Jody Singleton made a motion to close CD #58-028-363-4993055 in the amount of \$9,494.54 and transfer the funds into the USDA Savings Account. John Mellown seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Department Reports:

Chad Hughes with the Headland Fire Department was present to give his departments May 2009 report. Mr. Hughes informed the Council that Headland would continue to assist Abbeville's Ambulance service for another three to four weeks.

Police Chief, Mark Jones gave the May 2009 reports for the Headland Police Department and the Headland Animal Control Department. Chief Jones requested approval to attend the Chief's Conference August 3rd through August 6th in Orange Beach, Alabama with funds coming from the Drug Forfeiture Fund.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve the Chiefs Conference, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Council Comments:

John Mellown asked that a garbage container be placed at the Ice Machine on Hwy 431.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Minnifield from 112 Bennett Street was present regarding the house next door to her property that burned. She asked the status on the clean up of the property.

Mayor Marler informed her that the City had sent a certified letter to the owner of the property and had not had a response. As of Tuesday June 9th the issue was turned over to the City Attorney, who mailed out an additional letter with a notice to reply.

Mrs. Shirley McArdle was present to request that this years Harvest Day not be moved to Douglas Park. She informed the Council that a group of business owners around the Square had meet and did not want the annual event moved due to that being one of their best days of the year for sales.

Danny McKinney with Headland Renaissance reminded everyone that July 2nd would be the Patriotic Concert on the Square at 7:30 p m.

Mrs. Dorthea Culver with the Henry County NAACP was present to inform the Council of the upcoming 100-year celebration of the local chapter. The Freedom Fund Banquet will be held June 28th at 6:00 p m at the Gathering Place.

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

Susan Money, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor