

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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.

Mayor Marler informed everyone present that a Public Hearing regarding an ADECA recreational walking trail at Douglas Park was held by Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development prior to the City Council Meeting.

John Glover made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21st meeting, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Jody Singleton made a motion to pay the Cities bills, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

John Glover made a motion to pay an Alabama Power and Water bill for the Workforce Development, both bills amounted to \$474.20. Kendrick Spurling seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Mary Clair Wilson with the Henry County Workforce Development was present to request the City Council award her the \$5,000.00 received through the ACE program. This money would go to pay off a personnel loan she had taken out to pay for Workforce Development expenses.

John Glover made a motion to give the \$5,000.00 to Mrs. Wilson to pay on the loan at Headland National Bank, Kendrick Spurling seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Benton Beasley made a motion to approve Resolution 8-2009 to engage RDS to perform business license administration for the City of Headland. John Glover seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Marler asked the City Council to approve giving \$500.00 to Mr. John McLeod toward the recent July 4th Firework Display held at Douglas Park.

Jody Singleton made a motion to pay Mr. McLeod the \$500.00, John Mellow seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Marler informed the Council that a speed study was conducted on Highway 431 on July 28th with 1530 vehicles exceeding the speed limit but this was still not enough to meet the Alabama DOT's recommended requirements to lower the speed limit.

Mayor Marler recently received a letter from a citizen on Solomon Road regarding a drainage problem due to the new construction in that area. Mayor Marler said the problem would be addressed.

The Council was informed that a construction company had taken a look at temporarily patching Main Street at a cost of around \$5,000.00.

Department Reports:

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts gave his departments July 2009 report. Mr. Pitts informed the Council that he had spoken with the County regarding drainage problems with in the city limits. The County will need a formal request from the Council asking for help with drainage problems.

Mayor Marler asked Mr. Pitts to get an estimated cost on cleaning up the property at 112 Bennett Street due to no response from the property owner.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary informed the Council that the new well pumped seven (7) million gallons of water during the month of July. Also, the South Lagoon pump repairs were completed last week.

Administrative Grant Writer, Terry Grimes updated the Council on the COPS grant. He informed the Council that the City has not been denied or approved, but the money may not be available until 2010.

Council Comments:

Public Comments:

Mr. Bill Parker was present on behalf of the RCDC and asked the Council to consider approving a \$500.00 donation to the group in the next fiscal years budget.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6.58. on a motion by Jody Singleton

Susan Money, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor