

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 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 Kendrick Spurling offered prayer.

Jody Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17th meeting, John Mellow seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

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

Benton Beasley made a motion approving a Christmas Ad in the Headland Voice; each Councilman would pay \$10.00 and the City pay the remaining \$80.00. Jody Singleton seconded the motion and all members voted in the affirmative.

Ms. Jennifer Buchanan was present with proposed changes to the current Water Department Rules and Regulations. The Council will take the changes into consideration.

Mr. John Hewitt with the City of Headland Planning Commission presented the Council with a list of items to be clarified or considered for the comprehensive plan. Mr. Hewitt informed the Council that there could be additional items turned in from other committee members but he had not received any at this time.

Mr. Hewitt requested that the Council consider adopting a fee for any person that starts construction without a building permit. He recommended starting the fine at \$500.00 to \$1,500.00. If this recommendation is past it should also be included in the new comprehensive plan before it is completed.

Mr. Hewitt, also, asked the Council to take over the Alabama Power utility bill for the pumping station at Hamilton Place. Mr. Hewitt said he had meet with Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary and the pumping station was working correctly. The City will not be taking over the maintenance of the station only the electrical usage.

Kendrick Spurling made a motion to accept the Alabama Power bill for the pumping station, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Mayors Report:

The Headland Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Christmas Parade on December 3rd at 6:00 pm.

The City of Newville's Christmas Parade will be held December 5th at 11:00 am.

The City of Abbeville's Christmas Parade will be held December 5th at 2:00 pm.

Work is underway on a grant to pave Railroad Street, to pave and install new water lines on South Main Street.

The following projects will be coming up the first of 2010; the sidewalk project on the Square, re-paint the Water Tank on Peachtree Street, and the paving of 134 East and West.

After talking with Recreation Director, Howard Holland a site for a new provilion at Douglas Park has been picked out.

Sales tax for the month of November increased from November 2008.

Police Chief, Mark Jones informed him earlier that the K-9 Unit is down and would cost an estimated \$4,500.00 to replace the motor. He is requesting the Council to consider allowing him to spend \$4,000.00 to purchase a used car. No action was taken.

Department Reports:

Street/Sanitation Superintendent, Steve Pitts presented his departments November 2009 report.

Mr. Pitts informed the Council that the County had cleaned out the ditch at Douglas Park and will start work on the ditch on Cleveland Street.

Councilman Glover asked Mr. Pitts if he could recommend a solution for the cross over at Shiloh Baptist Church's cemetery. He feels it could fall in. Mr. Pitts said he would look at it and get back with a recommendation.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Singletary requested a decision from the Council regarding his request from the November 3rd meeting where he asked to stop injecting fluoride into the Cities water. Mr. Singletary informed the Council that if he continued with the fluoride injections he would need approval to spend \$5,000.00 for new pumps. The Council discussed the matter and felt it would be best to continue the fluoride injections.

Kendrick Spurling made a motion to spend \$5,000.00 to purchase new fluoride injection pumps for the wells, John Glover seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

At the request of the Council Mr. Singletary had the cost to abandon Well #1 reduced to \$14,500.00 from Donald Smith Company.

Kendrick Spurling made a motion to accept the quote from Donald Smith Company, Benton Beasley seconded and all members voted in the affirmative.

Council Comments:

Councilman Jody Singleton was asked again about a security light at the entrance of Cross Creek.

Councilman Singleton said he has also had a request for one or two speed bumps on Walden Pond Road.

Councilman John Mellown informed the Council that trees at the entrance of Sweet Water Subdivision are obstruction the view of drivers pulling out of the subdivision.

Public Comments:

Henry County Economic Director, Stephanie Blankenship informed the Council of the upcoming Community Leadership meeting to be held on December 10th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Auburn Extension Auditorium.

Representing the Headland Airport Authority, Ms. Blankenship also informed the Council of a Ribbon Cutting at the Airports Aviation School on December 15th at 10:30 am.

Taylor Thames with United Way requested permission to speak with City Employees regarding donations to the United Way. Mayor Marler informed Ms. Thames that she could set up a time through each Department Head.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm on a motion by Jody Singeton.

Susan Money, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor