



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 6, 2010 6:00pm**

The Council of the City of Headland was called to order in the City Hall on July 6, 2010 with the following members present: Ray Marler, Mayor; Council members: John Glover, Jody Singleton, John Mellown, Benton Beasley, and Kendrick Spurling.

Upon a motion by Spurling and a second by Beasley, the council voted as follows to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as read:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Beasley and a second by Spurling, the council voted as follows to approve the bills to be paid:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Mellown, the council voted as follows to enter into an agreement with PolyEngineering for engineering & inspection for the Downtown Streetscape Project:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor advised the council that the City Clerk, Susan Money, has submitted a request to resign from her position as City Clerk and transfer to the Water Department.

Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Beasley to accept her resignation as City Clerk, the council voted as follows:

Yeas – Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – Glover

The resignation from the City Clerk was accepted with a 4 to 1 vote.

The issue of transferring her to the Water Department was tabled to a later date.

Upon a motion by Beasley and a second by Singleton to allow time for a legal interpretation as to whether the council should vote on this transfer or if the Mayor had sole discretion on whether or not to approve or deny this transfer request.

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Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion to table the transfer request pending legal interpretation passed unanimously.

Mayor then presented a recommendation to the Council to appoint City Court Clerk, Crystal Gibson, to the position of City Clerk/Treasurer.

Upon a motion by Beasley and a second by Singleton, the council voted as follows to appoint Crystal Gibson as the City Clerk/Treasurer:

Yeas - Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – Glover

The appointment was approved with a 4 to 1 vote.

Mayor requested that Susan Money also be removed from all City of Headland bank accounts.

Upon a motion by Beasley and a second by Singleton, the council voted as follows to remove Susan Money's signature from all of the city bank accounts and add Crystal Gibson to these accounts:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Alabama Department of Transportation Resolution # 7-10-A addresses re-routing Highway 134/East Church Street from Main Street at milepost 61.132 to milepost 62.065. Basically, they are giving Headland back East Church Street and they are taking over Highway 173 that runs by the Middle School.

Upon a motion by Spurling and a second by Singleton, the council voted as follows to adopt Resolution # 7-10A:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Applefields have property on Highway 173 that houses a few trailers. There is a side road that runs alongside it. They requested that they be responsible for maintaining the road and asked that it be renamed Benefield Road.

Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Beasley, the council voted as follows:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks went well and thanked the Police Department for handling that along with all who were involved.

Mayor reminded the council that the sidewalk bid opening was scheduled for July 7, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the council chambers. There was a brief discussion on the best procedure as how to proceed, i.e., a town meeting, doing one side of the square at a time versus all of them, etc.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jason Singletary reported sales were low due (approx. 8 million gallons) to sufficient rain. Well #2 is close to being on the critical list. He addressed the Coles'

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issue with the water at their residence – no more complaints and everything tested well. He stated that his department had received numerous complaints about the smell of the water which he attributed to the lack of usage and the water sitting in the tank longer not being circulated. On Wastewater side, the city received a grant to replace some of the sewage line on Bennett Street which had collapsed last week. A contractor was contacted (CDG Engineering) but the section was not able to be replaced so they located the issue and repaired it. He also addressed the transfer of Susan Money to his department. He stated that something needed to be done due to the current Water Clerk's health and Susan had experience in the Water Department, etc.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent Steve Pitts advised they were still looking into the cans and tipplers. He requested the council review the 4 day/zone system previously submitted for approval. He stated it would make his department more efficient and save the City money.

Council Comments: None

Public Comments:

Jim Geisler, CHARM, requested that a donation box be put on the water bills to allow citizens who wished to contribute to the CHARM program an opportunity to do so on a volunteer basis. The CHARM organization is currently making sure that the animals picked up are spayed, neutered, and vaccinated for Rabies. The donations would be used to help absorb the daily costs associated with the CHARM program to include medical care and general upkeep of the kennel.

Upon a motion by Beasley and a second by Singleton, the council voted to add a \$1 volunteer donation box on the water bills as follows:

Yeas – Glover, Singleton, Mellown, Beasley, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Mixson, Headland Airport, reports that fuel is now available at the Headland Airport. The fuel is owned by the airport and is sold at \$4.10 a gallon. The tank has a 6,000 gallon capacity. Headland Airport advertises the fuel availability online and is sold at a lower price than competitors. The fuel is 100LL octane.

Danny McKinney, Headland Paint & Body advised that the Patriotic concert was a success with approximately 1,800 in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Crystal Gibson, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor