

Council Minutes  
Council seeking ADECA grant

In its Aug. 19 meeting, the Headland City Council approved Resolution 8-2014-A, involving pre-application work for a land and water conservation fund grant through ADECA. Emily VanScyoc, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, told the council the money comes to ADECA from the federal government, to be used for recreational projects. For Headland, it will mean a re-submittal of a previous application for ball field use.

The maximum amount available is \$50,000 with a one-to-one match by the city. After the pre-application, the city does have the ability to pull out if it so desires. "It'll touch a lot of things at one time," Mayor Ray Marler said.

Chief of Police Mark Jones asked the council for permission to trade in 11 current Glock service pistols for new Sig-Sauer models. The difference for the new 40-caliber models will be \$1,349, which will come from drug forfeiture money. "It's a great deal we're getting," Jones said. The council approved the action.

The council passed on-premise alcohol sales requests for the new Dollar General and Wal-Mart Express. The former involves a transfer of a current license, with the latter being a new license.

The city's planning commission approved a request of Marty Marshall to reclassify land at the intersection of Early Walden Road and Strickland Road from OC to C1.

Councilman Joe Falkner brought up questions involving water quality issues. Water Department Superintendent Jason Singletary said he had heard about a number of comments on social media concerning red water, but had received no calls himself. "I do not monitor Facebook eight hours a day. Social media is a wonderful thing, but no one has contacted us at city hall with complaints concerning water quality today. I've got to know about them before we can take care of them. You can call us at 693-3365 and the call will be forwarded to us, or you call us at 785-5600."