

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

February 3, 2015

TIME: 6:00PM

The Council of the City of Headland was called to order in the City Hall on February 3, 2015 with the following members present: Ray Marler, Mayor; Councilmembers: James Williams, Jr., Jody Singleton, Michael Roland, Joe Falkner, and Kendrick Spurling.

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

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

Joe Todd with Todd Syrup thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and briefed them on the success of Todd Syrup since he moved to Headland. He noted that sales are currently up 300% from his established date and plans for the Grist Mill to open in the fall. He also reported that Preister Pecans will have an outlet in the new store.

Ray Walden inquired about the status of a street light on his street. Singleton stated that Sheree at Alabama Power was checking on options.

Tom Solomon, Executive Director of SEARP&DC presented a check in the amount of \$83,264. to the city of Headland to fund the sewer project at Todd Syrup. Representative Dexter Grimsley was present and was thanked for his involvement in aiding the city in obtaining the grant funds.

Resolution 02-2015 was presented regarding naming John Cameron and Dorothea Culver to the Henry County Public Education Cooperative District. Upon a motion by Spurling and a second by Roland the Council voted as follows to approve:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Marc Nicholas, the CFO of the Henry County Board of Education, reported they are in the process of refinancing the Henry County School Board bonds for a better interest rate. Money will be taken from the bond and put into an account for capital projects.

The mayor reported that Sherri Johnson has requested use of Douglas Park for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for an all-class reunion from 6am-6pm. The council requested this be tabled until more details are found out.

December 2014 and January 2015 bills were presented to the council for review. Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Williams, Jr. the Council voted as follows to approve:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor announced the following:

Headland High School Career Tech would take place at Headland High School February 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.

Baseball & Softball Registration will take place from January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>. Children must be 4 years of age by August of 2015 to register.

The 2015 National League of Cities will take place March 7-11

Zerbini Family Circus will be in town March 21<sup>st</sup> with 2 shows at 4pm and 7pm.  
The city of Headland received the Tree City USA for 2013.

Wiregrass Research Center will be doing a Disaster Emergency Response Presentation at the Experiment Station February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.

Troy Cable will host an informational meeting Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 regarding expanding Cable & Internet into Henry County. All councilmen are invited to attend.

The mayor asked the council to set procedures on capping annual leave for city employees to prevent a large financial obligation of the city to employees retiring with excessive annual leave. The mayor recommended capping this at 240 hours. Singleton requested that the mayor and city clerk come up with a proposal to present to the council to help them make a better informed decision on capped hours.

The mayor presented amendments from the Planning Commission that they wished to have approved. The council requested a brief work session with Ray Bickley before the next Council meeting to review these amendments before voting for approval.

With no other business and upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Williams, Jr. the Council voted as follows to adjourn:

Yeas – Williams, Jr., Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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Heather Bond, City Clerk

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Ray Marler, Mayor