

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

October 20, 2015

TIME: 6:00PM

The Council of the City of Headland was called to order in the City Hall on October 20, 2015 with the following members present: Ray Marler, Mayor; Councilmembers: Jody Singleton, Michael Roland, Joe Falkner and Kendrick Spurling. James Williams, Jr. was not present.

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

Yeas – Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Rhonda Harrison, Headland Area Chamber of Commerce director, stated that Harvest Day was a great success and gave thanks to the Headland Police Department. The next event will be Halloween Scream on October 31st from 6-8. Park and Grove Street will be closed for this event. Harrison announced 4 ribbon cuttings and Open Houses as follows:

Thursday, October 29th – Elite Vision @ 5:00 (Dr. Brown)

Wednesday, November 4th – HealthFirst @ 3:00 (Dr. Barker)

Friday, November 6th – Wiregrass Behavior @ 5:00 (Dr. Bradshaw)

Monday, November 9th – Overflowing Ministries @ 9:00am

Sundown Cinema is set for Nov. 13th. Time is to be announced.

Holiday Open House is set for November 19th from 3-8pm.

Christmas Parade will be December 10th.

Tony Wilkerson with the Fire Department updated the Council and Mayor about the ADM grant they are applying for in the amount of \$12,000; no matching funds are required. They hope to use the funds to purchase 2 K55 Thermal Imaging Cameras which will better assist them in investigations.

Clint Wright with the Fire Department requested funds for Hydrant testing equipment which is approximately 25 years old. Hydrant testing in the city is required by ISO to be done annually and is mandated by NFPA 209. The cost is \$420 for 2. Upon a motion by Singleton and a second by Roland the council voted as follows to approve:

Yeas – Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Wright also requested permission by the Council and Mayor to pursue grant funds through AFG and FEMA for turnout gear for the department stating that the current gear will expire in 3 years. The cost of one set is \$3,000; total cost would be \$75,000. The city's match would be \$7,500 which includes a 5% grant writer fee. If the grant writers are not successful they do not get their fee. Upon a motion by Falkner and a second by Spurling the council voted as follows to approve:

Yeas – Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

The mayor requested the council's approval of the September Bills. Upon a motion by Spurling and a second by Falkner the council voted as follows to approve the bills:

Yeas – Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Marler invited the council to attend the Second Congressional District Municipal Meeting on November 10th with Martha Roby as the speaker. Dinner will be at 5:00 and the meeting at 6:00 in the Dothan Civic Center. Please RSVP to City Clerk, Shippey, by October 28th.

Walgreens will be at City Hall, Thursday, October 22nd from 10-2 giving flu shots for city employees.

Headland Elementary School 2nd grade will be visiting City Hall, the Police Department, Library, Fire Department and Headland National Bank on Friday, October 30rd.

Mayor Marler thanked the Chamber and Police Department for all of their work put towards Harvest Day noting it was a great success.

Sales Tax is up \$120,000 from this time last year.

Mayor Marler requested the council to consider Nancy Gary's request for her water bill to be adjusted due to a leak while she was out of town. Falkner suggested removing the interest and late fees. Singleton stated that we look into a potential policy change to allow for more than a one-time adjustment. Upon a motion by Singleton to let the mayor and Water Superintendent make the final decision and a second by Falkner the council voted as follows:

Yeas – Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Comments:

None

With no further business Singleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second by Roland. The council voted as follows to adjourn:

Yeas – Singleton, Roland, Falkner, and Spurling

Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Heather Shippey, City Clerk

Ray Marler, Mayor