

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama met in Pre-Council Session in the Mayor's Office at 6:00 p.m. on the 18th day of September, 2007. The Council discussed each item on the Agenda, and decided that Item #2 on the Agenda should be removed. The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama then met in regular session at the City Hall of said City on the 18th day of September, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., the regular time and place for holding such meetings. The invocation was given by Councilmember Stewart and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Peavy. A quorum being present, Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order. The following members were present for the meeting: Councilmembers Stewart, Peavy, Wilson, Ratchford, Bagwell, Schoen, Moers and Mayor Alexander. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PRE-COUNCIL AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2007, be dispensed with since each member was furnished with a copy and that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen, and upon being put to vote, was declared carried with Councilmember Wilson abstaining and all others voting Yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moers that bills for all funds in the total amount of \$196,208.45 be approved for payment and that a copy of the list of invoices be filed as an attachment to these minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen and upon being put to vote, was declared carried with Councilmember Wilson voting No and all others voting Yes.

III. REPORTS OF PROFESSIONALS/CONSULTANTS.

No reports.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SPECIAL GUEST(S).

Mayor Alexander recognized Councilmember Schoen for completing his Elected Officials Certification training with the Alabama League of Municipalities, and he displayed and read the plaque presented to Councilmember Schoen by the League for completion of the program.

Mayor Alexander reported that work on Grants Mill Road has stopped because the Contractor has filed for bankruptcy. He reported that he understands the contractor has a \$2,000,000.00 security bond with the County, and that he and the City Attorney have a meeting with County officials in the morning to discuss what will be done to ensure completion of the project. He reported that he and the City Attorney have met with the new C.E.O. of Trinity Hospital, and that the C.O.N. hearing for the hospital will be held on October 1, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at 1200 Park Place, downtown. He reported that the City's newsletter has been mailed, and he reminded everyone about the City and Chamber of Commerce First Annual Music Fest at Zamora Temple on 9/28/07, at 5:30 p.m. He also reminded everyone about the Whistle Stop Festival on Saturday, 9/29/07, in downtown Irondale beginning at 9:00 a.m., and the new Middle School Open House on 9/20/07 at 9:00 a.m. He announced that there is a Special Council Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. concerning the 2007-B, C, and D warrant issues.

V. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

No Reports.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. STEWART - PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilmember Stewart reported that the Public Works/Utilities Committee will meet in the conference room on 9/25/07, at 4:30 p.m.

B. PEAVY - PARKS

Councilmember Peavy reported on the Cahaba River Walk event last Sunday, and that the plaque installed by City workers looks very good. He reported on all the activities, including clean-up by Friends of the Cahaba, and he reported that he is looking forward to extending the walk through to Overton Road on the second phase of the project. He reported that on October 1, or November 5, he and Butch plan to make a presentation to the Council on the proposed City Plan.

C. WILSON - LIBRARY

Councilmember Wilson reported that he is still getting complaints of problems with dogs in his neighborhood, and he asked about the status of getting the Animal Control Officer hired. Mayor Alexander reported that he and Chief McIntosh will start next week to get someone hired. Councilmember Wilson mentioned that he would like for the City to look at getting a portable trailer that could be pulled back and forth to Ellard Park when the football field is being used. Mayor Alexander asked if the Park Committee would meet and make a recommendation on the request. Councilmember Wilson asked if it was determined who owns the fence at Grants Mill Station. Delan Davis reported that the fence has been repaired by the City in the past, but that the fence is owned by the shopping center and the responsibility should be put back on the shopping center owner to make the repairs. Councilmember Wilson stated that some board appointments were made while he was not at the last meeting, and he stated that he feels something is needed to make sure all Councilmembers are included in the decision.

D. RATCHFORD - POLICE

Councilmember Ratchford reported that she should have a schedule ready for the next meeting for the new CERTS classes that start in October.

E. BAGWELL - FIRE

Councilmember Bagwell reported that there will be a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall concerning the sidewalks to be constructed under the sidewalk grant, and that David Gullede will have drawings and plans to show the public.

F. SCHOEN - SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilmember Schoen reported that most all of the Maple trees planted at Beacon Park have died because of the drought. He thanked Public Works for getting the grass cut and the flags put up on Crestwood Boulevard. He reported that the Whistle Stop Festival will be held in about 1 1/2 weeks, and that there will be three stages, a dog show, dominoes tournament, car show, artists, and many other fun activities. He reported that there will be a television room in the building across the street from City Hall for everyone who wants to watch the ball games.

G. MOERS - FINANCE

Councilmember Moers reported that the Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 9/26/07, and Thursday 9/27/07 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall to discuss the budget, and that he will provide lunch for the Committee members and employees.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item #2 on the Agenda be removed and that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bagwell and upon being put to vote, was declared carried with Councilmember Wilson voting No and all others voting Yes.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Jim Tackett of 310 20th Street addressed the Council and asked questions concerning item #1 under Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

IX. DELIBERATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item #1 and #3 under New Business be approved as consent agenda items. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Peavy and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Final consideration of approval of expenditure for Councilmember Wilson to attend the National League of Cities Convention in New Orleans. (First vote on July 17, 2007, was not unanimous.)

Motion was made by Councilmember Bagwell that approval be given for an expenditure for Councilmember Wilson to attend the National League of Cities Convention in New Orleans. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Wilson stated that he would like to make two comments: That this item was voted on at the meeting of July 17, 2007, and was not put back on the agenda for the next regular meeting; and that when the \$10,000.00 for the Power Man event was voted on for the first year it came back to Irondale, it was not unanimous and did not come up for a vote the second time. He stated that he does not feel this item should have been put back on the agenda. He stated that he would like for the minutes to be pulled on that vote for the Power Man event. Upon being put to vote, the Motion to approve the expenditure failed to carry on the following roll call vote: Yes: Councilmembers Stewart, Wilson, Bagwell, and Mayor Alexander; No: Councilmembers Peavy, Ratchford, Schoen, and Moers.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2007R39 for installation of two fire hydrants on Woodaire Drive.

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

2. Consider approval of an expenditure of up to \$2,500.00 from the Water Department for James Stewart to attend an American Water Works Association workshop November 5-7, 2007.

Removed from Agenda.

3. Consider changing City holiday for Veteran's Day from Friday, November 9 to Monday, November 12, 2007.

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL.

No comments.

There being no more business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned on Motion of Councilmember Schoen and second of Councilmember Ratchford at 7:35 p.m.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the

___day of _____, 2007.

MAYOR