

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

DECEMBER 18, 2007

The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama met in Pre-Council Session in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on the 18th day of December, 2007. All members were present for the Pre-Council Session. The Council discussed each item on the Agenda, and decided that Item #2 should reflect an ad cost of \$250.00. After discussion of the legal description of lands being conveyed to the Board of Education under Ordinance No. 2007-53, it was decided that Ordinance No. 2007-53 would be delayed until January 15, 2008, so that the legal description could be corrected to convey only the portion of the land containing the soccer fields.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the Council meet in Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Peavy and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously. The Council went into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

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 December, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., the regular time and place for holding such meetings. The invocation was given by Councilmember Wilson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Moers. 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 PRE-COUNCIL AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2007.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Peavy that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2007, be dispensed with since each member was furnished with a copy of the minutes of the meeting, and that the minutes of the meeting be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and upon being put to vote, was declared carried with Councilmember Wilson abstaining and Councilmember Schoen voting No.

**II. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Moers that bills for all funds in the total amount of \$253,913.14 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 Wilson and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

**III. REPORTS OF PROFESSIONALS/CONSULTANTS.**

No reports.

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

Jerry South, of South & Associates, reported on the progress of work on the access road for the hospital. He stated that they will probably be able to request bids on the road work sometime in the Spring. He also reported on the status of design on the water line that will bring water from Brookwood Tank to the hospital down Old Leeds Road, and he reported that he is working on a layout for a couple of soccer fields at the YMCA Park.

Mayor Alexander reported that work has been going on to get a grocery store for Irondale, and that, even though he cannot divulge any facts at this time, prospects are looking good. He reported that it will be around the first part of March before Trinity Hospital will get a ruling on their C.O.N.

**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 had no report.

**B. PEAVY - PARKS**

Councilmember Peavy reported that they hope to have the Comprehensive Land Use Plan completed sometime in January.

**C. WILSON - LIBRARY**

Councilmember Wilson reported that he spoke to Bob Atchison again today, who is the property manager for Grants Mill Station, and that he thinks they may know by February or March who will take the old Walmart location. He reported that he has spoken to a professional economic development consultant that can hopefully come in and help the City of Irondale.

**D. RATCHFORD - POLICE**

Councilmember Ratchford had no report.

**E. BAGWELL - FIRE**

Councilmember Bagwell had no report.

**F. SCHOEN - SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilmember Schoen reported that the Out of the Blue Art Sale was a success, with about 250 people attending and about \$500.00 was raised for the Arts Council. He reported that Studio by the Tracks had their art sale the first part of December and that it was also a huge success. He reported that the Exchange Club's Christmas in Irondale is under way and that they presently have about forty-five families signed up to be helped. He asked that the Mayor have the Police Chief look into having a "Curve" sign installed on the right as you are headed into Irondale on Overton Road where the tragic accident happened recently.

**G. MOERS - FINANCE**

Councilmember Moers had no report.

**VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item #2 on the Agenda show the amount of the ad being \$250.00; that item #4 be tabled until January 15, 2008, and that the Agenda be approved as amended. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson, and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

None.

**IX. DELIBERATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **B. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Items #1 and #2 be approved as Consent Agenda items. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bagwell and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

### **1. Consider approval for \$250.00 ad for Shades Valley High School baseball program.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

### **2. Consider approval of \$250.00 for an ad for Shades Valley High School "Choo Choo Classic" basketball Tournament.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

### **3. Consider authorization for Innovative Utility Solutions of Alabama, LLC to negotiate with the Jefferson County Commission to establish a fee for providing water readings for sewer billing.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Moers that the proposal from Innovative Utility Solutions of Alabama, LLC be approved. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ratchford and upon being put to vote, was declared carried with Councilmember Wilson voting No and all others voting Yes.

### **4. Consider Ordinance 2007-53 to transfer JPK Soccer Fields to the Jefferson Co. Board of Education.**

Tabled until January 15, 2007.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL.**

Mr. Black asked the Council to check into adopting an ordinance to prohibit campaigning on city property during Municipal elections.

Wendall Timothy of Starlight Drive commended the Police Department for the way they have given notification on sex offenders in the neighborhood during the past year. He commended the Public Works Department on the mosquito control program, and he asked that the City consider putting a message on the water bills again to remind everyone that leaves must be bagged to be picked up by the City. He asked the City to consider making changes and improvements to Beacon Park such as adding a skate park and basketball goals similar to Homewood's parks. He stated that he hopes the City will be more aggressive in doing something with the Mountain Brook Swim and Tennis Club property.

Kim Hartley asked about the status of the Grants Mill Road project and about the redistricting of the City's Council Districts. She stated that the first Tuesday in February is a primary election and the City will need to change the Council Meeting to another date.

Bob Saunders asked the Mayor and Council to make a New Year's Resolution to set a time to sit down and come up with three goals for the City for next year, and then to report what those three goals are to the public at a Council Meeting.

There being no more business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on Motion of Councilmember Schoen and Second of Councilmember Moers.

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CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the

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