

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

DECEMBER 4, 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 4th day of December, 2007. The Council discussed each item on the Agenda, and decided that Item Numbers 1, #2, and #3 could be included in a motion for approval of consent agenda items. The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama then met in regular session at the City Hall of said City on the 4th day of December, 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, Ratchford, Bagwell, Schoen, and Mayor Alexander. Absent: Councilmembers Wilson and Moers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PRE-COUNCIL AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoen that the minutes be changed to reflect that he asked for permission to make a statement and was denied, and that the vote on adjourning the meeting was not unanimous because he did not vote Yes. The City Clerk explained to Councilmember Schoen that at the time the vote was taken on the Motion to Adjourn, he was not sitting as a member of the Council since he had stepped down to address the Council as a citizen, and, therefore, had no vote. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and upon being put to vote, failed to carry with Councilmembers Schoen and Stewart voting Yes, and Councilmembers Peavy, Ratchford, Bagwell, and Mayor Alexander voting No.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 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 Bagwell and upon being put to vote, was declared carried with Councilmembers Schoen and Stewart voting No and all others voting Yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoen that bills for all funds in the total amount of \$89,034.95 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 Ratchford and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS OF PROFESSIONALS/CONSULTANTS.

No reports.

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

Mayor Alexander

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 met on 11/29/07, at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall and discussed the Public Works and Water Department Ordinances and identified some things that the Department Heads would like to see take place in those Departments on a long-term basis. He stated that they will be making some recommendations in the future for updating the Ordinances.

B. PEAVY - PARKS

Councilmember Peavy had no report.

C. WILSON - LIBRARY

Councilmember Wilson was absent.

D. RATCHFORD - POLICE

Councilmember Ratchford reported that there are seven new CERTS members, but that since only two of them are from Irondale, the group decided not to have a ceremony at the City Council meeting because the others live some distance away from Irondale.

E. BAGWELL - FIRE

Councilmember Bagwell had no report.

F. SCHOEN - SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilmember Schoen reminded everyone about the "Out of the Blue" art sale on December 9, 2007. He reported that a lot of people came out for the Christmas parade on Saturday and that everyone seemed to have a good time. He expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Department employees for coming out.

G. MOERS - FINANCE

Councilmember Moers was absent.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Howard Curtis, President of the Irondale Firefighters Association, stated that he was speaking for all the employees in asking that the Council approve the 3% cost of living raise and the budget that contains funding for the raise.

Terry Bearden spoke in favor of the Council approving a 3% raise for the employees. He cited several instances where he feels the Council has wasted money on other things that were not necessary.

IX. DELIBERATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Items #1, #2 and #3 under New Business be approved as consent agenda items and that Resolutions numbers 2007R49 and 2007R51 be considered read. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bagwell and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider change of first City Council meeting in January, 2008 to Thursday, 1/3/08 due to Holiday.

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2007R49 to accept r.o.w. of part of 1st Avenue N. and 18th Street N. (Graham Lands Resurvey).

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2007R51 to authorize application for Library Grant.

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

4. Consider Resolution No. 2007R52 for a three percent (3%) cost of living raise for classified and unclassified employees.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bagwell that Resolution No. 2007R52 be considered read and approved. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ratchford and was declared carried upon the following roll call vote: Yes: Councilmembers Stewart, Ratchford, Bagwell, Schoen, or Mayor Alexander voting Yes, and Councilmember Peavy voting No.

5. Consider approval of Budget for General Fund and Water Department for the 2007-2008 budget year (Budget Draft #9).

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the budget for 2007/2008 be approved as presented in Draft #9. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bagwell and was declared unanimously carried upon the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Stewart, Ratchford, Bagwell, Schoen, Peavy, and Mayor Alexander.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL.

Howard Curtis thanked the City Council for approving the 3% raise for the employees.

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 7:15 p.m.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the

___ day of _____, 2007.

MAYOR