

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

NOVEMBER 20, 2007

The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama met in Pre-Council Session in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th day of November, 2007, and discussed each item on the Agenda. It was decided that Agenda Item #1 under New Business should be changed to add "in the amount of \$150.00 for the back page", and that Consideration of Resolution No. 2007R50 for Fire Department Grant Application should be added as Item #2. Delan Davis discussed roofing options on the City Hall and on the building owned by the City at 100 S. 20th Street. It was decided that Delan Davis would get a quote from Garland Company on the cost to get a recommendation on the type roof needed for each building and to handle the bids on the jobs. The City Council then met in regular session at the City Hall on the 20th day of November 2007, at 7:00 p.m., the regular time and place for holding such meetings. The invocation was given by Councilmember Ratchford, 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 THE PRE-COUNCIL SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2007.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wilson that the reading of the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and Regular Meeting of November 6, 2007, be dispensed with since each member was furnished with a copy and that the minutes of the meeting be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moers that bills for all funds in the total amount of \$231,637.12 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).

Mayor Alexander reported that the bonding company for the Grants Mill Road project has been notified that they must have the project completed due to the contractor

defaulting on the job. Mayor Alexander reported that he has been told by the County that the project should be completed by next summer.

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 on 11/29/07 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss each Department's ordinances. He reported on attending the National League of Cities convention in New Orleans, at his own expense, November 13th through the 17th where he received a lot of good information on conflict management, public speaking, performance budgeting, and other areas beneficial to elected officials.

B. PEAVY - PARKS

Councilmember Peavy had no report.

C. WILSON - LIBRARY

Councilmember Wilson reported that he spoke to Mr. Atchison again recently concerning a replacement business for the old Wal-Mart location at Grants Mill Station, and that he plans to stay in touch with him.

D. RATCHFORD -POLICE

Councilmember Ratchford reminded everyone to remember the Highway Patrol blitz over the holiday weekend and to be careful and not get a ticket.

E. BAGWELL - FIRE

Councilmember Bagwell had no report.

F. SCHOEN - SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilmember Schoen reported that Studio By The Tracks is having an Open House/Art Sale on November 29, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; that the City's Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 1, 2007, and starts at the Elementary School at 4:00 p.m.; that the Exchange Club's Santa Sunshine Special will be held at Zamora Temple on

12/6/07 for Special Education children in Jefferson County; and the “Out of the Blue” art sale will be held on 12/9/07, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00/person.

G. MOERS - FINANCE

Councilmember Moers reported that the Finance Committee will meet to work on the budget on Monday, 11/26/07, and Tuesday, 11/27/07, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item #1 under New Business be changed to add “in the amount of \$150.00 for the back page”; that Consideration of Resolution No. 2007R50 for Fire Department Grant Application be added to the Agenda as Item #2, and that the Agenda be approved as amended. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bagwell and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

None.

IX. DELIBERATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Resolution Number 2007R50 be considered read and that items #1 and #2 under New Business be approved as Consent Agenda Items. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Moers and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from Shades Valley Choral Boosters for Water Department to purchase ad in concert programs for \$150.00 for the back page.

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 2007R50 for Fire Department Grant Application.

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL.

Clayton Holderfield stated that he lives in District 6 and that it has come to his attention that his Councilmember is no longer on any City Council Committees, and he is concerned that District 6 is not being properly represented. Mayor Alexander stated that there is a very good reason Mr. Schoen was removed from committees. Mayor

Alexander stated that Mr. Schoen knows why it was done, and that if necessary, he will show Mr. Holderfield the information he has that explains the reasons.

Kathleen Packard of Rock Ridge Road complained about nothing being done about the open ditch on her street. Mayor Alexander asked Delan Davis to explain the City's policy on piping ditches in front of homes to Ms. Packard. Mr. Davis explained that the City will install the pipe free of charge if the homeowner agrees to purchase the size and type pipe required by the City. Ms. Packard stated that the ditch is not in front of her house, only the trash and water is on her property where it does not drain. She stated that she is not willing to pay for the pipe and stated in a very loud voice that it is the City's ditch and she screamed "fix it". Mayor Alexander told her that if she continues being loud and out of order, he would have her removed from the meeting. The City Attorney explained the City policy again, and stated that this is the way all ditches are handled when a citizen wants it piped. He explained that the City cannot put pipe in every ditch in the City's rights-of-way, and the only fair solution is the one offered. After further discussion, Mr. Stewart advised Ms. Packard that he has volunteered to come and meet with her tomorrow to look at the problem.

Rodney Kennamer of 3609 Haven Hill Place commended the Council for listening to the lady who just spoke for so long, but cut off the gentleman who tried to speak before her.

Judy Jackson of 5508 Overton Road complained that she has various incidents happening at her home every day and feels she is in danger, but the Police Department does not take her seriously.

Councilmember Schoen left his seat and came down in front of the Council to state that he would like to know the disposition of the following prior Council actions: 1. What has been done about the No Parking ordinance for First Avenue North across the street; 2. What has been done to correct the problem with the Shae ballfield with the fence and lights; and 3. He started to read a statement about the Mayor's actions. Motion was made by Councilmember Moers that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ratchford and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the
____ day of _____, 2007.

MAYOR