

MINUTES OF THE PRE-COUNCIL AND REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE

NOVEMBER 6, 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 6th day of November, 2007. Mark McElroy addressed Council Members about replacing the soccer fields when JPK fields are given to the County Board of Education. The Council reviewed each item on the Agenda and there were no changes or additions made. The City Council then met in Regular Session at the City Hall of said City on the 6th day of November, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., the regular time and place for holding such meetings. The invocation was given by Councilmember Peavy, 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 Pre-Council and City Council 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 OCTOBER 16, 2007.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the reading of the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and the Regular Meeting of October 16, 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 Peavy 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 \$204,365.45 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 called on Wayne Sullivan of Jefferson County to give an update on the status of the Grants Mill Road widening project. Mr. Sullivan reported that the contractor has been declared in default on the contract and that the project will be completed by the Bonding Company, and should be finished by next summer. He listened to comments and answered questions from the public concerning the project.

**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 had no report.

**C. WILSON - LIBRARY**

Councilmember Wilson had no report.

**D. RATCHFORD - POLICE**

Councilmember Ratchford had no report.

**E. BAGWELL - FIRE**

Councilmember Bagwell had no report.

**F. SCHOEN**

Councilmember Schoen reported that on December 9, 2007, the Irondale Arts Council will host their First Annual Art Sale from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Bainbridge Trace. He reported that the City's Christmas Parade will be held on December 1, 2007, starting at 4:00 p.m., and that the Exchange Club is working on Christmas in Irondale.

**G. MOERS - FINANCE**

Councilmember Moers had no report.

**VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

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

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

None.

## **IX. DELIBERATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item Numbers 1, 2 and 3 be approved as Consent Agenda items. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Moers and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

#### **1. Consider approval of signs for Exchange Club's Christmas in Irondale.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

#### **2. Consider appointment of Denise Wright to Library Board.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

#### **3. Consider approval of list of Official City Holidays for 2008.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

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

Kathy Packard of Rock Ridge Road complained that nothing has been done to correct the problem with an open ditch in front of her house that stays filled with trash.

Heather Mitchell presented a check for a \$100.00 donation to the Fire Chief for use at Station III. She stated that the check is from yard-sale proceeds received by four families at their first community yard sale. She stated that the donation is from the Pike, Gaddis, and Leathers families and also from her and her father.

Ross Graham of Haven Hill Road asked if there could be a report given at the next City Council Meeting on the status of the Mt. Brook Swim and Tennis Club property; any plans for the property; and the total amount that has been spent on the property.

Melinda Slotnick asked about the status of the hospital relocating to Irondale. Mayor Alexander reported that the C.O.N. hearing is almost complete and that hospital officials expect to receive the decision sometime next Spring. He stated that the Hospital plans to break ground and start construction as soon as possible after the C.O.N. is approved.

Gail Doxey of Haven Hill Road asked about the possibility of the City getting a grocery store. Mayor Alexander reported that the City is working on doing that and he asked Greg Morris to explain the difficulty in getting a grocery store. Mr. Morris explained that several grocery store companies are experiencing financial difficulties and are closing stores rather than expanding. He explained that the City has been talking to the companies that are still adding stores, but that there is still no agreement from any company to locate here.

Tom Praytor of Marion Drive complimented Lt. Stapp and thanked him for visiting a lady who lives in the Holiday Gardens area, who had complained that she never sees the Police, and making her feel better about the police presence in her neighborhood.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned on Motion of Councilmember Moers and second of Councilmember Ratchford at 7:40 p.m.

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CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the

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MAYOR