

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE

OCTOBER 2, 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 2nd day of October, 2007. Councilmembers Moers and Bagwell were absent and all other members were present for the Pre-Council Session. The Council discussed each item on the Agenda, and decided that Item #4 to Consider Ordinance No. 2007-46 to approve Franchise Agreement with A.U.S., and Item #5 to extend the 2006/2007 budget until the new budget is adopted for 2007/2008, should be added to the Agenda under New Business. The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama then met in regular session at the City Hall of said City on the 2nd day of October, 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 Police Officer Mike Key. A quorum being present, Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order. The following members were present for the meeting: Councilmembers Stewart, Peavy, Wilson, Ratchford, Schoen, and Mayor Alexander. Absent: Councilmembers Moers and Bagwell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRE-COUNCIL AND REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2007, and the Special Meeting of September 20, 2007, be dispensed with since each member was furnished with a copy of the minutes of both meetings, and that the minutes of the meetings be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoen that bills for all funds in the total amount of \$339,989.00 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 Peavy 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 he and the City Attorney met with County officials concerning Grants Mill Road and that the County Attorney is planning to send a demand letter to the contractor about resuming work on the road. He reported that if they do not resume work, the County plans to file a lawsuit to allow the County to use the Contractor's bond to complete the road, and that it should be completed by August 1, 2008. He reported that the C.O.N. hearing for Trinity Hospital is going on this week and that Lloyd Nolan Hospital has dropped their objections to the C.O.N. being approved. He reported that about 550 people attended the Music Fest at Zamora Temple last Friday night and that it was a great success.

Mayor Alexander announced that he is reappointing Max Bynum, Joe Meads, and Aaron Harris to the Planning Commission.

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

Chief McIntosh introduced Mike Key, an Irondale Police Officer, who recently returned from active duty in Afganistan. Mike Key presented to the City a U.S. Flag that was flown over their base, Camp Dyer, in Afganistan along with a Certificate on the Flag. He asked that the flag be flown at the City Hall until October 15, 2007, when the rest of his team returns home from Afganistan, and then taken down and returned to him so that he and his wife can have the flag and certificate mounted in a shadowbox for permanent display at City Hall.

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

### **A. STEWART - PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

Councilmember Stewart reported that the Public Works and Utilities Committee met on 9/25/07, and determined that they will review ordinances for Public Works and the Water Department; that they want to develop a plan to begin switching over to radio-read water meters; and that they would like to have a feasibility study on extending our water service to growth areas in the City. He reported on attending training sessions by the Alabama League of Municipalities on 9/17/07 and 9/24/07. He reported that our Walmart plans to close on 10/23/07, and move to the new store in Eastwood Village.

### **B. PEAVY - PARKS**

Councilmember Peavy congratulated Councilmember Schoen for a great Whistle Stop Festival. He reported that there will be a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan at the next Planning Commission Meeting on October 25, 2007.

### **C. WILSON - LIBRARY**

Councilmember Wilson expressed condolences to Councilmember Bagwell and his Family on the death of his Mother-in-Law.

#### **D. RATCHFORD - POLICE**

Councilmember Ratchford reported that the new CERTS classes will start on Thursday, October 4, 2007, in the Library at Shades Valley High School. She reported that a group called KPI Latino will be sending some hispanic participants this time, which will be the first CERTS class in Jefferson County with hispanic participants.

#### **E. BAGWELL - FIRE**

Councilmember Bagwell was absent.

#### **F. SCHOEN - SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilmember Schoen reported that DOT has been working hard to get the lighting repaired at major intersections in Irondale at the expressway and now has all the major exit and entrance areas lighted. He reported that the Whistle Stop Festival was a great success with an estimated 5,000 plus people attending. He thanked the following volunteers for their help with the Festival: Willie & Ruth Poe, Vanessa Salter, Christopher Crews, Colin Crews, Denise Wright, Donald Dunlap, Rodney Kennemer, Stan Lisenby, Helen Morrow, Derek Ackley, Maralyn Busse, Sonya Judge, and John Brandt. He reported that he also attended training on 9/23/07 sponsored by the League of Municipalities.

#### **G. MOERS - FINANCE**

Councilmember Moers was absent.

### **VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item #4. Consider Ordinance No. 2007-46 to approve Franchise Agreement with A.U.S., and Item #5 Extend the 2006/2007 budget until the new budget is adopted for 2007/2008, be added to the Agenda under New Business, and that the Agenda be approved as amended. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Peavy, 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, #2, #3, and #5 be approved as Consent Agenda items. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

### **1. Consider Resolution No. 2007R41 to apply for ADECA Law Enforcement Grant for seven video cameras for vehicles.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

### **2. Appoint Councilmembers Wilson and Schoen to the City Council Personnel Committee to replace Stewart and Ratchford.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

### **3. Consider Resolution No. 2007R42 to approve one-time lump sum payment to Retirees (\$9,182.00).**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

### **4. Consider Ordinance No. 2007-46 to approve Franchise Agreement with A.U.S.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Ordinance No. 2007-46 be considered read. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoen that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of Ordinance No. 2007-46 be suspended and that unanimous consent be given for the immediate consideration of said ordinance. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ratchford and upon being put to vote, was declared carried on the following roll call vote: Yes: Councilmembers Stewart, Peavy, Wilson, Ratchford, Schoen, and Mayor Alexander. No: None.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Ordinance No. 2007-46 be finally passed and adopted as introduced. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen and upon being put to vote, was unanimously carried.

### **5. Extend the 2006/2007 budget until the new budget is adopted for 2007/2008.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

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

Bob Saunders reported that the Industrial Development Board will have an informal meeting at City Hall tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the booth they will have at the convention in Huntsville on November 7 and 8, 2007.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss a pending real estate transaction. The City Attorney stated that the reason given is a legal reason for Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schoen and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously. The Council went into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on Motion of Councilmember Schoen and second of Councilmember Ratchford.

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CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the  
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MAYOR