

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

SEPTEMBER 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 September, 2007, and discussed each item on the Agenda. It was decided that Agenda Item #1 under New Business should be changed to approve installation of "three" fire hydrants; that Item #2 should be amended to read "authorize Bob Saunders to handle collection of delinquent garbage bills"; that Item #5 should be amended to add "for October and November, 2007". The City Council then met in regular session at the City Hall on the 4th day of September 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 Ratchford. 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, Moers, and Mayor Alexander. Absent: Councilmember Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PRE-COUNCIL SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2007.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoen that the reading of the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and Regular Meeting of August 21, 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 Ratchford 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 \$342,215.15 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 Dr. Hammonds called to let him know that the dedication of the new Middle School will be held on September 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. He reported that the C.O.N. hearing for the hospital will be held on October 1, 2007, in Birmingham.

**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 the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee plans to be finished with their proposed plan by the end of the year. He reminded everyone of the Cahaba Riverwalk clean-up day event on Sunday, September 20, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Grants Mill Road bridge.

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

Councilmember Wilson was absent.

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

Councilmember Ratchford reported that she has received the draft of the history from the book author and that there are just some minor corrections to be made. She pointed out and discussed copies of the four pictures that were sent today for the history article that she had placed on the board in the council room. She reported that new CERT classes will begin in October.

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

Councilmember Bagwell reported that he talked to David Gullede and that he is still working on the sidewalk grant bids.

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

Councilmember Schoen reported on the progress of the Whistle Stop Festival. He reported that he has been getting 4-5 phone calls per day for the past few days, and that he attended the Butterbean Festival and collected about 7 more names of vendors who are interested in coming to the Whistle Stop Festival. He reported that they currently have about 43 vendors, and he expressed appreciation to Oz Works for their help in getting two large signs on trailers placed in the City to advertise the Festival. He reported that he is soliciting businesses to place their logo on the back of the t-shirts for a \$300.00 fee. He reported that Shades Valley High School will host a Battle of the Bands for Jefferson County on 9/22/07. He reported on activities of the graffiti patrol over the past week, and he reported that the Exchange Club attorney has advised him that the club can use its foundation to apply for grants for the Sr. Citizen's Center.

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

Councilmember Moers reported that the Finance Committee will be holding budget hearings this month at a time to be announced.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Ratchford that Item #1 under New Business be changed to approve installation of "three" fire hydrants; that Item #2 should be amended to read "authorize Bob Saunders to handle collection of delinquent garbage bills"; that Item #5 should be amended to add "for October and November, 2007", and that the Agenda be approved as amended. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Moers 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 Numbers 2007R36 and 2007R37 be considered read and that items #1, #2, #3, and #4 and #5 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 Resolution No. 2007R36 for installation of three fire hydrants at Creekwood Subdivision.**

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

**2. Consider authorization to contract with Bob Saunders for collection of delinquent garbage bills.**

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

**3. Appoint Terrence Scott, Randy Cox, and Myra L. Poss to the Commercial Development Authority.**

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

**4. Consider Resolution No. 2007R37 to revise premiums - City's Direct Reimbursement Dental Plan.**

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

**5. Consider approval to assume 5% increase in premiums for employee Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance in the amount of \$27,264.00 for single coverage and approximately \$45,000.00 for single and family coverage for October and November, 2007.**

Approved as Consent Agenda item.

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

Bob Saunders of 5th Avenue South asked if the City could do something about the grass not being cut on the banks around Grants Mill Station. He reported that the Industrial Development Board needs to fill two vacant positions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moers that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss a pending real estate transaction. City Attorney, Greg Morris, advised that the reason given is a legal reason for Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ratchford and upon being put to vote, the Motion carried unanimously. The Council went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Council returned from Executive Session to the Regular meeting at 7:40 p.m., and 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