

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HAMILTON, ALABAMA

January 4th, 2010

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Hamilton, Alabama was held on January 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Hamilton City Hall. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. McDavid Franks led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ross Feltman gave the invocation.

Mayor:	Bobby Holliday
Council:	McDavid Franks Annette Sherrill April Steele Paul Stidham
Absent:	Scotty Sanderson
City Clerk:	Jan Williams
Guests:	Brenda Burleson Bill Tyra Ted Burleson Watha Williams Ross Feltman James Tate Ed Howell Teresa Mary Spearman Bettie Blaine Ira Blaine Lena Puckett Tami Williams Susan Taylor Carolyn Permenter Don Gann Alissa Brown Shannon Nichols Scott Hunt

The first order of business was a motion by Annette Sherrill to approve the Minutes from the last meeting. McDavid Franks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Bills with noted exceptions. April Steele seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

The next item was a motion to approve Resolution number 2010-1-4-A setting compensation for the Absentee Elections Manager. Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve the Resolution and McDavid Franks seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

April Steele made a motion to approve Resolution number 2010-1-4-B appointing the following election poll workers and officers for the Wet/Dry Referendum on February 2, 2010. Paul Stidham seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Returning Officer-Elvis Cochran
Chief Inspector-Bill Gilchrist
Poll List Clerk-Fannie Jo Lindsey
Ballot Clerk-Edith Wright
Betty Reilly
Joyce Loden
Cavalene Seely
Jean Holloway
Joan Moore
Nancy Logan
Nora Ann Loden
Marsha Wilson
Becky Dodd
Barbara Ellis
Charlene Sudduth
LaVera Terrell
Jean Gann
Linda Kay Cashion
Austin Jones
Corrine Jones

Paul Stidham made a motion for immediate consideration of Ordinance 2010-1 establishing the use of electronic vote counting devices for the City of Hamilton, Alabama. McDavid Franks seconded the motion and voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Annette Sherrill, April Steele, and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

April Steele made the motion to approve Ordinance 2010-1 and Paul Stidham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At this time the agenda contained a recommendation to approve the following special projects:

1. Water improvements for a total of \$27,000.
2. New heating system for Recreation Center (to be paid out of Capital Improvement Funds)
3. Pump motor and pump for Fire Department grass truck

McDavid Franks made a motion to approve the above mentioned special projects. Paul Stidham seconded the motion and all voted "Yes".

The next item on the agenda was a list of recommendations to further cut expenditures on the 2009/2010 budget. Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve the recommendations and April Steele seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Annette Sherrill, April Steele, and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

1. Cut out all unnecessary trips
2. Cut Police Department escorts to sporting events (case by case basis)
3. Tighten control on credit card purchases to: (purchases to be made by Department Head Personnel, or approved by Department Head Supervisor- Department Heads need to sign receipts)
4. Consider having all personnel using City owned vehicle leave the vehicles parked at City Hall during off time (exceptions would be police and fire chiefs or personnel on call)
5. Cut the Chamber of Commerce funding back to \$1,000.00 per month, effective January, 2010
6. Work Release Personnel-discuss with department heads on ways to decrease costs.

April Steele made a motion to approve Water Department Superintendent Steve Cox's official letter of retirement effective August 12, 2010 and effective date of leave to be January 7, 2010. McDavid Franks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

At this time Mayor Holliday asked for comments from the guests and they are as follows:

Watha Williams stated he wished the City would run an announcement in the local newspaper with information on the new police officers who were recently hired.

Ross Feltman expressed his concern about dogs being tied with no shelter. He stated it was cruelty to animals and would like the council to make it a law prohibiting people from chaining their pets outside. Mayor Holliday assured him that the dog situation he was referring to would be handled tonight.

Tami Williams stated that the previous animal ordinance the City of Hamilton had passed stated we would appoint a committee to review and advise the City Council on these type situations. She also stated that a warrant had not been served on a person regarding animal cruelty.

Bill Walden with the Employers Support of the National Guard talked about their purpose which is to make sure every soldier is represented and has support.

Ted Burlison asked if the Wet/Dry election would be held on February 2nd, 2010 and Mayor Holliday responded "Yes".

Mayor Holliday announced there would be a Public Meeting on January 12th, 2010 at the City Hall Auditorium on the proposed City of Hamilton Zoning Ordinance and also the City of Hamilton proposed Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

There being no further business, Annette Sherrill made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. McDavid Franks seconded the motion, following a unanimous consent in favor Mayor Holliday declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk

Council:
