

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

December 15, 2008

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Hamilton, Alabama was held on Monday, December 15, 2008 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 and gave the invocation. Those present were:

Mayor:	Bobby Holliday
Council:	McDavid Franks Scotty Sanderson Annette Sherrill Paul Stidham April Steele
City Clerk:	Jan Williams
Guests:	Scott Hunt Steve Cox Les Walters David Hightower Shannon Nichols Don Gann Judy Mays Kieran Jackson Adam Heath

The first order of business was a motion by McDavid Franks that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. April Steele seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Paul Stidham made a motion for the City of Hamilton to seek grant funding for the following projects:

1. Senior Citizens Facility
2. Zoning for four exits on I-22
3. Revitalization of down town area
4. Recreation equipment for children
5. Safe building

McDavid Franks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was a motion to establish a City of Hamilton Contingency Fund from West Alabama TV Cable Company Franchise Tax in the amount of \$15,470.00. Scotty Sanderson made a motion to approve the recommendation and

Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Scotty Sanderson, Annette Sherrill, April Steele and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

At this time Mayor Holliday stated the State of Alabama is now requiring prisoners be paid \$10.00 a day each for work performed. The Hamilton A & I will provide their lunch Monday thru Thursday. Annette Sherrill made a recommendation to pay the inmates and purchase their lunch on Fridays for an additional cost of approximately \$700.00. Paul Stidham seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

McDavid Franks made a motion to deposit \$100,000.00 from the Water Department Deposit Fund into a Certificate of Deposit account. Paul Stidham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Annette Sherrill made a motion to purchase four bay heaters for the Fire Department for \$1,600.00. McDavid Franks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

McDavid Franks motioned to designate one parking space on the side street next to Randy's Flower Shop for loading and unloading. Paul Stidham seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

At this time Mayor Holliday stated the City of Hamilton is considering changing the traffic light at the intersection of 1st Street SW and 1st Avenue SW to a four-way stop and would like feedback on the issue from its' citizenry. No action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation to extend Stovall Construction Company's contract for thirty days and forego the current liquidated damages due, pending the project is complete in thirty days. Paul Stidham made the motion to approve the recommendation and Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Scotty Sanderson, Annette Sherrill, April Steele and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

Annette Sherrill motioned to extend USDA loan #31096 for current amount of 1,648,427.53 at First National Bank for an additional six months. April Steele seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

A recommendation was made to amend the Water Department's collection policy by changing the delinquent date from the 10th of each month to the 15th, at which time a late fee will incur. Customers will have until the 23rd to pay their water bill before service will be discontinued. Delinquent bills will no longer be mailed out. McDavid Franks motioned to approve the recommendation and Paul Stidham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Scotty Sanderson motioned to approve Northwest Alabama Council of Local Government's Fiscal Year 2009 appropriation dues for \$2,239.38. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The following holidays were presented for 2009:

New Year's Day	Thursday	January 1, 2009
M L King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 19, 2009
President's Day	Monday	February 16, 2009
Good Friday	Friday	April 10, 2009
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25, 2009
Independence Day	Friday	July 3, 2009
Labor Day	Monday	September, 7, 2009
Veteran's Day	Wednesday	November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 26, 2009
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 27, 2009
Christmas Eve	Thursday	December 24, 2009
Christmas Day	Friday	December 25, 2009

Scotty Sanderson motioned that they be approved. McDavid seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

McDavid Franks made a motion to amend the December 12, 2008 Special Meeting minutes to reflect police officer probation period is one year. April Steele seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

There being no further business, Scotty Sanderson motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion, following a unanimous vote in favor Mayor Holliday declared the meeting adjourned.