

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

March 15, 2010

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Hamilton, Alabama was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Hamilton City Hall. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Scotty Sanderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and McDavid Franks gave the invocation. Those present were:

Mayor:	Bobby Holliday
Council:	McDavid Franks Scotty Sanderson Annette Sherrill April Steele Paul Stidham
City Clerk:	Jan Williams
Guests:	Donald Ed Carter Ron Carrion Jean Carrion Marla Minter Ashley Gray Jordan Estes Austin Dixon Eric Mayo Collin Akers Tom Gray Teresa Gray Margaret Johnson Rector Johnson, Jr. Ed Howell Scott Hunt Shannon Nichols Alissa Brown Alisa Robinson Rachel Craig Heath Jackson

The first order of business was a motion by Scotty Sanderson that the Minutes from the last meeting be approved. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation to appoint Rector Johnson as Interim Chief of Police (part-time) at a monthly salary of \$1,833.30 not to exceed \$22,000.00 per year, and also a monthly expense of \$350.00. The City of Hamilton will purchase his first uniform and Mr. Johnson will use expense monies for upkeep and purchases of new uniforms and accessories as needed. His effective date of hire will be March 29, 2010. Scotty Sanderson made the motion to approve the recommendation and McDavid Franks seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Scotty Sanderson, Annette Sherrill, April Steele and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve the low bid of \$3,400.00 from Johnson Heating and Cooling for installation of a new heating and cooling system at the Weston Fire Hall. Paul Stidham seconded the motion and all voted "Yes".

McDavid Franks motioned to establish a citizen police review committee consisting of 7 people with appointments to be made at a later date by the council. Scotty Sanderson seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve a contract between the City of Hamilton and the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for road project which will require relocating water and sewer lines East of Hamilton. The State will reimburse 100% of the costs. McDavid Franks seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation to apply for a line of credit from a local bank with the lowest interest rate to pay for expenses accrued from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation Road Project until the State reimburses the City. Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve the recommendation. McDavid Franks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation to accept Pam Mixon's resignation and to appoint Barry Mixon for Mrs. Mixon's unexpired term on the Hamilton Planning Commission. Annette Sherrill made a motion to table the recommendation and Paul Stidham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

McDavid Franks made a motion to create a safety committee and establish a review and update of safety policies, and also appoint Fire Chief Barron Wiginton as Safety Officer with authority necessary to enforce safety policies. Paul Stidham seconded the motion and all voted "Yes".

At this time Mayor Holliday asked newly appointed Chief of Police Rector Johnson for comments on his new position. Mr. Johnson stated he will assess the situation of the police department and develop a course of action. He also stated he wants to help the City in transitioning for a new full-time Police Chief.

At this time Marla Minter gave an update on the Jerry Brown Arts Festival. She stated there were sixty-seven artists from five states who participated and approximately five thousand people from sixteen states attended the event. The Arts Council was very pleased with the event and the support they received from the local Police Department, Mayor and Council, Park and Recreation Department, Street Department and also the many sponsors and volunteers. She stressed their need for a permanent place as the festival has grown so large, and the Arts Council is willing to work with the City of Hamilton for a Civic Center.

Scotty Sanderson commended the leadership group from Hamilton High School and Marion County High School who spoke during the work session prior the council meeting.

Mayor Holliday concluded the meeting by urging everyone to participate in the local census.

There being no further business, Scotty Sanderson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. April Steele seconded the motion, following a unanimous consent in favor Mayor Holliday declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk:

Council:
