

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

January 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Hamilton, Alabama was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Hamilton City Hall. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Paul Stidham led the Pledge of Allegiance and McDavid Franks 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 Les Walters Shannon Nichols Judy Mays Ronnie Garner Tami Williams Susan Rice Marla Minter Ed Minter Tyna Vines Carolyn Permenter Susan L. Taylor

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.

April Steele made a motion that the Accounts Payable Bills be approved for payment. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation to approve the purchase of a fire truck at a cost of \$300,000. The actual date of purchase will depend on budget constraints. Paul Stidham made the motion to approve the recommendation and

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

McDavid Franks made a motion to hire an additional fire fighter for the Fire Department with actual hire date to depend on budget constraints. April Steele seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At this time Mayor Holliday made a recommendation to equalize the rate of pay in the Fire and Police Departments. The new scale will reflect a top out pay in 5 years instead of 10 years with \$0.25 an hour increase each year until top out pay is reached. The rate of pay will be as follows:

New Hire:	\$11.75 per hour
After Training:	\$12.75 per hour
After Probation	\$13.75 per hour

Paul Stidham motioned to approve the above mentioned recommendation. April Steele seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

McDavid Franks made a motion to hire an additional Waste Water Plant Employee with actual hire date to depend on budget constraints. Scotty Sanderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation for the Council to seek grant funds for the purpose of extending water and sewer to the west side of the Weston exit, Exit 7 on Corridor X/Interstate 22. Mayor Holliday stated extending water and sewer was for development purposes. He also stated the State of Alabama has plans to build a Welcome Center west of Exit 7 and the County will need to tie into our water system. McDavid Franks motioned to approve the above mentioned recommendation. Paul Stidham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

April Steele made a motion to purchase a sign machine for the Street Department at a cost of \$2,045. The old machine no longer works and parts are not available. McDavid Franks seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

Scotty Sanderson made a motion to change the red light to a 4-way stop at 1<sup>st</sup> Street SW and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW in front of Sports Gallery, and leave the traffic light in place blinking red. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion and voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Scotty Sanderson, Annette Sherrill, Paul Stidham and April Steele. Nays: None.

Scotty Sanderson made a motion to add 4-way stops to the corners of Lawler & Cole and Green & Howell (1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street). The purpose of the change is for safety reasons, due to children being dropped off and picked up at the First Baptist Church daycare. April Steele seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At this time McDavid Franks made a motion to complete the computer project for the Police Department at a cost of \$32,590. This will allow the department to interface with

the State of Alabama law enforcement's computer system. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

At approximately 6:10 p.m. Annette Sherrill made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss water/sewer contract at the Fulton Bridge Industrial Park. McDavid Franks seconded the motion and voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Scotty Sanderson, Annette Sherrill, April Steele and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

At approximately 6:25 p.m. Scotty Sanderson made a motion to return to regular session. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At this time Tyna Vines addressed the Council regarding her concerns over neglected dogs in the city limits to which she referred to as a "purebred puppy mill". She then presented pictures to the Mayor and Council which showed the living conditions of the animals. Ed Minter also addressed the Council with his concerns that the situation could become a health issue. He also asked the Council to consider passing an ordinance to prevent this type situation from happening in the future. Mayor Holliday stated he would get with the city attorney about getting an ordinance drawn up. The Mayor also advised them that the Police Department would give the owners a deadline of seven days to correct the situation or charges would be pressed against them.

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