

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

February 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Hamilton, Alabama was held on February 17, 2009 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 Annette Sherrill April Steele Paul Stidham
Absent:	Scotty Sanderson
City Clerk:	Jan Williams
Guests:	Judy Mays Shannon Nichols Scott Hunt Robyn Zills

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 to abate the City's Sales Tax for the upcoming Jerry Brown's Arts Festival to be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. McDavid Franks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was a motion to approve a change order to Stovall Contractor's contract for an additional \$32,000.00 with an expected completion date of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This contract is for water and sewer to the Fulton Bridge Industrial Park. McDavid Franks made a motion to approve the recommendation and April Steele seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Annette Sherrill, April Steele and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

The following Water Department fee schedule and recommended changes was presented for approval:

HAMILTON WATER DEPARTMENT  
Current Charges and Recommended Changes

Service & Current Charges: Recommended Change:

Returned Check	\$30.00	NONE
Reconnection Fee (During work hours)	\$25.00	NONE
Reconnection Fee (After hours)	NONE	\$50.00 (Total)
Transfer of Service	\$10.00	\$25.00
Fee to run flow test	\$10.00	\$25.00
Fee to move ¾ inch meter	\$100.00	\$200.00
Fee to move 1 inch meter	\$100.00	\$300.00
Meter deposits for residence	\$100.00	NONE
Meter deposits for small business	\$200.00	\$100.00
Meter deposits for churches	\$100.00	NONE

Deposits for commercial and industry to be figured by the Water Department Manager based on projected water use.

Lock and/or bracket destroyed \$50.00	NONE
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Meter connection fees:

¾ inch meter	\$300.00	\$500.00
1 inch meter	\$400.00	\$700.00

All meter connections over 1 inch will be figured by the Water Department Manager, based on costs of materials, pipe, road bore, etc.

Water adjustment currently used (bill has to double from a leak). No change in policy.

The Department will be charging a \$25.00 Turn on Fee for all customers.

This fee will be charged in addition to the deposit paid, and will take care of landlords, and any property owners needing water turned on to clean property or check plumbing.

We will allow the owner 5 work days to use the water and will then go cut the service off. This \$25.00 turn on fee will need to be collected in advance, with exceptions for the week-ends and emergencies. We are working toward setting up a billing program for such instances. If the landlord, or home owner does not use over 2,000 gallons of water during the 5 day period, no bill will be set up. However, water in excess of 2,000 will be billed out to the owner, or landlord. If the water is needed on for longer than 5 days, we set up a monthly bill.

We require that all customers appear in person to this office to disconnect water, and have water turned on. We realize there are exceptions, and we work with folks in a reasonable manner.

April Steele made a motion to approve the changes to the Water Department's current fee schedule. Annette Sherrill seconded the motion. All voted "Yes".

McDavid Franks made a motion approving the City of Hamilton to borrow \$298,870.00 from First National Bank for the purpose of financing a new fire truck. The Principal and interest are repayable in 2 equal installment payments, in the amount of \$40,000.00 each, commencing on February 10, 2010 and continuing annually thereafter, and one (1) final payment consisting of the full amount of the principal and all accrued interest remaining due and payable on February 10, 2012. Paul Stidham seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Annette Sherrill made a motion to refinance the 1998 Bond Issue, as long as there is a significant savings for the City. Mayor Holliday stated that currently this could save the City of Hamilton approximately \$140,000.00. McDavid Franks seconded the motion and voting was as follows: Ayes: McDavid Franks, Annette Sherrill, April Steele and Paul Stidham. Nays: None.

Annette Sherrill made a motion to approve a bridge inspection located on Grandview Drive. Paul Stidham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At this time Mayor Holliday urged everyone to attend the upcoming Miss Hamilton Pageant to be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Bevill State Auditorium, and also the Jerry Brown Arts Festival on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the old Walmart building.

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