

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE

DECEMBER 16, 2008

The City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama met in Pre-Council Session in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December, 2008, and discussed each item on the Agenda. It was determined that Item #1 should be amended to add “not to exceed \$1,000.00 and after receipt of \$300.00 from Neal Hemphill”; and that Item #6 should be tabled.

The City Council then met in regular session at the City Hall on the 16th day of December 2008, at 7:00 p.m., the regular time and place for holding such meetings. The invocation was given by Councilmember Sanderson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bearden. A quorum being present, Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order. The following members were present for the meeting: Councilmembers Stewart, Saunders, Sanderson, Bearden, Crews, and Mayor Alexander. Absent: None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF 12/2/08.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sanderson that the reading of the minutes of the meeting be dispensed with since each member was furnished with a copy and that the minutes of the meeting be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Saunders and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

**V. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that bills for all funds in the total amount of \$107,958.07 be approved for payment and that a copy of the list of invoices be filed as an attachment to these minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

**VI. REPORTS OF PROFESSIONALS/CONSULTANTS.**

No reports.

**VII. MAYOR’S REPORT, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SPECIAL GUEST(S).**

Mayor Alexander had no report.

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**VIII. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.**

None.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**A. STEWART - FINANCE; LIBRARY**

Councilmember Stewart reported that the Finance Committee will meet on December 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall. He reported that he is sending out the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of his newsletter, the Stewart Report, tomorrow, and he stated that anyone interested in receiving the report could notify him to have their e-mail address added to his list.

**B. SAUNDERS - PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

Councilmember Saunders reported that the City has received a quote on the cost of implementing on-line water and garbage bill payments, and that the Committee will be

looking into this in the near future. He reported that the sidewalk project is still awaiting final approval from ALDOT before the bids can be requested.

### **C. SANDERSON - POLICE**

Councilmember Sanderson reported that the Police Committee is still working on establishing a reserve police force.

### **D. BEARDEN - PARKS/SR. CITIZENS**

Councilmember Bearden reported that he is working on developing an e-mail list so that he can keep citizens in district four informed about what is going on in the City. He gave his e-mail address and invited anyone who wants to be included in his list to contact him.

### **E. CREWS - FIRE**

Councilmember Crews announced that the Whistle Stop Festival Advisory Board meeting went well last week, and that anyone else who might want to volunteer to help can e-mail him at the City or see him. He reported that when he went to check on the status of a house on Del Rio Drive whose owner had been sent a letter by the City, he found the 90-year old owner trying to clean the yard by herself in the rain. He stated that he and his brother spent about an hour and a half helping her clean the yard. He stated that although it is the City's responsibility to make sure owners keep their property clean, sometimes citizens need to pitch in and help so that neighborhoods can get rid of nuisances.

### **X. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND NON-COUNCIL COMMITTEES.**

No reports.

### **XI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that the Agenda be approved with the addition of "not to exceed \$1,000.00 and after receipt of \$300.00 from Neal Hemphill" to Item #1; with Item #6 being tabled; and with Items #2 and #3 being approved as Consent Agenda Items. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanderson and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

### **XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

None.

### **XIII. DELIBERATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider approval of claim from Neal Hemphill concerning trailer impound fees not to exceed \$1,000.00 and after receipt of \$300.00 from Neal Hemphill.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sanderson for approval of a claim from Neal Hemphill concerning trailer impound fees not to exceed \$1,000.00 and after receipt of \$300.00 from Neal Hemphill. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Saunders and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

- 2. Consider approval of appointment of Tommy Praytor and Myra Poss to the Industrial Development Board.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

**3. Consider approval of appointment of Ann Steves to Library Board.**

Approved as Consent Agenda Item.

**4. Consider claim from Jessica Kuklo in the amount of \$554.47 for bricks mistakenly picked up by Public Works.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that the claim from Jessica Kuklo in the amount of \$554.47 for bricks mistakenly picked up by Public Works be approved. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Crews and upon being put to vote, was declared carried, with Councilmember Sanderson voting No and all others voting Yes.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of Ordinance No. 2008-70 to rezone property at 2833 and 2811 Alton Way from A-1 (Agricultural) to I-1 (Industrial).**

Mayor Alexander declared the Public Hearing open.

Adam Balzli explained that the purpose for the re-zoning request is for construction of two warehouse offices on the property, and that the property is surrounded by I-1 zoning.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Alexander declared the Public Hearing closed.

After questions and discussion by the Council, Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that Ordinance No. 2008-70 be considered read. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanderson and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of Ordinance No. 2008-70 be suspended and that unanimous consent be given for the immediate consideration of said ordinance. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bearden and upon being put to vote, was declared carried on the following roll call vote: Yes: Councilmembers Stewart, Saunders, Sanderson, Bearden, Crews, and Mayor Alexander. No: None.

Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that Ordinance No. 2008-70 be finally passed and adopted as introduced. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bearden and upon being put to vote, was unanimously carried.

**6. Consider Resolution No. 2008R63 to appoint Municipal Court Prosecutor.**

Tabled.

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL.**

Barbara Daniel of Terry Lane stated that she and some other Holiday Gardens residents met with the Mayor, Councilmembers Stewart and Saunders, and the Police Chief to discuss crimes occurring in their neighborhood, and that she was told that the Police Chief would be in contact with her. She stated that it has been one and one-half months since the meeting and that she has not had any correspondence at all from Chief McIntosh. She stated that the break-ins and crimes are still happening at about the same rate, and that she would like to know what steps have been taken to help protect their neighborhood. Councilmember Stewart stated that he would follow up with Chief McIntosh and will let her know what has been done. Mayor Alexander reported that he has talked to the Police Chief and that he has been in contact with someone who will come and train neighborhood volunteers. He also reported that he and Councilmember Sanderson are working on establishing an auxiliary police program. He told Mrs. Daniel that he would make sure someone contacts her this week or next week. Lt. Stapp explained that some arrests have been made in Holiday Gardens, but there are still some others that they have not caught. Geraldine Perry of Terry Lane asked if announcements

can be put in the news about the break-ins that occur so that all the residents will know what is going on.

Ross Graham of Haven Hill Road asked the City to consider putting up poles that can be used by groups wanting to put up banners to announce various events. He asked about sending out a one-page flyer to let residents know about crime in their neighborhoods.

Charlie McDaniel of 15<sup>th</sup> Street asked the City to do something about requiring property owners to clean up the poop left by their dogs on and around the walking track. Mayor Alexander asked the Ordinance Committee to look into getting an ordinance for that.

Doug Benjamin of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North stated that bagging leaves is a real problem and he asked why the City cannot pick them up with a leaf vacuum truck. Councilmember Bearden explained that the City only has one very old truck that they use to get leaves out of the gutters. Councilmember Crews suggested mowing the leaves to create mulch.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Councilmember Saunders that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bearden and upon being put to vote, carried unanimously.

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CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Read and Approved this the  
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MAYOR