

**TOWN OF STEELE**

**COUNCIL MINUTES – April 15, 2019**

**The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama, met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019 at Steele Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were present:**

**Present: Roger Adams, Mayor  
Richard Reynolds, Councilmember  
Brent Dunn, Councilmember  
Philip Gleason Jr., Councilmember  
Rick Barnes, Councilmember  
Nancy Miller-Borg, Councilmember**

**Absent: None.**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Adams, who asked Councilmember Barnes to lead everyone in a word of prayer.**

**The Town Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2019, motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.**

**Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Reynolds, Dunn and Gleason Jr.  
Nays: None**

**The Town Council having reviewed the February financial reports, motion was made by Councilmember Reynolds approving the financial reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.**

**Ayes: Reynolds, Barnes, Dunn, Gleason Jr. and Miller-Borg.  
Nays: None.**

**Mayor Adams requested the Town Council to review the March financial reports and approve at the next Council Meeting.**

**Tiffany Coleman, with the United States Census, was present and spoke about the upcoming 2020 Census.. She stated that the pay rate for St. Clair County is \$13.50 per hour for a census taker position. The census takers receive reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses.**

**Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that he has been approached by Kacy Dixon and Stacy Gilchrist asking to have a roadblock, on the Love's side, in May. The proceeds will go towards their missions trip to Africa.**

**After discussion, the Town Council all agreed they were in favor of approving the roadblock for Saturday, May 11, 2019 as long as weather permitted.**

**Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that the bids for the security cameras will be opened publicly at Steele Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.**

**The bids for the playground equipment will be opened publicly at Steele Town Hall at 10:00 a.m on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.**

**Councilmember Reynolds stated that he attended the St. Clair County Mayor's Association breakfast in Ragland on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 and the speaker was the St. Clair County Superintendent of Education Mike Howard. Mr. Howard stated that the Board of Education will be doing a new website.**

Councilmember Dunn informed the Town Council that the dumpster will be located at the ballfield parking lot Monday, April 22, 2019 through Monday, April 29, 2019.

Dunn also commented that we have eight teams signed up for the Amazing Race on Saturday, April 27, 2019. All the volunteers that are helping with the Amazing Race will be meeting Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Councilmember Gleason Jr. stated that he would be graduating from Leadership St. Clair on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Councilmember Miller-Borg thanked everyone for helping at the Easter egg hunts. She also thanked Brandon Crawford for getting the eggs decorated at Steele Jr. High School for the Egg decorating contest.

She stated that the Sandra Swann/Justin Hyatt Scholarship fund raiser which was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 was very successful.

Mayor Adams asked Fire Chief Martin to comment on how the Fire Department is doing. Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is growing steadily. He mentioned that ISO, Insurance Services Office, will be coming at the end of the summer or first of fall. The ISO provides a score, often called the "ISO fire score," to homeowners insurance companies. Martin feels really good about ISO coming and he is hoping to improve Steele's score to help lower our citizen's insurance rates.

Mayor Adams stated that Fire Chief Martin makes \$14.77 per hour currently and did not receive a pay increase in October, 2018 when the other employees did. Mayor Adams suggested not increasing his hours, but instead providing a pay increase of \$3.23 for 40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year. The total increase to the Town for a year would be \$6,718.40.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg approving a pay increase to Fire Chief Martin of \$3.23 to total \$18.00/hr that will be effective April 19, 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmember Gleason Jr. and approved by the Town Council.

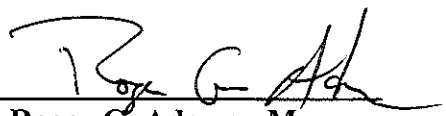
Ayes: Miller-Borg, Gleason Jr., Reynolds, Dunn and Barnes.  
Nays: None.

Brandon Crawford, a resident of Steele, spoke.

Martha Stewart, a Town resident, informed the Town Council of her new position as Chairman of the Water Works Board.

Councilmember Miller-Borg would like the Town to check into prices on a calling system for the citizens.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2019, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmember Miller-Borg, adjourned at 7:11 p.m..

  
Roger G. Adams - Mayor

  
Jessica Martin - Town Clerk