

TOWN OF STEELE

COUNCIL MINUTES – May 20, 2019

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama, met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 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 Dunn to lead everyone in a word of prayer.

The Town Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2019, motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg to approve the minutes, 2nd Councilmember Gleason Jr. and approved by the Town Council, with Dunn abstaining.

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

The Town Council having reviewed the April financial reports, motion was made by Councilmember Reynolds approving the financial reports, 2nd Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

Tammy Deweese, the owner of the Steele Marathon, was present. She was stating that the Marathon has had an increase in sales since opening on May 1st and she is planning on opening a deli. Mrs. Deweese presented a request from the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Board to the Town Council for approval of an off-premise beer and wine license. Motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg approving the off-premise beer and wine license, 2nd Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

Houston Jenkins, the Town's engineer, and Roxanne Bessette with Sound Environmental Practice LLC, were present and presented the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report. The Mayor and Town Council reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report for the calendar year 2018.

After reviewing, Mayor Adams asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-004 the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program report. Motion was made by Councilmember Dunn adopting and approving Resolution 2019-004, 2nd Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that the sewer pump #1 at the lift station, behind the Sunoco Truck Stop, went out and we need to order a new one. Hydra Service, Inc. sent a quote for the following:

\$ 4,250.00 - new pump
\$ 800.00 - bracket for new pump
\$ 135.00 - Mileage for the service to reinstall the pump
\$ 475.00 - 5 estimated hours of service at \$95/hr.
\$ 5,660.00 - Total

Motion was made by Councilmember Reynolds approving this expense out of the Garbage/Sewer account for \$5,660.00, 2nd Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that he has contacted Bellew Contracting Services regarding the septic tank at the grocery store property and the lagoon. They quoted the following:

\$ 275.00 - the grocery store property with the Town uncovering and locating it.
\$ 350.00 - Bellew locating it.
\$ 150.00 - lagoon

After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Barnes approving to pump the grocery store septic tank and the lagoon for a total of \$425.00, 2nd Councilmember Dunn & approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams stated that the restrooms at the sports complex are now finished.

Mayor Adams stated that he has spoken with Wayne Smith, with Truitt Insurance, regarding the insurance coverage at the sports complex restrooms. Smith also stated that we needed more coverage for the following:

Playground fence around the playground
Radio & 911 tower at the Fire Hall
Pavillion
The fence at the ballfield
Lights at the ballfield
Concession stand
Fence around the shop

Mayor Adams would like to get recommendations on more coverage from Wayne Smith.

Mayor's Comments:

- The Steele Hardware store will be having a ribbon cutting on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- All the municipal buildings will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that he has been approached by Jennifer Spears regarding a roadblock for the Ashville High School track team any Saturday in June. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg approving the roadblock for either Saturday, June 1st or 8th, 2nd Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

Councilmember Miller-Borg informed the Town Council that the YWCA's 11th annual Purse & Passion St. Clair County Luncheon will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019 in Pell City. This event is the major fund raiser for Our Place, St. Clair County's domestic violence shelter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes for a sponsorship of \$350.00 to support the YWCA Purse & Passion, 2nd Councilmember Gleason Jr. & approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams presented Resolution 2019-005 to the Town Council for consideration and approval. The Town of Steele is proposing to implement a Demolition project within the Town which will target vacant, dilapidated structures on a "spot" basis or structures spread throughout the Town. Mayor Adams explained that this would be no cost to the homeowner, but the Town would pay 10% to each house that is demolished. Mayor Adams asked how the Town Council felt about this?

Councilmember Barnes had a few concerns regarding the wording and would like the Mayor to address them to Betty Loftin, the Town's grant writer. No other Councilmember had any comments.

Mayor Adams explained to the Town Council that when he took over as Mayor in 2016, the Mayor had a cell phone. Adams didn't want to carry two phones so he gave his phone to Joey Haynes, the public works employee over the Sewer. He stated that since we have the new security cameras he can access the cameras from his phone, but it runs his data bill up. Mayor Adams is requesting a stipend of \$30.00 to add unlimited data to his phone, the same that the Police Department, Fire Chief and Chris Quinn receive monthly. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Barnes approving a \$30.00 stipend monthly to Mayor Adams for his cell phone bill, 2nd Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams stated that he has spoke with Donna Bailey, with Verizon Wireless, regarding Global Positioning System (GPS) on the municipal vehicles. He recommends getting GPS on the following:

4 Police Chevrolet Tahoe's
Fire Chief Chevrolet Silverado
The Medic truck
Town Ford truck
Maroon Chevrolet truck

Mayor Adams explained Verizon has a deal through the end of June that gives you a \$80.00 credit per system, so it would cost \$40.00 instead of \$120.00 to purchase. He stated that it would cost \$152.00 monthly for the service.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg approving the Global Positioning System (GPS) on the eight Town vehicles, 2nd Councilmember Dunn & approved by the Town Council.

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

Councilmember Dunn stated that the Amazing Race was very successful and thanked those who participated.

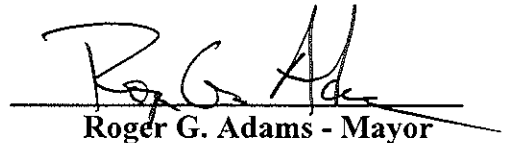
Councilmember Gleason Jr. stated that Fire Chief Martin is supplying another water hose and brass nozzle to the sports complex.

Roxanne Bessette with Sound Environmental Practice LLC. gave an overview on the lagoon.

Fire Chief Martin informed the Town Council that last year the Town paid \$1,500.00 for the fireworks and the Fire Department paid \$300.00 for the July 4th celebration. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg approving the Town paying \$1,500.00 out of the General Fund and the Fire Department paying the remainder \$300.00 for fireworks for the July 4th celebration out of the Fire Department account, 2nd Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2019, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Councilmember Miller-Borg, adjourned at 7:42p.m..


Jessica Martin - Town Clerk


Roger G. Adams - Mayor