

TOWN OF STEELE

COUNCIL MINUTES - September 3, 2019

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama, met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Steele Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent: Philip Gleason Jr., Councilmember

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, August 19, 2019, motion was made by Councilmember Reynolds to approve the minutes, seconded Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

The Town Council having reviewed the July financial reports, motion was made by Councilmember Barnes approving the financial reports, seconded Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council.

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

Councilmember Gleason Jr. arrived at 6:34 PM.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to rescind and repeal Resolution 2019-011 regarding the Transportation Plan for FY 2020 due to adding another paragraph that was left off. Motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg rescinding and repealing Resolution 2019-11, seconded Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams presented Resolution 2019-012 regarding the Transportation Plan for FY 2020. Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes approving Resolution 2019-012, seconded Councilmember Dunn and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that the Court Clerk, Samantha Chapman, has requested some shelves for the office. He has received two quotes on someone to build shelves:

- 1. Matthew Hyatt - \$1,100.00**
- 2. Etowah Cabinet & Supply - \$1,250.00**

Bid #2 was for more shelving to be placed, hence the approval of the larger amount. Motion was made by Councilmember Reynolds approving the expense of \$1,250.00 from Etowah Cabinet & Supply for shelves to be paid out of the Municipal Judicial Admin Fund, seconded Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams stated that Joey Haynes is checking on some prices for some chemicals for the lagoons.

Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that Peppy's Feed and Supply is now open for business. He also stated that the air conditioning unit in the building isn't working. Mayor Adams is waiting on one more quote and would like to call a Special Meeting at the end of the week to vote on a new unit.

Councilmember Miller-Borg informed everyone that the Fire Department received a \$142,476.19 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The grant will be awarded under the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which will go towards the purchase of new air packs.

**\$149,600 - Total Project Amount
\$142,476 - FEMA Grant Award
\$ 7,124 - Fire Department's Match
\$ 6,785 - JMCM Grant Writing Firm's Fee**

After discussion, Mayor Adams stated that he would like to wait until the next Council Meeting to determine how to pay for these fund's.

The Town's accountants McClure, Sewell & Associates have sent an Engagement Letter for FY 2019 to be signed. Motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg authorizing Roger Adams, Mayor, to sign the Engagement Letter with McClure, Sewell & Associates, seconded Councilmember Reynolds and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams read Caleb Wise's letter of resignation from the Town of Steele effective Sunday, September 8, 2019 due to Wise accepting a job with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department.

The Town of Steele has hired Justin Copeland as a full-time police officer. He will be hired full-time effective November 1, 2019 and attend the Police Academy starting in January 2020. His rate of pay will be \$10.00/hr while attending the Academy and once he graduates it will increase to \$15.00/hr. Councilmember Miller-Borg made a motion to approve the expenditure of sending Justin Copeland to the Police Academy, seconded Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council.

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

Mayor Adams informed the Town Council that we will be opening sealed bids at the next Council Meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM. This will be for the Surplus Property Sale on the playground equipment, tables and used chainlink fencing.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Steele Town Hall.

Police Chief Ward is requesting to order two walkie talkies for the Police Department at a cost of \$1,994.00 from Allcomm Wireless. Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes approving the Police Department expense of \$1,994.00, seconded Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council.

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


Councilmember Miller-Borg mentioned that we discussed in February ordering pullover jackets for the Fire Department, but had decided to wait until August to order them for the upcoming winter. The cost would be \$1,219.00 for 23 pullovers at \$53.00 each. Motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg approving the Fire Department purchase of 23 pullovers for a total of \$1,219.00 to be paid out of the Fire & EMS Account, seconded Councilmember Reynolds and approved by the Town Council.

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


Councilmember Barnes stated that Office 365 is up for renewal and we will need to approve it at the next Council Meeting.

Councilmember Miller-Borg reminded everyone about National Night Out, which will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. She is requesting all of the Council to help clean up afterwards.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of September 3, 2019, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded Councilmember Miller-Borg, adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Jessica Martin - Town Clerk



Roger Adams - Mayor