

TOWN OF STEELE
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama, met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Steele Community Center, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. The following members were present:

Roger Adams, Mayor
Nancy Miller-Borg, Councilmember
Rick Barnes, Councilmember
Michael Stevens, Councilmember
Philip Gleason Jr., Councilmember

Absent: Deborah Banks, Councilmember

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Adams, who then asked Officer Jim Clay to lead everyone in a word of prayer.

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on April 3, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

March 2023 Financials will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

The Library Board was present to ask the Council that they be allowed to operate the same as every library in St. Clair County. They are asking to have full control over all the funds that the library receives. It was stated that the librarian has access to the financial documents through SharePoint on Office 365. Mayor Adams asked what the budget for the library is, and stated that it is more than what is received in State Aid Funds.

Councilmember Barnes stated that salary can be paid out of state aid monies that the library receives. There are two sources of funds that the Library receives, one is \$10,000 which comes from the County, and then state aid that is received quarterly. Councilmember Barnes recommended that the cleanest cut would be for State Aid to be given directly to the library and them to handle all the expenses, they write the checks, and handle all of the bookkeeping and auditing. Mayor Adams stated that he wanted to talk to Mike Sewell, of McClure Sewell and Associates (the Town's Auditor)

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Mayor Adams stated that recently Lookout IT had recommended that Deep Freeze Software be installed on the computers in the library as they are used by the public and could potentially be at risk for viruses, etc. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the expense for deep freeze software, seconded by Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

Councilmember Barnes stated that the once monthly Friday Jam Sessions are going well and they are wanting to increase to two nights a month. Councilmember Miller-Borg made a motion that the Friday Night Jam Sessions be held twice a month, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr. and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

Councilmember Barnes stated that during the work session they discussed a cost of living increase of 5% for all the Town employees. He stated that he has reviewed this year's budget for salary across all departments and feels that the budget could accommodate this increase. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the 5% cost of living increase, for all Town employees effective May 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg, and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

Motion to approve Chief Martin attending the Fire Conference August 4 – 9, 2023 in Perdido Beach was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

The St. Clair County Mayor's breakfast will be hosted by Steele on May 23, 2023. Mayor Adams stated that the floors in the Community Center need to be stripped and waxed. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve stripping and waxing the floors for the Community Center, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

With there being no further business to come before this regular Council Meeting of April