

TOWN OF STEELE
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 28, 2023 at the Steele Community Center, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. The following members were present:

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Adams, who then led everyone in a word of prayer.

A motion to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2023, Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Gleason Jr., and Stevens
Nays: none

A motion to accept the minutes from the Special Called Council Meeting held on August 21, 2023 was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg, and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, and Stevens
Nays: none

Regional Planning Commission of Birmingham: Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve this expense, but asked that it be held and paid after the beginning of the new fiscal year (10/1/23). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Gleason Jr., and Stevens
Nays: none

The Police Department ordered tires from Wilkes Tire, at a cost of \$1,332.00 (state bid price). A motion to approve this expense was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, Gleason Jr., and Stevens
Nays: none

A motion to approve July 2023 financials was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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Ashville High School Sports Foundation donation: A motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg to sponsor Ashville High School Sports Foundation with a physical banner sponsorship and a digital advertisement for a total cost of \$925.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Alabama League of Municipalities membership dues are \$825.88, with an option to join the League of Cities for a total of \$1,117.88. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve paying the Alabama League of Municipalities membership dues at a cost of \$825.88, seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg, and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Alabama International Dragway has applied for an alcohol license with the State Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board. Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with the ABC Representative in Montgomery and was told that the Town Council could dictate what beverages would be served and recommended getting a statement from the Alabama International Dragway of what exactly will be served. The Dragway sent a notice stating that they will sell beer unopened and in original packaging. Discussion was had regarding the Town receiving a portion of sales tax. Councilmember Miller-Borg suggested that a representative from the International Dragway come to the next Council Meeting to answer questions. Mayor Adams stated that he feels that it is similar to other businesses that have applied for and been approved through the ABC Board. If the Council does not approve the request, the business can appeal to the ABC Board, and the ABC Board can over-rule the Council. Motion to approve the liquor license was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Gleason Jr., and Stevens

Nays: Miller-Borg

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Councilmember Miller-Borg said that Councilmember Banks has requested the banners from Buffalo Rock, and spoken with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department.

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Resolution 2023-011 Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax: Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Central Dispatch Fees for FY 2024: A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes to approve paying the Central Dispatch Fees for FY 2024, seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Quote for \$777.39 to replace tires for one of the Public Works vehicles (Ford F150) was submitted. A motion was made by Councilmember Gleason Jr. to approve this purchase, seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Fire Department quote for Automated External Defibrillators (AED): The quote for 3 machines and 2 wall cabinets is \$5,731.00. Councilmember Miller-Borg made a motion to approve this expense, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is currently in the grading process for ISO. He stated that he felt that there would be no changes. Update on delivery of the new fire truck is that it will be in Pelham near the end of September and will be here in Steele the first or second week of October.

Councilmember Gleason Jr. asked about flock cameras being put on Highway 11. Mayor Adams stated that we are working with AL Department of Transportation to move two of the cameras on Steele Station Road by the railroad tracks on Highway 11.

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

Nays: none

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Councilmember Stevens stated that he spoke with Grey Enterprise about two spots on Wood Street that need to be repaired, and was given an estimate of \$2200 - \$2300. He stated that he would like to move forward and get those spots patched. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve this expense, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Councilmember Stevens stated that he has spoken with someone at Simple Grants, and he feels that we should move forward with trying to get a grant. Discussion was had regarding applying for a grant for radios for the Police and Fire Departments. It was mentioned that several surrounding cities, and the county have used Simple Grants to obtain grants. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve allowing the Mayor to enter into an hourly time and materials contract with Simple Grants based on his discretion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none


Councilmember Miller-Borg asked about trunk or treat and stated that Halloween is on a Tuesday this year. Mayor Adams asked if the Council wanted to participate this year. A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes to approve spending up to \$500 for candy for this event, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Councilmember Barnes mentioned that the budget draft is on SharePoint and it is still being refined. He mentioned several items that have been allocated in the budget.

With there being no further business to come before this regular Council Meeting of August 28, 2023, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 7:30 PM.


Donna Ambrosius, Town Clerk


Mayor Roger Adams