

**TOWN OF STEELE**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, December 18, 2023 at the Steele Community Center, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. The following members were present:

Present: Mayor Roger Adams  
Councilmember Michael Stevens  
Councilmember Rick Barnes  
Councilmember Philip Gleason Jr.

Absent: Councilmember Nancy Miller-Borg  
Councilmember Deborah Banks

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

Minutes from the November 20, 2023 Council meeting were approved by a motion made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

A motion to approve the November 2023 Financials was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

Mayor Adams stated that he received a quote for a new Public Works truck for the price of \$46,408.00. Councilmember Barnes stated that he does feel that we need a truck, but his concern is the timing right now due to other expenses that are currently being discussed.

Public Safety Radios: A quote of \$23,760.99 for new radios for the Police Department was received. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve this expense, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

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Mayor Adams stated that Vulcan submitted a quote for repairing streets. He stated that their contract is through the end of the year so we would need to sign the contract by the end of the year to lock in the price. Mayor Adams stated that this project would be for Elm St., Agan Rd., Lookout St., Buffington Rd., McHugh St., and Lakeview St. for a total cost of \$239,296.80. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to sign the contract to perform the work under the county bid, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

Property Owner Easement: An individual has approached Mayor Adams and asked about getting access to their property through an easement. After consulting with Town Lawyer, Richard Rhea, he was told that they do have a right to have access to their property. The closest access would be on Pine St, at the back of the ballfield. Councilmember Barnes asked if this would require a survey or drawings, and the mayor answered that the person requesting the easement would have to obtain a survey. Mayor Adams stated that back in 2009, there was an agreement drawn up between the property owners and the Town of Steele that provided access to this property. Mayor Adams said that typically a 30-foot easement is what is allowed. He also stated that Richard Rhea advised that a Resolution would be required for the easement. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to prepare a Resolution approving the easement, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

Police Department: Mayor Adams stated that the Police Department had 104 calls for the month of November. He also mentioned that officer Carl Endert has submitted his resignation, and his last day will be December 21, 2023.

Fire Department: Firefighter Patrick Blom was present and stated that he brought the new fire truck for the Council to review and see. Mayor Adams stated that Sardis Fire and Rescue is interested in purchasing the old fire truck pending a pump test and certification. The Council had previously passed a motion to have Brindlee Mt. Fire broker the truck to sell it. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to rescind the previous motion and declare the truck surplus so that it can be sold to Sardis Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

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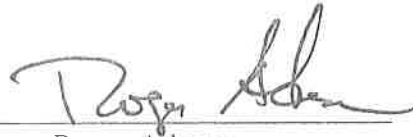
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Mayor Adams mentioned that Friday was Joey Haynes last day. He stated that Brent Davis has been hired to replace Mr. Haynes, and is off to a good start.

Mayor Adams stated that Fisher Liquidation has rented the old grocery store building. They have signed a one year lease for \$800.00 a month.

With there being no further business to come before this regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2023, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Mayor Roger Adams



Donna Ambrosius, Town Clerk