TOWN OF STEELE COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 20, 2024 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.

Councilmember Nancy Miller-Borg

Councilmember Deborah Banks

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

Mr. James McGowan, candidate for St. Clair Commission, District 3 was present.

Commissioner Tommy Bowers, candidate for St. Clair County Commission, District 3 was present.

Marc Fisher was present for the Council Meeting. He and his wife Kim are tenants of the new business next door to Town Hall, which is called Fisher Liquidation.

Candice Hill, St. Clair County Economic Development Council was present to discuss grants with the Council. The Town has already received monies from the St. Clair County Commission, which is 5% of the cost of Fire Department and Police Department radios. She mentioned applying for a grant for soccer fields; and stated that both Northeast AL Community Foundation, and Community Foundation of Birmingham offer this type of grant. Mrs. Hill also stated that a five year strategic plan is required for the above grant foundations and that the St Clair County Economic Development Council has used Dr. Joe Sumners (Auburn University) to help with creating a 5 year strategic plan. Councilmember Barnes made a motion to apply for this grant and to have Dr. Sumners work on the strategic plan at a cost of \$8,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Mrs. Hill also stated that Representative Craig Lipscomb has offered his help with the soccer field project, he is an architect and would be helpful with planning the fields. Councilmember Barnes asked if the Firm that we use for grants through the county (Whitt O'Brian) also does

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Minutes from the January 22, 2024 Council Meeting were approved by a motion made by Councilmember Miller-Borg, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

January 2024 financial reports were approved by a motion made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Resolution 2024-002, Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday: A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilmember Banks, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Resolution 2024-001: Easement of Property: this Resolution is tabled until the next Council meeting pending coordinates of the property.

With there being no further business to come before this regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2024, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Mayor Roger Adams

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