

TOWN OF STEELE
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 19, 2023, at the Steele Community Center, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. The following members were present:

Present: Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Stevens
Councilmember Gleason Jr.
Councilmember Banks
Councilmember Miller-Borg

Absent: Mayor Adams

Councilmember Barnes opened the meeting with prayer.

Members of the Library Board were present. They are requesting that the hours of the library be extended to 6:30 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. Councilmember Miller-Borg made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

May 15, 2023, Council Minutes were approved by a motion made by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Gleason Jr., Stevens and Banks

Nays: none

Abstain: Miller-Borg

May 25, 2023, Special Called Meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Councilmember Miller-Borg, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Miller-Borg, Barnes, and Stevens

Nays: none

Abstain: Gleason Jr., and Banks

April 2023 & May 2023 Financials were approved by a motion made by Councilmember Banks, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

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Councilmember Barnes stated that the project for both sewer and water extensions on Herb Collette Rd. has been completed. The Town is responsible for \$3,000 of the invoice for the sewer extension. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg to approve this expense, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr. and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Save Chandler Mt. Group has a meeting scheduled for June 26, 2023, in the Community Center and is requesting that the rental fee for the Center be waived. Councilmember Gleason Jr. made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Sewer Impact Fee Councilmember Barnes stated that currently the Town of Steele sewer hookup fee is \$100, which is nowhere near what surrounding municipalities charge. He asked the Council to think about what a reasonable increase in the sewer hookup fees would be.

There was a meeting with Auditor, Mike Sewell, to discuss library finances. It was discussed that the Library Board will get all state aid money and can spend it, reconcile it, and audit it however they would like to. They would have to obtain their own FEIN number and open a separate bank account. The Town will keep the county money for repairs, etc., on the building.

Playground mulch quote from Struthers Recreation was \$5,800. Councilmember Barnes suggested that going forward, we look into hauling it ourselves and save on the cost. A motion to approve this expense was made by Councilmember Miller-Borg, seconded by Councilmember Banks and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Fire Chief Martin stated that two weeks ago a hose going from the pump to the tank on the rescue truck broke and the only place that can repair it is in Fairhope. He is asking the Town to pay for travel, lodging and food while taking the truck down for repairs. He stated that he didn't know what the cost of repairing the truck would be. Councilmember Gleason Jr. made a motion to approve expenses for sending Firefighter Green to Fairhope to get the truck fixed, seconded by Councilmember Banks and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Chief's conference is August 8 - 11, 2023. The total cost

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Fire Department employee Jason Green is up for his yearly step raise. A motion to move him to the next step in the pay schedule was made by Councilmember Banks, seconded by Councilmember Miller-Borg and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

Police Vehicle bid: A motion was made by Councilmember Banks to accept the bid from Donohoo Chevrolet and approve the cost of \$62,000 for the purchase of a new Police Vehicle, with the understanding that the method of how it will be paid for be left up to Mayor Adams. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

The 2020 Tahoe was totaled in the accident with previous employee, and the insurance company has sent a couple of options with regard to the settlement. If the Town keeps the vehicle, the settlement is \$21,966. If the Town does not retain the vehicle, the settlement is \$30,462. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to not retain the totaled vehicle, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr. and approved by the Town Council as follows:

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

Nays: none

With there being no further business to come before this regular Council Meeting of June 19, 2023, Council Member Miller-Borg moved to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Mayor Pro-Tempe Rick Barnes

Attest: 

Town Clerk, Donna Ambrosius

TOWN OF STEELE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 25, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama, met in Special Called Meeting May 25, 2023 at Town Hall, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. The following members were present:

Rick Barnes, Councilmember
Michael Stevens, Councilmember
Nancy Miller-Borg, Councilmember

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Councilmember Barnes.

Councilmember Miller-Borg made a motion to approve Resolution, # 2023-006, Municipal Weather Pollution Prevention. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens, and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Miller-Borg, Stevens

With there being no further business to come before this regular Special Called Council Meeting on May 25, 2023, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 12:25 PM


Mayor Pro Tempe Rick Barnes



Donna Ambrosius, Town Clerk