

**TOWN OF STEELE
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 15, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Steele, Alabama, met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the Steele Community Center, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. The following members were present:

Rick Barnes, Councilmember

Michael Stevens, Councilmember

Philip Gleason Jr., Councilmember

Deborah Banks, Councilmember

Absent: Roger Adams, Mayor

Nancy Miller-Borg, Councilmember

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Clerk Donna Ambrosius, who then asked Councilmember Gleason Jr. to lead everyone in a word of prayer.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Councilmember Miller-Borg stating that she is resigning from the Mayor Pro Tempe position. A motion was made by Councilmember Gleason Jr to accept this resignation, seconded by Councilmember Banks and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.

Nays: None

Resolution 2023-005 – Resolution to appoint Councilmember Rick Barnes as Mayor Pro-Tempe was approved by a motion made by Councilmember Banks, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Banks, Stevens, Gleason Jr.

Nays: none

Abstain: Barnes

Ms. Fran Summerlin was present at the meeting to discuss the AL Power Chandler Mt. Pump Station Project. She requested everyone's phone number and email contact information. Councilmember Barnes stated that this project is in the licensing process right now. There was discussion and questions from others that were in attendance.

Ms. Mackie Branham shared regarding a Veterans Event being held at Reeves Grove Church on November 3, 2023.

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

Bids were received for the 1999 and 1986 Humvees and the bid was awarded to Andrew Campbell for the price of \$8,000 for both. Councilmember Gleason Jr., made a motion to accept this bid, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

Resolution 2023-004 Waive Business License Requirement for Food Trucks invited to a Town held Special Event. A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to approve this Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

A motion to approve purchasing tires for the Fire Department Rescue Truck was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

A motion to update software that the Fire Department uses (required by the state) was made by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Banks and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

A motion to raise the Fire Department part time employees to \$15.00 an hour was made by Councilmember Gleason Jr., seconded by Councilmember Stevens and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

Councilmember Banks made a motion to approve sending Police Chief Ward to the Police Chief's conference July 30 through August 4, 2023. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gleason Jr., and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

Councilmember Banks made a motion to approve passing a resolution for MWPP (Municipal Weather Pollution Prevention). The Resolution had not been prepared yet and will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

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Councilmember Barnes stated that in order to be competitive and get applicants for the Police Department, we need to update the pay scale. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to update the Police Department pay scale, seconded by Councilmember Banks and approved by the Town Council as follows:

Ayes: Barnes, Banks, Stevens, and Gleason Jr.
Nays: None

The police department is requesting a new vehicle to replace the 2020 Tahoe that was totaled. They have received information regarding a pick-up from Donohoo Chevrolet that is available. This item will have to be put out for bids.

With there being no further business to come before this regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2023, Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 7:30 PM


Mayor Pro Tempe Rick Barnes



Donna Ambrosius, Town Clerk