

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC  
AUGUST 21, 2008**

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The Regular Meeting of City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson	
Councilmember Rudolph A. Bradley		Councilmember Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Councilmember Paige B. Sawyer, III		Councilmember Clarence C. Smalls
		Councilmember Peggy P. Wayne

Mayor Pro Tem Brendon M. Barber, Sr. was absent from the meeting.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Steven E. Thomas, City Administrator  
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney  
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent  
Mr. Sterling Geathers, Public Works Director  
Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore, Kaminski House Director  
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager  
Mrs. Jessica Miller, Finance Director  
Mr. Lane Mixon, Manager of Water/Wastewater/Stormwater  
Mrs. Sabrina Morris, Director of Development  
Mr. Joey Tanner, Fire Chief  
Mr. Keith Wilson, Keep Georgetown Beautiful Executive Director

**NEWS MEDIA**

Georgetown Times – Mr. Tommy Howard

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Mayor Wilson opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:40 PM and called on Pastor Chris Daigle from Georgetown Community Church to render the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order,  
Invocation and  
Pledge**

Mayor Wilson asked that all non-emergency cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate during the Council Meeting.

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Comment Section at 5:43 PM.

**Public Comments**

Chris Blanton and Peter VanDrewson expressed their concerns to Council regarding the bid process on the Frontage Road Beautification Project. They submitted a bid on July 9<sup>th</sup> and were the low bidder. On July 30<sup>th</sup> they received a letter stating 'the City of Georgetown opened sealed bids for the above referenced project on July 9<sup>th</sup>...the City Council has called for a re-bid due to advertisement issues.' They asked for an explanation for the terms of which the bid was rejected. Mayor Wilson said they could set up a meeting with the City Administrator and go through those issues.

**Carolina  
Groundworks**

Mr. Paul Green expressed to City Council several concerns he has...why has it taken the City almost ten years to find funding for the drainage project, areas being neglected from Georgetown High back up to the paper mill, why is the City focusing on Front Street, 701, 521 and 17 South, and that City and County communications need to be improved. Mayor Wilson said Mr. Thomas would be glad to meet with him regarding these concerns.

**Mr. Paul Green**

Mr. Dan Stacy stated he was at the meeting on behalf of Southern Coastal Cable regarding Agenda Items 9 and 12. He said there was a procedural problem by having this issue on the agenda. The motion related to HTC, Inc.'s request for a franchise cable service was tabled and not brought up at the last regular meeting. Under an interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order, the issue is now dead. Assuming that it is not, it would require a separate motion to bring it from the table and should not be appropriately listed as an agenda item at this time. Mr. Stacy provided information for distribution to Council that deals with matters about federal and state cable franchises and when you are required to give consent and whether you're not. You are not required to grant a cable franchise, technically the State grants the franchises; you only give consent to them. Several reasons to deny would be insufficient pole space, to insure that the easements and right-of-ways, that the functioning appearance of the property so effected will not be detrimentally impacted, and to insure that the cost of installation and maintenance

**Mr. Dan Stacy**

is not going to be borne by the actual customers. That was the Federal issues. With respect to the State issues, there is a note in the information Council has that is confirmation from the State that you are not required to give consent to this franchise. The issue comes up about competition. There are currently two cable franchise operators in the City, plus additional dish networks and broadcast television. Mr. Stacy does not think there are any competition issues. Issues to be thinking about with respect to under the federal law the reasons you can withhold consent have to do with the easements and rights-of-way. The thoughts of trying to run underground utilities through the historic district, coupled with the cable television pedestals on every other property through the downtown area, seems to be contrary to what the City of Georgetown is trying to accomplish. Other practical restrictions for the City with respect to the easement area, you are the City owned utility company and if you want to increase the water and sewer lines, once you have additional utilities in those rights-of-ways, it will be very difficult finding space to expand. The infrastructure required to service a utility system is huge. Southern Coastal Cable has invested \$6 million in infrastructure within the City limits to service its customer base. According to the census, the customer base is getting smaller. Franchise fees are a wash. If the customer base is not increased, the franchise fee for the City is not increased. Currently Southern Coastal Cable has a 3% franchise. Other information provided for Council includes the financial impact Southern Coastal Cable, a local company has on the local City economy. Mr. Stacy told Council there are many reasons they can withhold consent and SCC appreciates your consideration.

Mr. Dominic Starr addressed Council on behalf of HTC saying his office represents them in their desire to have a cable TV franchise granted for the City of Georgetown. HTC has been seeking this cable TV franchise for several months and this process has been ongoing. HTC already has an existing investment of \$4 million in infrastructure here in the City of Georgetown. They provide telephone and data service to several of the citizens of the City and are seeking to offer cable television service to customers here as well. HTC is asking for the ability to make the same offers to customers and give the same choices to customers that the other cable entities already have and that is all three services, data, telephone and cable television. The state legislature recently changed the law with respect as to how franchises are given. The purpose is to promote competition, to promote choice for citizens. He said this strikes him as being an argument against the City

**Mr. Dominic Starr**

residents that there should be some limit to what their choices are with respect to any service...two grocery stores or two gas stations don't make sufficient competition or choice for citizens and they should have a right to choose among cable television services. Competition drives down prices and ultimately benefits the citizens. HTC services have been requested in the City by developers who are seeking to build new develop here which we believe would actually cause some return growth population wise. He told Council they are obligated to do the best for the citizens of their City which would be to allow them as much choice as possible for any service for which they have to pay a fee. Pole space, easement issues, cost to customers are theoretical conflicts or problems. He reiterated all HTC is asking Council to do is give the citizens a choice. It doesn't harm anybody. If the citizens prefer the existing cable service they have, that's what they will stay with. HTC is seeking to provide service to customers in areas where they already have infrastructure in place.

The Public Comment Section closed at 5:58 PM.

Mayor Wilson announced the character trait of the month is Joyfulness. Maintaining a good attitude, even when faced with unpleasant conditions.

Captain Nelson Brown introduced Ten, a 5 year old German Shepherd given to the City by the US Customs border protection services, at no cost to the taxpayers. Also introduced were John Gregory from the Georgetown County Sheriff's office and Shelly Brantley back from Afghanistan.

Mr. Wayne George from the South Carolina Municipal Association noted that last month Mayor Wilson received the Municipal Achievement Award on behalf of the City of Georgetown for its efforts in the cleanup of the Sampit River. He said this award is a great example of innovation and creativity on the part of the leadership in the City of Georgetown. One purpose of these awards given every year by the Municipal Association is to allow other cities and towns across the State to see what others are doing. The silver cup trophy will remain with the city for one year. On a permanent basis, Mr. George presented Mayor Wilson and Council with a 2008 Achievement Award Winner placard.

Mr. Steve Thomas noted the Tree City Award is being postponed until next month. Ms. Lois Edwards was not able to attend the

**Public Comments  
Closed**

**Character Trait Of  
The Month**

**New Employee**

**Mr. Wayne George  
Municipal  
Achievement  
Award**

**Presentation of  
Tree City Award  
Postponed**

meeting tonight to present the Award.

Mr. Steve Thomas announced that Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore has resigned her position as Director of the Kaminski House Museum. Her last day is tomorrow and he invited everyone to attend a reception in her honor tomorrow afternoon from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

**Mrs. Katrina  
Lawrimore  
Resigns**

**COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 30-4-70(A)(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE RELATING TO HTC, INC. REQUEST FOR FRANCHISE FOR CABLE SERVICE AND SETTING FRANCHISE FEE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Councilmember Sawyer asked if they were in violation of Robert's Rules of Order as Mr. Stacy stated. Mayor Wilson said Council would go into Executive Session and come out and address that issue. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Adjourn Regular  
Meeting And Enter  
Executive Session**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

**COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO REOPEN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Reopen Regular  
Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 6:37 pm.

Mayor Wilson announced no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Scoville stated 'upon review of the minutes it appears the motion a couple of meetings ago was to table or postpone second reading until receipt of legal advice. We have now received such advice and it is now appropriate to move forward on this matter.'

**COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING ON AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT TO HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A FRANCHISE FOR CABLE SERVICE AND SETTING FRANCHISE FEE, SECONDED BY MAYOR WILSON.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Councilmember Sawyer said he was not in agreement

with the motion or the second because he thinks issues stated by both attorneys at previous meetings have merit and he doesn't feel like the City should be granting a franchise to HTC based upon those recommendations. Councilmember Wayne said according to some of the issues that are in the book presented to Council earlier tonight and at the last meeting, she does not think HTC should have a franchise in the City of Georgetown. One thing is drainage, another is the pole usage, digging up streets and having room for them to put their equipment in that they need to put in. Councilmember Sawyer added there is some underlying allegation about HTC already having an agreement with a proposed neighborhood in our City. Not knowing if this is true, he feels there are too many underlying issues that need to be resolved before the franchise is awarded. Mayor Wilson called for the question. MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY, SAWYER, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION FAILED 4-2.

**Motion Failed to Grant HTC, Inc. Franchise for Cable Service**

Mr. Thomas said County Administrator, Mr. Sel Hemingway was here to answer any questions regarding the City's participation in the County's Development Impact Fee Plan and requested that Item 18A be moved up on the agenda. There was no objection from Council.

**County Development Impact Fee Plan – Schedule Workshop**

Mr. Thomas stated Council has considered this participation with the County's Development Impact Fee process on several occasions. Initially we thought it was just the transportation piece; however, the County would request that we participate with the law enforcement, library and recreation aspects as well. He said at least the three major proposed impact fees for west Georgetown County would be a little over \$4,000 on a single family house. Mr. Hemingway told Council the numbers proposed by the County's consultant are in draft form and need to be calculated at this point as the maximum allowed amount. There has been no action passed by County Council on the identified projects associated with the impact fees. They are in the process of receiving the consultant's reports and are at the juncture to determine if the fees will be imposed within the limits of the municipalities or not so that direction can be given to the consultants to make the calculations otherwise. There was some confusion at the workshop when the focus was on the transportation component. The County assumed since they provide exclusively the library services, recreational services and law enforcement as it relates to the judicial center and expansion of the detention center, that there would be no inherent opposition to including the

municipalities within the structure of those particular services. The County is aware there are a number of transportation providers be it the City, County or State that provide various degrees of services and there may or may not be a willingness to have transportation fees imposed on new development within the City. Mayor Wilson asked if \$4,000 was the bottom line. Mr. Hemingway said there is no bottom line at this time; the \$4,000 would be as it relates to the library, recreation and law enforcement fees. He said if the City does not have a problem with proceeding, the next step would be working out an intergovernmental agreement on how we would cooperate in that spirit and certainly there would be discussions with the City on the amounts and project list, etc. Councilmember Sawyer asked Mr. Hemingway how much control City Council would have over the way these funds are spent. Mr. Hemingway said limited control as it relates to library service because it is going to be the replacement of the library in Georgetown at a given time. As far as law enforcement area, the two projects proposed are incorporating the growth component of paying for the judicial center and redevelopment component funding the expansion of the detention center. The County has a proposal from their consultant on the recreation proponent as it relates to the number and look of the amenities that are proposed to be some \$23 million to be spent in the Georgetown quadrant of the County. He said there should certainly be some opportunities for the City to share its opinion in that area. Mr. Hemingway said if he can get a consensus from City Council on their opinion of the library, recreation and law enforcement components the County can give the City time to think about and further discuss the transportation element. Councilmember Wayne said there are a lot of unanswered questions and she would not be able to make a decision on this tonight. Mayor Wilson proposed a workshop to continue discussion on this matter, there was no objection from Council.

Ms. Sabrina Morris presented first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 5 Article VI Sections 5-101 through 5-110 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown to Establish Guidelines for Dwelling Units Unfit for Human Habitation within the City. Mayor Wilson stated there is a lot of information here and he would like to put this on a workshop meeting. Council agreed.

Ms. Morris presented first reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 5.87 acres owned by Georgetown Yacht Club, LLC located on Venture Drive from General Commercial (GC) to Planned Development (PD).

**Establish  
Guidelines for  
Dwelling Units  
Unfit for Human  
Habitation  
Schedule  
Workshop**

**COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 5.87 ACRES OWNED BY GEORGETOWN YACHT CLUB, LLC LOCATED ON VENTURE DRIVE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Ms. Morris said the Planning Commission met yesterday at 12 Noon onsite and returned to City Hall for more discussion and a vote. They did vote unanimously to recommend approval contingent to a light being installed on Venture Drive intersection, excel and decel lanes installed on Highway 17 at Venture Drive and realign Venture Drive to allow for a minimum of 200 feet before the turn. The marina storage is proposed as being a large metal structure with architectural features that break the metal up. The Planning Commission requested that the marina store which is on the front with a copula have an exterior other than metal. Ms. Morris said the height of the structure and the marina building will be 58 feet. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Ms. Morris requested approval of a Ford F150 ½ ton pickup from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$15,517 plus tax. This is an adjusted amount after the extended cab was removed. Several questions from Council were asked about the size and cost of the truck. Councilmember Wayne questioned the bidding process on the trucks on the agenda and asked if the City received a bid from the local dealerships. Mr. Glen Dixon stated the prices were from the State contract pricing. Mrs. Wayne said she would like for the City to start getting prices from the locals. Mayor Wilson asked Glen to get prices from the dealerships on all the vehicles on the agenda and bring back to Council.

Mrs. Jessica Miller presented second reading of an ordinance to amend the 2007/2008 annual budget for the City of Georgetown, SC State Accommodations Tax Fund in the amount of \$6,988.13.

**COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007/2008 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,988.13, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading -  
Rezone 5.87 Acres  
on Venture Drive  
from GC to PD**

**Obtain Prices from  
Local Dealerships  
on Vehicles**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Reading -  
Amend 2007/2008  
Annual Budget  
State A-Tax Fund  
in the Amount of  
\$6,988.13**

Mr. Alan Loveless requested approval of a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$31,170 for 600 residential electric meters with HD Supply. This is a budgeted item.

**COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,170 FOR 600 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC METERS WITH HD Supply, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Approval of Blanket PO to HD Supply in the Amount of \$31,170**

Mr. Lane Mixon will wait to bring back item 16A, purchase of vehicle, until prices are obtained from local vendors.

**Obtain Prices from Local Dealerships on Vehicle**

Mr. Mixon requested approval to purchase of a 2008 Ford Escape from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$17,214 tax included. This is under State contract. This vehicle was not budgeted. It will replace a 1997 Ford Crown Vic that was stolen from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and later recovered. The insurance company totaled the vehicle, the City would collect \$3,657.57 on the claim and our out of pocket expense would be \$13,556.43.

**COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 2008 FORD ESCAPE FROM VIC BAILEY FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,214 TAX INCLUDED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS.** After discussion, Mr. Mixon was instructed to obtain prices from local vendors on this replacement vehicle. Councilmember Bradley withdrew his motion.

**Obtain Prices from Local Dealerships on Vehicle**

Mr. Mixon presented a contract with Waccamaw Landscaping in the amount of \$22,320 for Frontage Road Beautification Project. He stated Carolina Groundworks has some concerns over the City awarding this contract.

**COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT WITH WACCAMAW LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,320 FOR FRONTAGE ROAD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Approve contract with Waccamaw Landscaping in the amount of \$22,320 for Frontage Road Beautification Project**

Mr. Mixon presented a contract with Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$28,000 for bidding and construction administration services for short-term improvements project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is budgeted.

**COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,000 FOR BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Approve Contract with Brown and Caldwell in the Amount of \$28,000 for Services for Short-term Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Mr. Mixon presented a proposal from Nix, Purser and Associates in the amount of \$55,595.38 for installation of booster pump station fiber remote telemetry system. The booster pump is now installed in Maryville and in order to operate it correctly we need to monitor it from our water plant using this system. This is budgeted.

**COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM NIX, PURSER AND ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,595.38 FOR INSTALLATION OF BOOSTER PUMP STATION FIBER REMOTE TELEMETRY SYSTEM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Approve Proposal with Nix, Purser & Assoc. in the Amount of \$55,595.38 to Install Booster Pump Station Fiber Remote Telemetry System**

Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore presented first reading of an ordinance to establish rental fees for use of Kaminski House Museum lawn and the Stewart-Parker House to be included in the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits and Miscellaneous fees and Charges of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina. She reviewed the current and proposed rental fees for the Kaminski House Museum lawn. The current fee for is \$200, except \$150 rental fee for residents of the City of Georgetown; \$200 refundable security deposit. The proposed fee would be \$300 rental, except \$150 rental fee for residents of the City of Georgetown; \$200 refundable security deposit. The current fee for social events at the Stewart-Parker House is \$400, \$200 refundable security deposit. The proposed fee for social events would be \$600, \$200 refundable security deposit. The current fee for business events Monday through Sunday, 1/2 day (4 hours) \$75, Monday through Sunday, full day (8 hours) \$125. Events over 8 hours subject to an additional charge of \$25 per hour,

\$100 refundable security deposit. The proposed fee for business events would be Monday through Sunday, 1/2 day (4 hours) \$100, Monday through Sunday, full day (8 hours) \$200. Events over 8 hours subject to an additional charge of \$25 per hour, \$100 refundable security deposit.

**COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF KAMINSKI HOUSE MUSEUM LAWN AND THE STEWART-PARKER HOUSE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICIAL RECORD OF UTILITY RATES, DEPOSITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mrs. Lawrimore stated nonprofit groups are not charged. These fees are in the range for people who cannot afford other venues in our area. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Mr. Thomas stated Councilmember Sawyer has served seven years on the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Oversight Committee and has requested Council select his replacement. The Committee meets quarterly. Councilmember Scoville said he would like to serve on the Committee.

**COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE TO SERVE ON THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

During the City Administrator Report Mr. Thomas informed Council (1) the City has experienced problems with our phones today. The equipment was scheduled to be here at 5:00 PM and the issue should be resolved very soon. Notification was placed on the Georgetown Times website, on the City's website and announced on the City's radio station giving alternate numbers to call. (2) Next month at the regular meeting we plan on a departmental report to Council. Half the departments will provide a written report of their previous month's activities along with very brief highlights and answer any questions Council may have. (3) Residents of Ibis Avenue have again requested water service. Mr. Mixon has indicated potentially with build out of some lots out there we have as

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reading – Rental Fees Kaminski House Museum Lawn-Stewart-Parker House in the City Clerk's Official Record...**

**Appoint Jack Scoville to RWWTP Oversight Committee**

**City Administrator Report**

many as 32 customers that we could serve. At this point it is estimated a water line extension would cost about \$90,000. The tap fees and impact fees would probably cover about 2/3 of the total cost. The remainder could be assessed to the residents or absorbed by the City. We would also ask them to annex into the City. Staff will try to gauge the interest of the residents and report back to Council. (4) We have begun negotiations with International Paper regarding a new water purchase agreement. The current agreement has not been updated since the early 1970's and expires May 2009. (5) An update on GASB45: staff has been in communication with the insurance and benefits representatives at the Municipal Association regarding possible health insurance policy changes and will be meeting with them to receive their information. (6) He told Council if they were interested in having a fall Council planning retreat staff would make plans. (7) He referenced information that was in the newspaper about the status of the Highway 17 drainage project and said he prepared a response of clarification and posted it to the article on the website and also requested it be printed in the newspaper as well. After talking with the Mayor and Lane, we want to have Mike Horton with Davis and Floyd put together a plan where a huge retention pond could be dug in the lot by City Hall. This would have the potential to hold hundreds of thousands of gallons of water that might otherwise be on the streets.

**COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS DATED 4/24/08, 5/8/08, 5/29/08; PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING DATED 6/19/08, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER.** Councilmember Wayne stated she was not able to open her minutes so she cannot vote. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

**COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 30-4-70(A)(1) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER AND 30-4-70(A)(2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS, LEGAL UPDATES AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE.** Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Minutes – Budget Workshops Dated 4/24/08, 5/8/08, 5/29/08; Public Hearing & Regular Mtg. Dated 6/19/08**

**Adjourn Regular Meeting And Enter Executive Session**

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL (13) AUGUST 21, 2008

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO REOPEN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER.** Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Reopen Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 8:32 PM.

Mayor Wilson announced that no formal action was taken Executive Session.

**COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Adjourn Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Ann U. Mercer  
City Clerk

**DATE APPROVED: 09/18/08**  
**VERIFYING INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_**

