

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2008**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama, met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Roy Driggers Municipal Building at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the following members present: Mayor Pat Thomas, Associate Commissioners Amos M. Newsome, Jr., Paul Lee, John E. Craig, Jr., Taylor Barbaree and Keith Seagle. Commissioner Larry Matthews was absent. Also present were City Manager Michael West, City Clerk Pam McCoy, Secretary Tammy Danner, who recorded the Minutes of the Meeting, and the local news media representatives.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order. Reverend Ricky Plummer, Bethel Baptist Church, then led in prayer, after which Commissioner Craig led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Lee moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 2008, be approved, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Barbaree presented and read a proclamation, proclaiming March, 2008 as "Wiregrass Museum of Art-Youth Art Month" in the City of Dothan. Deidre P. Frith, Director of Community Relations, Susan Robertson, Director of the Wiregrass Museum of Art and other members were present for the proclamation.

Commissioner Lee said there has been a lot of discussion over the past few weeks regarding the verbal commitment that we made as a commission to give \$1 million to the Dothan City School System. Commissioner Lee said we have had several discussions with the City School Board and Dr. Nichols has made several good requests. He said at this point he felt this commission wants to do that, but we also want to make sure that the \$1 million goes to something we can hang our hat on at the end of the year and can say we had a positive impact on the children of our city. Commissioner Lee suggested that a committee consisting of two or three from this commission and two or three from the School Board get together and work out some final details to where we as a city can be proud of where our money has gone. Commissioner Lee said at the end of the year we can put some goals into what we expect to be able to see from that money.

Mayor Thomas said the presentation for the use of the one cent sales tax was made public October 31, 2006. He said it is still on the City's website today. In the presentation, we stated that we would fund the city schools \$1 million per year out of the sales tax when they came to use with their plan. Mayor Thomas said at the time they were studying consolidation, academies; we told them it did not matter to us if it was programs, buildings, if they came to us with a plan we would be there for them. Mayor Thomas asked who on the commission would serve with Commissioner Lee on this committee. Commissioners Newsome and Barbaree were first to respond. Mayor Thomas asked that the committee meet with Dr. Nichols and come up with a plan that the commission and the community can buy into and we can see the results of.

Commissioner Lee said he and Commissioners Craig and Matthews visited Beverly Middle School last week. He said it is the same way now that it was back when we were in the eighth and ninth grades. That is when our school systems lose a lot of kids. They have a program going now where they are getting the kids involved in small things such as algebra a year earlier. They were able to get a grant. Commissioner Lee said those children begin to lose interest and are not catching up with the others. He said he was very impressed with this program. This is the only school in the City of Dothan that is doing it and the only one in southeast Alabama doing it. Commissioner Lee said we have some opportunities to have this through the whole city. This is a critical age and we need to do everything we can to keep these kids focused. Commissioner Craig concurred.

Commissioner Craig announced that the Animal Control Ordinance Committee has been selected. The committee will meet Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup> at Doug Tew Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Craig invited everyone to attend. Those wishing to speak may sign up for Privileges of the Floor.

Larry Patrick, Leisure Services, along with Coaches Small and Walker recognized the 10 & Under District 6 and the 18 & Under District 6 Champions of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Basketball Tournament

At this time, City Manager West presented the 2008 City of Dothan Supplemental Budget. Detailed copies of the budget may be reviewed or obtained in the City Clerk's Office or the City of Dothan Finance Department.

City Manager West stated that the City of Dothan has the opportunity to participate in a refunding of a State Revolving Loan. He said it will provide us a savings of \$100,000.00. Mr. West said we need to put that directly on the next commission agenda due to the 30 day responding date deadline.

City Manager West announced that the next Dothan 101 class will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other announcements are that the new fire truck came in this week. The Miss Dothan Pageant held this past Saturday night was a great event. Proceeds from the pageant will benefit the March of Dimes. Other fundraisers coming up for the March of Dimes include a "Senior Hot Dog Supper" at the Rose Hill Senior Center on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 and a "Hamburger and Hotdog Luncheon Cookout" hosted by the Dothan Police Department on March 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the front parking lot of the police department.

Jerry Corbin, Public Works Director updated the Commission on the new recycling program. He said there is a purchase request on the agenda for 4,000 bins and we are looking to send out letters to the residents we have chosen through out the city around the first week of April to get their reply on whether or not they want to participate in the program. Mr. Corbin said an instructional brochure will be finalized sometime around the middle of May and sent out with the bins. Day of collection will be the same day your garbage is picked up. Mr. Corbin said we hope to start pickup the first Monday in June.

Mayor Thomas introduced a proposed resolution, accepting the deed for property located at 400 E. Newton Street (Old Howell School Building) from the Southern Alabama Regional Council on Aging. Commissioner Craig moved to table the proposed resolution until four meetings from now to research possible uses for this building and possibly have a forum to see if people are interested in spending this money, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously carried.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-65 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), assessing properties for the cost of demolition of substandard structures. Commissioner Lee moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-66 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), awarding the bid and entering into an agreement with GenCon Associates, Inc. to remodel the Permits and Inspections Office in the Roy Driggers Municipal Building at a cost of \$184,955.00. Commissioner Barbaree moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Craig and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-67 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), awarding the bid and entering into an agreement with W.D. Wainwright and Sons, Inc. for the Beaver Creek Tributary 3 Storm Drainage Improvements at a cost of \$981,763.80. Commissioner Barbaree moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Craig. Commissioner Lee asked if this was a requirement. City Manager West said it is part of a court settlement. Commissioner Seagle said this may be a tough pill to swallow, but we have to meet our obligation as we have been instructed to do. There being no further discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-68 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), approving the demolition of the building at 405 North Appletree Street utilizing city employees. Commissioner Lee moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Newsome and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-69 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), entering into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the upgrade of the existing traffic control signal at the intersection of U.S. Highway 231 South and the entrance to the Southside Wal-Mart. Commissioner Barbaree moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Lee and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-70 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), approving the payment of invoices for the month of February, 2008 in the amount of \$7,319,926.24. Commissioner Barbaree moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Craig and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-71 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), awarding the following bids and approving other purchases over \$7,500.00 by the City. Commissioner Seagle read each item in the meeting.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Four thousand (4000) or more Recycling Containers	Busch Systems International, Inc. Barrie Ontario, Canada	\$21,920.00
Playground Equipment & Consultant for Pine Hills Park	J.A. Dawson & Company, Inc. Pelham, AL	\$23,144.00
Eighty-three (83) or more Alulite Aluminum Tables	Southern Aluminum Mfg. Inc. Magnolia, AR	\$17,479.80
Bromine Tablets	Consolidated ACE Dothan, AL	\$ 118.99 Per 50lb. Bucket
Pulsar Chlorine Briquettes	Consolidated ACE Dothan, AL	\$ 104.49 Per 50lb. Bucket
Distribution Transformers-Overhead Conventional	H.D. Supply Dothan, AL	\$ 621.00- \$ 1900.00
	Stuart C. Irby Company Pensacola, FL	
Padmount Transformers	H.D. Supply Dothan, AL	\$ 1962.00- \$ 6700.00
2008 Spring Sports Equipment	C&M Sporting Goods Dothan, AL	As needed over an approximate one year period
	Anaconda Sports, Inc. Lake Katrine, NY	
	Cannon Sports, Inc. Burbank, CA	
	J.P. Sports, Inc. Montgomery, AL	
2008 Spring Sports Uniforms	Anaconda Sports, Inc. Lake Katrine, NY	As needed over an approximate one year period
	C&M Sporting Goods Dothan, AL	
	Playmaker Embroidery Dothan, AL	

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**Other Purchases:**

Sample Landfill Monitoring of Wells	TTL Tuscaloosa, AL	\$24,948.40
Traffic Signal Maintenance Equipment	Temple, Inc. Decatur, AL	\$ 8,354.96

Commissioner Seagle then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2008-71, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously carried.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2008-72 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ at Page \_\_\_\_\_), approving the following advance travel requests for City employees:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>CONFERENCE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Nicholas M. Monday I. Keith Gray	Tuscaloosa Police Assessment Center Tuscaloosa, AL	\$ 77.00
John R. Powell	Public Safety Facilities Planning Seminar Orlando, FL	\$ 1,023.18
Matt Barefield Jerry Moore Recreation Supervisor	Alabama Recreation & Parks State Basketball Tournament Albertville, AL	\$ 6,740.00
Pam Deese Lana Whitaker	Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) Examination Columbus, GA	\$ 682.00
Tawain Truitt	National Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL	\$ 555.00
Willy Harris Patty Poole Holly Jinks	Alabama APCO Conference 2008 Perdido Beach, AL	\$ 1,744.08
Sophie Crooms	Emergency Spanish for 9-1-1 Bay Minette, AL	\$ 773.35
Melissa Woods Melanie Walsh Jason Miller	Magistrates Certification Institute Tuscaloosa, AL	\$ 1,934.00
Nicole Spivey	Alabama Safe Routes Program Montgomery, AL	\$ 171.00
Glenn Tucker	IBC Accessibility & Usability 2006 IBC Building Planning 2006 Auburn, AL	\$ 257.97
Kenneth Passante	Aerial One Training on Fire Engines Ocala, FL	\$ 1,272.37
Renee Howell Lynn Ash	Government Finance Officers Assoc. of Alabama Certified Governmental Accounting Technician Program Tuscaloosa, AL	\$ 702.10
Johnny Givens	Alabama Fire College-Incident Management System Tuscaloosa, AL	\$ 100.00
Jonathan Thomas	Advanced Crime Scene Techniques Opelika, AL	\$ 715.51
Anthony Westberry	Regional Seminar for Municipal Court and Police Officials 2008	\$ 550.00
Robin Patrick	United States Swimming Build-a-Pool Conference Colorado Springs, CO	\$ 1,441.66
Jeremy Collins	S.F.S.T Selma, AL	\$ 38.70

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Lisa Reeder Romona L. Marcus	H T E User's Group Conference 2008 Orlando, FL	\$ 2,355.50
Murray Rodriquez Walter Handley Parker Edwards Sammie Hancock Kevin Miller Chad Hammack Daniel Grantham Brandon Thompson Damon Woodham	Basic Police Academy Selma, AL	\$ 9,940.80
Tony Luker Keith Gray Eddie Henderson Todd David Thomas Davis	Law Enforcement Media Training Dothan, AL	\$ 590.00

Commissioner Craig then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2008-72, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Commissioner Barbaree moved that the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Commissioner Lee and upon the unanimous vote of "yea," the meeting was duly adjourned.

/s/Pam McCoy, City Clerk

**Approved:**

/s/Pat Thomas, Mayor

/s/Larry Matthews, Associate Commissioner

/s/Amos M. Newsome, Jr., Associate Commissioner

/s/Paul Lee, Associate Commissioner

/s/John E. Craig, Jr., Associate Commissioner

/s/Taylor Barbaree, Associate Commissioner

Keith Seagle, Associate Commissioner

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