

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HAMILTON, ALABAMA

December 1, 2014

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hamilton, Alabama held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Hamilton City Hall. Those present and minutes are as follows:

Mayor: Wade Williams

Council: Tim Holcomb  
Greg Ingram  
Frances Knight  
Tami Williams

Absent: Lynn Mitchell

City Clerk: Jan Williams

Attorney: Scott Hunt

Numerous Guests:

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and all guests were welcomed. Greg Ingram led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Williams gave the invocation.

The first order of business was a motion made by Frances Knight to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented, and Tami Williams seconded the motion. A vote was cast, and the motion adopted unanimously.

Greg Ingram made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Bills. Frances Knight seconded the motion and all voted "Yes".

Greg Ingram made a motion to approve Resolution number 2014-12-1 to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Hamilton and Merchant Capital to refinance the 2007 bond issue. Frances Knight seconded the motion and voting was as follows: Ayes: Tim Holcomb, Greg Ingram, Frances Knight, and Lynn Mitchell. Nays: None. Abstained: Tami Williams.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-12-1**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council (the "Council") of the City of Hamilton, Alabama (the "City"), as follows:

**Section 1. Findings.** The Council has ascertained and does hereby find and declare as follows:

(a) the City has heretofore issued its \$4,150,000 General Obligation Refunding Warrants, Series 2007, dated May 1, 2007 (the "Series 2007 Warrants"), which are presently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,520,000; and

(b) the City has determined that due to the currently favorable interest rate environment it would be in the best interest of the City and the public to refinance all or a portion of the Series 2007 Warrants; and

(c) in order to pay the costs of refinancing the Series 2007 Warrants as aforesaid, the City intends to issue a series of general obligation refunding warrants (the "Warrants"), and has heretofore engaged and authorized Merchant Capital, L.L.C. ("Merchant Capital") to serve as underwriter for the Warrants; and

(d) it will be necessary for the City to enter into a purchase contract (the "Purchase Contract") with Merchant Capital, acting in its capacity as underwriter for the Warrants, prior to the date on which the issuance and delivery of the Warrants will be approved by the Council.

**Section 2. Authorization to Execute Purchase Contract.** The Council does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor of the City to execute the Purchase Contract between the City and Merchant Capital with respect to the sale and delivery by the City of the Warrants, the final form and terms of which shall be subject to ratification and approval by the Council following its execution by the Mayor at such time as the Council adopts the ordinance authorizing the issuance and delivery of the Warrants.

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**Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**

Frances Knight made a motion to approve the purchase of one hundred twenty five (125) chairs from Star Printing Company for \$69.00 each and to pay out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Greg Ingram seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Greg Ingram made a motion to declare the pews in the City Hall Auditorium as no longer needed for municipal purposes. Tim Holcomb seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

Tami Williams made a motion for immediate consideration of Ordinance number 2014-10 to amend the City of Hamilton Zoning Ordinance establishing standards for location and use of recreational vehicles. Greg Ingram seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF HAMILTON ZONING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR LOCATION AND USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, The Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-42-84 empowers the City of Hamilton to enact the Hamilton Zoning Ordinance and provide for its administration, enforcement, and amendment for the purposes of promoting the health and general welfare; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment is reasonable with consideration, among other things, to the character of the district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses and with a view to conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout such municipality; and,

**WHEREAS**, the location and use of recreational vehicles for temporary dwellings is appropriate where such uses are compatible with the surrounding use of land and property, and such uses are properly designed for safe, sanitary, and orderly development, and such uses are established for temporary, recreational purposes and not for permanent use or occupancy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Hamilton City Council that the following amendments to the Hamilton Zoning Ordinance shall govern the use of recreational vehicles inside the City of Hamilton, Alabama:

**Amendment 1:** Article XVI DEFINITIONS of the Hamilton Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to reflect the following new definitions:

Recreational Vehicle- A recreational vehicle, RV, travel trailer, pick-up camper, converted bus, pop-up camper, camper-tent, or similar unit or vehicle designed for use as temporary portable housing or is identified as a travel trailer or recreational vehicle by the manufacturer. A recreational vehicle shall not be defined as a manufactured home, dwelling, dwelling unit, or single-family dwelling within the definitions of this ordinance.



Recreational Vehicle Park- A plot of ground upon which one or more recreational vehicles are occupied for camping or periods of short stay.

**Amendment 2:** Recreational vehicle parks shall be permitted in all Forestry, Agricultural, Residential (FAR) Districts and B-1 General Business Districts. The following shall be added to the Hamilton Zoning Ordinance:

Section 60.1 FAR Forestry, Agricultural, and Rural Residential District shall be amended to reflect the following:

Uses Permitted on Appeal:

Recreational Vehicle Parks provided that all such uses shall meet all of the requirements of Section 128 of this ordinance.

Section 62.5 Table of Permitted Uses shall be amended to reflect the following:

Permitted Uses	B-1	B-2	M-1	M-2
Recreational Vehicle Parks	X (see Sec. 128)			

**Amendment 3: Design of Recreational Vehicle Parks**the following amendment shall be added as Section 128 of the Hamilton Zoning Ordinance:

Section 128. Design and Occupancy of Recreational Vehicle Parks.

Within the City of Hamilton recreational vehicles shall not be occupied except as temporary residences in accordance with this article, and within districts permitting or permitting recreational vehicle parks. Recreational vehicle parks (RV parks) shall meet the following standards:

- A. RV parks shall be located on a lot of at least 1 acre in size.
- B. RV parks shall be located away from major arterials and adequately screened from public view.  
Minimum setbacks shall be as follows: Front- 60 feet, side- 20 feet, rear- 40 feet.
- C. RV parks shall be limited to 15 units per acre. Each unit shall be located in a separate space within the park. Recreational vehicle spaces shall be not less than 35 feet in width and 80 feet in length.
- D. RV parks shall have adequate water, sewer, and electric utilities to serve occupants. Utilities shall be provided by a master meter in the name of the person operating the park.

- E. Access to the park shall be from a public street of sufficient capacity to accommodate traffic. Access shall be limited to not more than one driveway per 250 feet of frontage or portion thereof; and driveways shall be arranged not less than 250 feet apart. Individual driveways for recreational vehicle spaces shall not be permitted.
- F. Internal circulation shall be provided. To the extent possible, spaces may not front on dead end drives, but the park shall be served with circulating loops. Single lane roads shall be a minimum of 15 feet in width. Double lane roads shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width. Fifteen feet of clearance shall be provided to each side of any road. An overhead clearance of 16 feet shall be provided for any area to be passed through or occupied by an RV.
- G. Permanent structures shall be limited to those facilities necessary to the operation of the park that serve the entirety of the park occupants, including but not limited to business offices, storage buildings, sanitary and other facilities necessary to serve the entirety of the park's occupants. Individuals and occupants of the park shall not be permitted to construct permanent facilities.
- H. Occupancy shall be temporary and shall not exceed 180 days in duration. After 180 days, occupants shall be required to remove or relocate recreational vehicles for a period of at least 10 days. Park operators shall keep a record of occupancy sufficient to demonstrate the date of arrival of each park occupant. The record shall be available for inspection upon request by any authorized official of the City of Hamilton.
- I. A site plan demonstrating compliance with this ordinance shall be approved by the City of Hamilton Planning Commission prior to establishment of any recreational vehicle park.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, this Ordinance shall become effective upon final reading and publication, public health, safety, and welfare requiring it.

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Wade Williams,

Mayor

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Attest:

Jan Williams,

City Clerk

Frances Knight made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2014-10 and Tami Williams seconded the motion. A vote was cast, and the motion adopted unanimously.

At approximately 6:20 p.m. Frances Knight made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing good name and character. Greg Ingram seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

At 6:45 p.m. Greg Ingram made a motion to return to regular session. Tim Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "Yes".

There being no further business, Frances Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tami Williams seconded the motion, following a unanimous consent in favor Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned.