

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 20, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud, Council Members Chris Bowen, John Fountain, and Gerald Hinesley. Absent: Mayor Randal Mills and Council Member Vince Evans.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member John Fountain.

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Cleveland Stroud led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Welcome

Citizens' Communication – There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013, regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud declared the motion carried.

Presentation: Bonnie Clark (Planning & Inspections) addressed the Council and introduced Mr. Mike Sapp, Chief Ranger with the Georgia Forestry Commission. Mr. Sapp addressed the Council and presented the City a 20-year Tree City sign, flag and Lucite plaque and congratulated the City of Conyers for being a Tree City for 20 years.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing. Request approval of Ordinance No. 908 (Zoning Case No. 2013-01) to rezone 11.72 acres from the Neighborhood Business (BN) district to the Residential Single-family (RS-14) district.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 908 to the Council and asked Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud to open the public hearing.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Bruce Gehly addressed the Council against the rezoning of 995-997 Sigman Road, N.W.

Ms. Rhonda Cain addressed the Council against the rezoning of 1741 Irwin Bridge Road, N.W.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 908 to rezone 11.71 acres from the Neighborhood Business (BN) district to the Residential Single-family (RS-14) district excluding properties located at 1741 Irwin Bridge Road, N.W. and 995 Sigman Road, N.W., and waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud declared the motion carried.

2. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 915 repealing Ordinance No. 906 which provides a moratorium on all commercial development in single-family and two-family dwellings that relocated in an area that is zoned as Neighborhood Business (BN) district, pending the completion of revisions to the Code of Ordinances; to provide for a repealing date; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 915 to the Council and made a motion to approve and waive the second reading. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud declared the motion carried.

3. **Public hearing. Request approval of Ordinance No. 909 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-92, Supplemental Use Standards providing the new standards for check cashing services and pawn shops (including title lending and title pawn services).** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 909 to the Council and asked Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud to open the public hearing.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

After discussion, Council Member Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 909 and waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud declared the motion carried.

4. Public hearing. Request approval of Ordinance No. 910 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-15, Definitions, Section 8-7-90, Permitted and Special Uses and Section 8-7-92, Supplemental Use Standards, to provide a definition, permitted zoning districts and supplemental use standards for banquet halls. Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 910 to the Council and asked Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud to open the public hearing.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Council Member Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 910 and waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud declared the motion carried.

5. Request to approve Ordinance No. 917 providing for a moratorium on all permanent, exposed election, neon, LED and similar lighting that outlines or details any architectural element on the exterior of a building located in the City limits of the City of Conyers, pending the completion of revisions to the Code of Ordinances; providing for a moratorium on sign treatments illuminated with exposed electric, neon, LED and similar lighting; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a repealing date; and for other purposes. Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 917 to the Council and made a motion to approve and waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. After discussion, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Stroud declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that Active Shooter Training was held today at Rockdale Career Academy.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, reported that Georgia Tech recently held a benefit at the GIHP; as well as a dog show.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee and Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, was absent.


City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that a gun and knife show, a bike show, and a small horse show are scheduled to be held at the Horse Park.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Cleveland Stroud
Acting Mayor Pro Tem Cleveland Stroud

Attest:


Patricia F. Smith, City Clerk
Jennifer Edwards, Deputy City Clerk