

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 19, 2014, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud.

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Randy Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Welcome – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone and recognized Brittany Evans, our new Main Street Manager, and Shelli Siebert, the new Executive Director of the Conyers/Rockdale Council for the Arts.

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

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions: Chief of Police Gene Wilson recognized Justin Lykins (Police Department) for five years of service to the city.

New Business:

1. **Downtown Development Authority's Resolution No. 24 requesting wastewater connection permits; certifying that the request is necessary to achieve unique and extraordinary development within the Downtown Development Authority's jurisdiction; and for other purposes.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann addressed the Council and stated that the request for wastewater connection permits from Rockdale County are necessary for the revitalization and redevelopment within the Downtown Development Authority's jurisdiction.

No action was necessary to be taken by the Council.

2. **Application for a beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premise license – (Michael F. Torino – Amici Conyers, LLC – 1805 Parker Road, Suites G110 and J110 – Conyers, GA 30094).** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found and made a motion to approve. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
3. **Application for a beer and wine retail license – (Cornelius O. Thomas – Wal-Mart Stores East, LP d/b/a Wal-Mart #2475 – 1436 Dogwood Drive – Conyers, GA 30013).** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found, and made a motion to approve. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. **Application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Shelli Siebert – Conyers/Rockdale Council for the Arts – 910 Center Street – Conyers, GA 30012).** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found and made a motion to approve. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. **Appointment of Dr. John A. Fountain to the Development Authority of Conyers to fill the unexpired term of Marty Jones – January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented the appointment of Dr. John A. Fountain to the Development Authority of Conyers to fill the unexpired term of Marty Jones to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve and Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Chris Bowen, Gerald Hinesley, Cleveland Stroud and Vince Evans voted aye. Council Member John Fountain recused himself. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

6. Appointment of Gaines White to the Development Authority of Conyers to fill the unexpired term of David Smith – January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2018. Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented the appointment of Gaines White to the Development Authority of Conyers to fill the unexpired term of David Smith to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve and Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

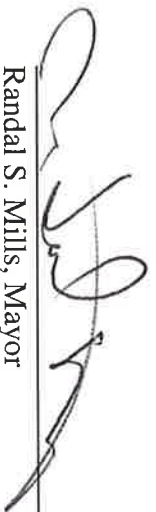
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, reported that the paving of Railroad Street will be done this Thursday and Friday, and that the Irwin Bridge Road project will be going out for bid in February.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, reported that several small horse shows will be at the GIHP in November and December. He also reported that the Great American School Fundraising Gift Sale will be held at the GIHP from December 4-10, 2014.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reminded everyone to keep their cars locked and to make sure that all items/packages are not visible to help deter thefts, possible injuries, etc.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the Fall Festival was very successful and stated that everyone has been very complimentary of the Festival this year. He also reported that ice skating starts this Friday.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing new to report.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and reported that a letter to Brad Sutton, Director of Public Works & Transportation, had been received from Neil Passmore, Wellbrook Neighborhood Representative, expressing appreciation for completion of the sidewalk project around Wellbrook Circle, and complimenting the Public Works crew. He also reported that due to the weather over the last two weeks the greens at Cherokee Run were covered to protect them.

City Manager Lucas asked Chief of Police Gene Wilson to address the Council with updates regarding the events in Ferguson, MO. Chief Wilson addressed the Council and stated that meetings were being held regarding the events in Ferguson, MO. He stated that a Clergy Police Academy, spearheaded by Rev. Al Sadler, is being organized regarding steps our community can take if such events should occur in our neighborhood.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was no need for executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk