

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:10 p.m. on February 4, 2015, 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.

Citizens' Communication:

1. Mr. Caleb DeLong, having recently moved to Conyers from Colorado, addressed the Council and briefly discussed his plans to open a Farmers Market in Olde Town.
2. Ms. Doreen Williams, Rockdale County Commissioner, addressed the Council regarding the level of pollution issues at South River.

Agenda Revisions – There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. 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.

Recognitions:

1. Mayor Mills presented a proclamation to Judge Nancy Bills for 10 years of service as State Court Judge in Rockdale County.
2. The following employees were recognized by City Manager Tony Lucas for achieving Perfect Attendance in 2014: *Daniel Drummond, Paul Bernichon, Stephen Blanchette, Anthony Cook, Peggy Franklin, Juan Morales, Derek Parker, Pierce Piper, William (Guy) Sanders, Patrick (Chad) Sims, Marie Willis, Kameron Kelley, Lonnie Abercrombie, and Trey Rusk.*
3. The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the City: *Gary Hegwood (CSA) – 5 years; Howard Reynolds (CPD) – 5 years; and Police Chief Gene Wilson – 5 years.*

Old Business:

1. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 976, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-44, G.V. Gateway Village District to insert trade fixtures and utility trailers, equipment and supplies as principal uses permitted by-right in the urban village subarea and to amend various provisions for outdoor storage in the urban village subarea; to amend Section 8-7-96, non-conforming uses and structures; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; for other purposes; and to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented Ordinance No. 976 to the Council stating that this item was tabled at the January 21, 2015 Council meeting. Council Member Fountain made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 976 from the table to bring back up for discussion. 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.

After lengthy discussion, Mayor Mills called for a vote on the original motion. There were no ayes. The nays were unanimous; therefore, Mayor Mills declared the motion failed.

New Business:

1. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 977 amending Ordinance No. 964 dated June 27, 2014 which adopted an annual budget for the City of Conyers for fiscal year 2014-2015; and waive the second reading.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval and to waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 977 amending Ordinance No. 964 dated June 27, 2014 which adopted an annual budget for the City of Conyers for fiscal year 2014-2015; and waive the second reading. 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.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, reported that the Irwin Bridge project will be going out for bid in a week, and that the project will take approximately 12 months to complete.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GHPP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, reported that this weekend the Circle of Friends Dog Agility show will be held at the GHPP Charles Walker Covered Arena, and that they are a new promoter and have booked another event scheduled for May. He also reported that Cherokee Run had booked four golf tournaments in January and six events in the Palmer Room.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that CPD will begin the 12-week Spring Citizens Police Academy in March. He also reported that a serial armed robbery suspect was arrested by Conyers Police and charged with the recent robbery of Subway on West Avenue. He reported that the suspect is also responsible for 12 robberies in DeKalb County.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that a new coffee shop will be opening in Olde Town in April; and that Mr. Caleb DeLong will be exploring opening a farmers market in 2016.
- 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 with an update on pari-mutuel betting stating that the Senate dropped the resolution and it is now in the House. He also reported on HB14 regarding assets/forfeitures and stated that this has met with a lot of opposition.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



 Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:



 Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk