

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on March 2, 2011, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Chris Bowen, Gerald Hinesley, Marty Jones and Cleveland Stroud. Council Member Vince Evans was absent.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member Gerald Hinesley.

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

Mayor’s Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizen’s Communication – There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions – Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to add as agenda item #10 an application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license for Jose Resendiz; and add as agenda item #11 the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Minutes – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011, regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

1. **Proclamation.** Mayor Mills recognized Ms. Fanfei Li, a student at the Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology, and presented her with a proclamation declaring March 2, 2011, as Fanfei Li Day for being awarded the Siemens Foundation exceptional program reward as the winner from the State of Georgia. He also congratulated her on being named Rockdale County Public Schools’ STAR student, which is the Student Achievement Recognition Program, and which honors graduating high school seniors in the top 10 percent of their class and with the highest SAT score.

2. **Conyers Police Department Explorers.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson addressed the Council and stated that the Conyers Police Department Explorers had recently attended and competed in the Alabama State Competition, and won 2nd place in Arrest & Search – and – Hostage Negotiations.

New Business:

1. **Request ratification of a contract between the City of Conyers and Enviroprobe, LLC for the demolition of the building located at 942 Elm Street for the amount of \$17,650...** Director of Public Works & Transportation Brad Sutton presented the request to the Council and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve the request for ratification of a contract between the City of Conyers and Enviroprobe, LLC for the demolition of the building located at 942 Elm Street for the amount of \$17,650. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
2. **Request approval of Ordinance No. 819 and Contract and Release Agreement which declare police canine dog, Flossie, surplus property, and turn over ownership of the dog to Kristen Moore.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the request to the Council and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 819 and Contract and Release Agreement which declare police canine dog, Flossie, surplus property, and turn over ownership of the dog to Kristen Moore, and waive the second reading. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
3. **Request ratification of the Construction Contract between the City of Conyers and Ray Jones, Inc. for the building/construction of the new offices at the Georgia International Horse Park for a total cost of \$482,099.** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the ratification of the Construction Contract between the City of Conyers and Ray Jones, Inc. for the building/construction of the new offices at the Georgia International Horse Park for a total cost of \$482,099. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills

called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Marty Jones abstained and Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

4. **Request approval of the appointment of Lyndsay Clegg to fill the unexpired term of Jorge Flores on the Conyers Main Street Program Board – (term of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013).** City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve the appointment of Lyndsay Clegg to fill the unexpired term of Jorge Flores on the Conyers Main Street Program Board. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. **Request approval of an application for a beer and wine consumption on premises license – (Ernesto Perez – Fonda La Oaxaquena – 1085 Irwin Bridge Road).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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 Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
6. **Request approval of an application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license – (Angelo Laios – Conyers Fish Market – 1300 Iris Drive).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
7. **Request approval of an application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license – (Rajeev Kwatra – RK Entertainment, LLC – DBA R2 – 1381 Iris Drive).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
8. **Request approval of an application for a beer and wine retail license – (Luthfun Nahar Nazma Begum – 3S Global International, Inc. – DBA Mini Foods – 1165 Irwin Bridge Road).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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 Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
9. **Request ratification of an alcohol beverage special event license – (Glenn Robert Byron – Proof of the Pudding – 1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway; Event on February 26, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Cherokee Run Golf Course).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
10. **(Agenda revision). Request approval of an application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises license – (Jose Resendiz – Chips and Salsas – 1105 West Avenue, Suite F).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley 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 Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
11. **(Agenda revision). Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2011.** Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to appoint Council Member Vince Evans Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2011. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee*, stated that there would be a Community Development Committee meeting on March 9, 2010, to discuss the mixed use development ordinance. He also stated that the Arts Council has had very good response to the Pre-School Pops; and that there will be a “Tradin’ Paint” play presented by the new Depot Players in April. He further stated that General Mills had made a donation to the CRCA.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/Big Haynes Creek Nature Center Committee*, stated that there had been a draft done on the new signage for the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center, and that they are working on the vision of the BHCNC.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, stated that a letter had been received from Rockdale Career Academy thanking the City for the police cars they donated to RCA.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee*, stated that the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. on March 17 and end with a 1/10th endurance fun run.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, was absent.

City Manager’s Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that a letter had been received from Jackie Sprague, Executive Director of the Council for the Arts, thanking the City for their continued support. He also stated that he and Director of the Georgia International Horse Park Jennifer Bexley attended the House Regulated Industries Committee meeting at the Capitol regarding HB 186 regarding pari-mutuel betting.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was a need for an executive session and include the City Attorneys to discuss the sale/purchase of real estate, pending/potential litigation, and personnel. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session and include the City Attorneys to discuss the sale/purchase of real estate, pending/potential litigation, and personnel. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones, and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk



Randal S. Mills, Mayor