

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2010, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, Georgia.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Randal Mills; Council Members Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud. Absent: Council Members Chris Bowen and Marty Jones.

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

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

**Mayor's Welcome** – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

**Citizens' Communication** – Mrs. Mary Flanagan addressed the Council and suggested that the City do a “Historic Mural Walk” displaying the history, etc. of the City of Conyers. Mayor Mills stated that this was a very good idea and that he would pass this information on to the Downtown Development Authority.

**Agenda Revisions** – There were no agenda revisions.

**Minutes:**

1. A motion was made by Council Member Cleveland Stroud to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2010, meeting. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud voted aye. Council Members Chris Bowen and Marty Jones were absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

- Jil Goodson of the Georgia International Horse Park was recognized for 20 years of service to the City.
- GHF Director Jennifer Bexley and In-House Event Manager Rebecca Hill, respectively, addressed the Council and stated that at the 2010 Southeast Festivals and Events Associations' Kaleidoscope Awards that the Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival received the Gold Kaleidoscope Award for “Best Festival in the Southeast” within its budget category of under \$75,000 for the fourth consecutive year. The Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival's sponsorship solicitation package and 2009 T-shirt design both received Silver Kaleidoscope awards. Also, the Big Haynes Creek Wildlife Festival received a Silver Kaleidoscope award for “Best Single Print Ad”, as well as a Bronze award for the 2009 Wildflower Seedball Project.

**New Business:**

1. **Public hearing: Zoning Case 2010-04. An application for a Special Use Permit for a religious facility as a permitted use. The current zoning is I-D, Industrial-Distribution District. (Pastor Arthur Croone – 1423 Dogwood Drive).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council, and stated that the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission had conducted a public hearing on March 11, 2010, and recommended approval. Council Member Hinesley asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.  
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.  
Pastor Arthur Croone, Senior Pastor of Redeeming Love Christian Church, addressed the Council and spoke in favor of the special use permit for a religious facility.  
Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.  
Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve the request for a Special Use Permit for a religious facility as a permitted use at 1423 Dogwood Drive. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion.  
After discussion among the Council, Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud voted aye. Council Members Chris Bowen and Marty Jones were absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
2. **Public hearing: Zoning Case 2010-05. An application for a Special Use Permit for minor automotive repair services as a permitted use. The current zoning is BG, General Business District with conditions and a Special Use Permit for motor vehicle sales. (Karen and Michael Harris – 1256 Green Street).** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council, and stated that the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission had conducted a public hearing on March 11, 2010, and recommended denial. Council Member Gerald Hinesley asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.  
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.  
There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Council Member Hinesley made a motion to deny the request for a special use permit for minor automotive repair services as a permitted use at 1256 Green Street. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded.

Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud voted to deny the request. Council Members Chris Bowen and Marty Jones were absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. Application for a beer, wine & liquor consumption on premises – (Christopher Charles Holt – Classic Billiards – 1211 Royal Drive) – Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found. Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve the application for a beer, wine & liquor consumption on premises at Classic Billiards at 1211 Royal Drive. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, and Cleveland Stroud voted aye. Council Members Chris Bowen and Marty Jones were absent.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, reported that the resurfacing had been completed on Pine Log Road and Rowland Road.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee*, was absent.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/BHCNC Committee*, was absent.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee*, stated that the soil erosion ordinance would be presented at the next Council meeting. He also stated that Fran Jones, Executive Director of the Conyers-Rockdale Arts Council, will give an update at the next Council meeting.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that he did not have anything to report at this time.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:

  
Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

  
Randal S. Mills, Mayor