

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on May 1, 2013, 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 Communication – Mayor Randy Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens' Communication – Tonya Anderson, State Representative of District 92, addressed the Council and reported on the highlights of the recent State Legislative Session.

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. 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.

Recognitions:

1. **Years of service:** Martha Whitehead (absent) (CPD) has five years of service to the City. Pat Smith (City Manager's Office / Finance) was recognized for 15 years of service to the City. Jeff Haney (absent) (Public Works & Transportation) has 20 years of service to the City.
2. **Other recognitions:** The Conyers Police Communications Center was recognized for National Telecommunicators Week – April 14-20, 2013; and National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week will be May 12-18, 2013, with a Varsity lunch on May 9, 2013.
3. **Medal of Valor:** Corporal Corey Hambrick of the CPD was awarded the Police Department's Medal of Valor by Chief of Police Gene Wilson for the actions he took during a stabbing incident in order to protect lives and subdue the suspect.
4. **Operational Noble Eagle Awards:** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented Operational Noble Eagle Awards to the following CPD officers for their military service to our Country: Sergeant Bill Connell, Sergeant Matt Salisbury (absent), Officer Chase Bagwell (absent – has received military orders), Officer Eliasar Gonzalez (absent), Officer Harold Peterson, Officer Fred Williams, and Officer Howard Reynolds.

New Business:

1. **Request Council's approval of Resolution No. 612 authorizing the City of Conyers to borrow \$2,000,000.00 from United Community Bank of Conyers, Georgia at an interest rate of 2.25% that shall be repaid in full on or before December 31, 2013; and for other purposes.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member John Fountain recused himself. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 612. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Evans, Hinesley, and Stroud voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
2. **Request Council's approval of Ordinance No. 929 authorizing Rockdale County to conduct elections, to perform all duties as Superintendent of elections, to appoint an Absentee Ballot Clerk, to provide for reimbursement of all costs incurred by Rockdale County in performing the election functions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** City Attorney Mike Waldrop presented Ordinance No. 929 to the Council and asked for Council's approval and to waive the second reading. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 929 and to waive the second reading. 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.
3. **Request for Mayor and Council to ratify an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Rockdale County Board of Commissioners and the City of Conyers for the construction and funding of improvements to Golf Street in the Milstead community.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve. He stated that this agreement is a requirement since the project is within the city limits. He also stated that funding, if approved, will be with a Community Development Block Grant through the Department of Community Affairs, and that the City of Conyers

will not be responsible for any part of funding or matching funds for the project. 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. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Conyers and FSA Development GA 1 LLC.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Conyers and FSA Development GA 1 LLC. 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.

5. **Request Council's approval of a Task Order Agreement between Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. and the City of Conyers for engineering and design on Irwin Bridge Road for a cost of \$133,200.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve a Task Order Agreement between Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. and the City of Conyers for engineering and design on Irwin Bridge Road for a cost of \$133,200 from SPLOST funds. 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.

6. **Application for a beer, wine, and liquor retail sales – (Jiwon Choe – J W USA, LLC dba Sigman Bottle Shop – 439 Sigman Road, Suite A, Conyers, GA 30012).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council. He stated that all background checks have been done and no violations were found, and asked for Council's approval. 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 Sigman Road/Sarasota Parkway project should be complete by the end of this year. He also reported that we are waiting for utility companies to begin work on Railroad Street.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, reported on the recent dog show held at the GIHP, and the upcoming horse show, as well as Greyhound Adoption. He also reported that Derby Day will be coming soon to benefit the Shepherd Center.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, applauded the Conyers Police Department on recent arrests.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, stated that Pratt Industries held its groundbreaking on April 25, 2013. He also reported on the Taste of Conyers recently held in Olde Town.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and recognized Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers for receiving the 21st consecutive GFOA Budget Award.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was a need for an executive session regarding potential litigation and personnel matters to include the City Attorney. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion for executive session regarding potential litigation and personnel matters to include the City Attorney. 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:


Jennifer I. Smith, City Clerk
Jennifer Edwards, Deputy City Clerk