

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on August 7, 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 Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens' Communication – Mr. David Shipp of Puritan Cleaners, Mr. Pat Cavanaugh (Chair-Elect of the Chamber), Mr. Tony Scott of T&B Motors, Mr. Derek Woo of USA Package Store, Ms. Dottie Bala of Copy Central, and Mr. Danny Lockhart of A Clean & Tidy Carpet Cleaners addressed the Council in opposition of the proposed sign ordinance.

Agenda Revisions: There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes:

1. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12:05 p.m. July 15, 2013 Called City Council meeting for the purpose of holding the first of three required public hearings regarding the 2013 millage rate. 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.
2. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6:05 p.m. July 15, 2013 Called City Council meeting for the purpose of holding the second of three required public hearings regarding the 2013 millage rate. 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. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12:10 p.m. July 22, 2013 Called City Council meeting for the purpose of holding the third of three required public hearings regarding the 2013 millage rate. 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.
5. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12:25 p.m. July 22, 2013 Called City Council meeting for the purpose of setting the 2013 millage rate. 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: Steve Owens of the Department of Planning & Inspections was recognized for 10 years of service to the City, Thomas Skipper of the Georgia International Horse Park (absent) has 15 years of service to the City, and David Spann of the City Manager's office was recognized for 25 years of service to the City.

Old Business:

1. **Request to approve Ordinance No. 938 to amend Title 8, Chapter 5, Sign Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances to provide additional definitions; to provide additional standards for display of electronic messages; to provide for removal for certain signs; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 938, which was tabled at the July 17, 2013 City Council meeting, from the table. 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 discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to table the request until the September 18, 2013 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.

New Business:

1. Request Mayor and Council to approve an agreement between the City of Conyers and Bunnell-Lammons Engineering for environmental services for FY2013-2014 at the Miller Bottom Road Landfill. Services will include semi-annual groundwater reporting for a cost of \$5,000. Also includes is the Action of Corrective Measures (ACM) consulting for revisions to the ACM report estimated at \$65,000. Director of Public Works & Transportation Brad Sutton presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the agreement with Bunnell-Lammons Engineering. 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.
2. Request for Mayor and Council to approve a contract agreement between the City of Conyers and Moreland Altabelli Associates, Inc. for engineering services for intersection improvements at Scott, Green, Pine Log, and Main Streets. The engineering services would be for Phase A, which would include a concept design for a signalized intersection and a roundabout for a cost of \$22,957.17. Phase B would be for design of the Selected concept design to do full engineering and design. If a signalized design is chosen the cost will be \$99,124. If the roundabout design is chosen the cost would be \$85,924 for engineering and design. Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve the contract agreement between the City of Conyers and Moreland Altabelli Associates, Inc. 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. Request for Mayor and Council to grant a right-of-way easement to Snapping Shoals EMC to run new power lines at the back northwest corner of the Cherokee Run Golf Course property. Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve the request to grant a right-of-way easement to Snapping Shoals EMC to run new power lines at the back northwest corner of the Cherokee Run Golf Course property. 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.
4. Re-appointment of Steven Holmes to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three (3) year term from September 1, 2013 until September 1, 2016. Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Steven Holmes to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three (3) year term from September 1, 2013 until September 1, 2016. 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.
5. Re-appointment of Carol Fountain to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three (3) year term from September 1, 2013 until September 1, 2016. Council Member Vince Evans presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Carol Fountain to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three (3) year term from September 1, 2013 until September 1, 2016. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Member John Fountain recused himself. Council Members Bowen, Evans, Hinesley and Stroud 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*, stated that the City is still waiting on the permit regarding Railroad Street.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GHPP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* reported that \$35,000 was booked last month at the GHPP. He also reported that the Big Haynes Creek Wildlife Festival and the Rugged Maniac Run will be upcoming this month
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report.

- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that Alli Roberts Salon closed on the rear portion of the Bumper-to-Bumper building. He also reported that filming continues in Olde Town, and that work continues on a policy for future filming. He reported that on August 10 the second Olde Town Conyers Summer Film Series will be featured at the Pavilion and the third one will be on September 21.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.

Big Haynes Creek Wildlife Festival PowerPoint Presentation: Director of the Georgia International Horse Park Jennifer Bexley gave a PowerPoint presentation of some of the features of the upcoming Big Haynes Creek Wildlife Festival to be held August 24-25, 2013.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that the City did not charge for advertising on the Landmark Sign.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was not a need for an Executive Session.

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



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

