

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:02 p.m. on September 18, 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 addressed the Council regarding the City Council and City operations.

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

**Minutes:**

1. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013. 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:** Dwayne Jones of the Conyers Police Department was recognized for 10 years of service to the City. Terry White of the Department of Public Works & Transportation was absent but has 20 years of service to the City.

Chief of Police Gene Wilson recognized Greg Carson for his 6<sup>th</sup> Felony Apprehension Commendation. Also, Chief Wilson stated that Jerahmy Williams (who was absent) had been given the Chief’s of Police Commendation.

**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 August 7, 2013 Council meeting, from the table. 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.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion 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; and to waive the second reading. 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.

**New Business:**

1. **Public hearing: Request for Mayor and Council to hold a public hearing regarding the issuance of a Solid Waste Handling Permit by the Department of Natural Resources. The permit is to allow for the recovery of materials for beneficial use from the Solid Waste Transfer Station facility located at 1800 Sarasota Parkway, Conyers, GA 30013.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Frank Killoran, representing Pratt Industries, addressed the Council and discussed the Solid Waste Handling Permit which would allow for the recovery of materials for beneficial use from the Solid Waste Transfer Station facility at 1800 Sarasota Parkway, Conyers, GA.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

There was no action to be taken.

2. **Application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Melissa Nesbitt – Sweet & Savory Café – 1410 Klondike Road, Suite C – Conyers, GA 30094).** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council, and made a motion to approve the application. 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.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, stated that Comcast is waiting on the permit to widen Railroad Street, and hopes to get the project out to bid in November. He also reported that the asphalt at Sarasota Parkway and Sigman Road should be finished in 45-60 days. Council Member Hinesley reported that the Pratt transition is going very well.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* reported the GIHP was and/or will host the Southeastern Charity Horse Show, TTT Consignment Sale, Fiesta Georgia, and a Chili Cookoff.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, gave kudos to the Conyers Police Department.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that “Wreck-It-Ralph” will be shown at the Pavilion on September 21, 2013, and it will be the last film for this year. He also reported that the search for an Economic Development Director closed today and a Director will be hired soon.
- 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 asked Chief Wilson to give an update on the 14-year old kidnapped victim that was found safe in Rockdale County. City Manager Lucas stated that Cherokee Run has benefited from the Southeastern Horse Show (i.e., golf, banquets, parties, etc.).


**Executive Session** – City Manager Tony Lucas stated that there was a need for an Executive Session to include Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers to discuss real estate and personnel. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel and to include Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers. 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 7:33 p.m.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk