

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. May 15, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vince Evans, Council Members Cleveland Stroud, Gerald Hinesley, John Fountain, Jacob Bailey and Blair Barksdale.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Eastside Baptist Music Pastor Caleb Halstead.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Evans led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Welcome: Mayor Evans welcomed everyone.

Agenda Revisions: City Manager Tony Lucas asked that the Mayor and Council approve the addition of item number nine to the agenda. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the addition of item number nine to the agenda, **a request for the Mayor and Council to ratify a contract by and between the city of Conyers and Peach State Construction Co., LLC to complete the reconstruction of the culvert under Rowland Road.** Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

City Manager Tony Lucas asked that the Mayor and Council approve the addition of item number 10 to the agenda. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to add item number 10 to the agenda, **a request for the Mayor and Council to approve a Declaration by the City Of Conyers of Taylor Street, Griggs Street, and Steele Street as surplus property and conveyance of the street to the Housing Authority of the City of Conyers, Georgia.** Council Member Blair Barksdale seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

Minutes:

- Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. regularly scheduled Council Meeting Council Member Blair Barksdale seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

New Business:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Ordinance No.1167, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-30 Development Standards for Residential Districts; to increase the maximum impervious surface in the R-A, RS-20, and RS-14 zoning districts; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member Blair Barksdale asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1167.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the Council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

After brief explanation from City Planner Scott Gaither, Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1167, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-30 Development Standards for Residential Districts; to increase the maximum impervious surface in the R-A, RS-20, and RS-14 zoning districts; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING. A request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Ordinance No.1168, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-91, Accessory Use Standards, Subsection (a)(7); to clarify and increase the maximum size of accessory structures; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading.** Council Member Blair Barksdale asked Mayor Evans to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1168.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to address the Council.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Council Member Blair Barksdale made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1168, an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-91, Accessory Use Standards, Subsection (a)(7); to clarify and increase the maximum size of accessory structures; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes; and also to waive the second reading. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

3. **A request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Ordinance No. 1165, amending Ordinance No. 1128 dated June 20, 2018 which adopted the annual budget for the city of Conyers fiscal year 2018-2019.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers presented the ordinance and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1165, amending Ordinance No. 1128 dated June 20, 2018 which adopted the annual budget for the city of Conyers fiscal year 2018-2019. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
4. **First reading and presentation of Ordinance No. 1166, the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the city of Conyers. The proposed budget shall be effective July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers hosted a power point presentation on the proposed budget. There will be a public hearing held at the next council meeting 06-05-19 regarding Ordinance No. 1166. In the meantime, if the public wishes to view or request a copy of the budget, they may do so with the city clerk Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No action was taken.
5. **A request for the Mayor and Council to adopt Ordinance No. 1170, an ordinance authorizing Rockdale county to conduct 2019 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; and to waive the second reading.** City Attorney Mike Waldrop presented Ordinance No. 1170 and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member John Fountain made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1170, an ordinance authorizing Rockdale county to conduct 2019 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; and to waive the second reading. Council member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
6. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an agreement by and between the city of Conyers and Rockdale county for the conduct of the city of Conyers' general municipal election on November 5, 2019.** City Attorney Mike Waldrop presented the agreement and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Jacob Bailey made a motion to approve an agreement by and between the city of Conyers and Rockdale County for the conduct of the city of Conyers' general municipal election on November 5, 2019. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
7. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve an agreement between the city of Conyers and Rockdale county on behalf of Accountability Lab Services for drug and alcohol screening for probationers and**

participants of the Pretrial Diversion Program. City Attorney Michael Waldrop presented the agreement and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve an agreement between the city of Conyers and Rockdale county on behalf of Accountability Lab Services for drug and alcohol screening for probationers and participants of the Pretrial Diversion Program. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

8. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a probation services agreement by and between the city of Conyers and the presiding judge of the city of Conyers' Municipal Court.** City Attorney Michael Waldrop explained the agreement and asked for the Mayor and Council's approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve a probation services agreement by and between the city of Conyers and the presiding judge of the city of Conyers' Municipal Court. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
9. **A request for the Mayor and Council to ratify a contract by and between the city of Conyers and Peach State Construction Co., LLC to complete the reconstruction of the culvert under Rowland Road.** City Manager Tony Lucas asked that the Mayor and Council approve the contract. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the a contract by and between the city of Conyers and Peach State Construction Co., LLC to complete the reconstruction of the culvert under Rowland Road. Council Member Jacob Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.
10. **A request for the Mayor and Council to approve a Declaration by the City Of Conyers of Taylor Street, Griggs Street, and Steele Street as surplus property and conveyance of the street to the Housing Authority of the City of Conyers, Georgia.** City Manager Tony Lucas asked for the Mayor and Council's approval of the letter. City Attorney Michael Waldrop addressed the Council and advised that he was not given sufficient time to address some concerns he has with the declaration and therefore he suggested tabling the item until the called meeting scheduled to discuss it which we presently expect will be May 21, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to tabling the item until the called meeting scheduled to discuss it which we presently expect will be May 21, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

Citizens' Comments: Ms. Swift addressed the council with some concerns related to her daughters' arrest. The appropriate city officials spoke with Ms. Swift to answer her questions. Ms. BB addressed the Council and asked a question about performance based pay as it relates to police officers. Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers answered her question. There was no one else present who wished to address the Council.

Committee Reports:

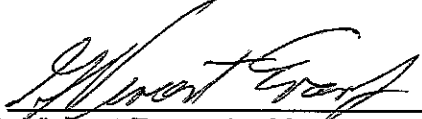
- Council Member Blair Barksdale of the Tourism, PR & Olde Town Committee reported that there was an Olde Town Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago regarding the open streets events. Official best of America show will feature a segment on the Georgia International Horse Park next week.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the Community Development and Olde Town Committees reported that the demolition of Salem Gate is in full swing.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the Finance Oversight Committee and Chairman of the Transportation and Stormwater Committee sod on Hardin and Dogwood. Hammering rock on Green Street and O'Kelly. Rock and asphalt are down on Johnson Road in association with the 4-A project.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the Public Safety and Human Resources Committees had nothing to report.
- Council Member Jacob Bailey of GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and IT Committees stated that he attended a DDA Meeting and public safety software installation will begin in June. The Ragnar Team sent an email thanking the GIHP staff for all of their assistance in their last race.

City Managers Update/Executive Session:

City Manager Tony Lucas congratulated Chief Financial Officer Isabel Rogers on receiving the Distinguished Budget Award from GFOA for the 27th consecutive year and for receiving the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Certificate of Achievement of Excellence for the 26th consecutive year. He added that the city is tentatively set to break ground this summer for the new city hall.

City Manager Tony Lucas asked that the Mayor and Council convene in executive session for the purposes of discussing potential litigation to include the city attorney and the city clerk. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to host executive session. Council Member Blair Barksdale seconded the motion. Mayor Evans called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Evans declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



G. Vincent Evans Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Christina Heyman, City Clerk

