



MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Meeting

March 23, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Committee Chairman Cleveland Stroud.

Those in attendance were Mayor Randy Mills, Council Member/Committee Chairman Cleveland Stroud, Council Members Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley and Marty Jones, City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck, City Manager Tony Lucas; Chief of Police Gene Wilson, Police Captain Scott Freeman, Crime Analyst Kim Lucas, and Director of Public Relations and Tourism Jennifer Edwards.

Others in attendance were Police Sergeant Guy Sanders, Michelle Kim of *The Rockdale News*, and Alena Parker of *The Rockdale Citizen*.

Items for discussion:

1. **An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers setting forth requirements of special events; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the ordinance to the Committee and explained its regulations pertaining to parades and demonstrations.

After discussion among the Committee, City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Committee to take this ordinance to the April 20, 2011, City Council meeting for a first reading.

Committee Chairman/Council Member Cleveland Stroud stated that this ordinance will be presented to the Council for a first reading at the April 20, 2011, City Council meeting.

2. **An ordinance amending Chapter 1 of Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers setting forth a curfew for minors; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the ordinance regarding curfews for minors 16 years of age or younger to the Committee. He stated that the effective hours would be from 9:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. He also explained the responsibilities of parents, guardians, or an authorized adult.

After discussion among the Committee, City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Committee to take this ordinance to the April 20, 2011, City Council meeting and waive the second reading.

Committee Chairman/Council Member Cleveland Stroud stated that this ordinance will be presented to the Council at the April 20, 2011, Council meeting for approval and will ask that the second reading be waived.

3. **An ordinance amending Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers relating to parking on certain streets; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.** Police Captain Scott Freeman presented the ordinance to the Committee. Captain Freeman stated that parking on certain narrow streets created a safety hazard thereby prohibiting the access of fire trucks and EMS vehicles.

After discussion among the Committee concerning signage, etc., City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Committee to take this Ordinance to the April 20, 2011, City Council meeting and waive the second reading.

Committee Chairman/Council Member Cleveland Stroud stated that this ordinance will be presented to the Council at the April 20, 2011, Council meeting for approval and will ask that the second reading be waived.

4. **Red light cameras at the intersection of Highway 138 and Dogwood Drive.** Crime Analyst Kim Lucas presented the proposal to the Committee. She explained to the Committee how the red light cameras work. She stated that citations will be \$70.00 and will not affect a violator's driving record or insurance. Ms. Lucas also stated that the system would be violator-funded and the vendor, American Traffic Solutions, will guarantee cost neutrality thereby making it no-cost for the City.

Council Member Marty Jones asked Ms. Lucas to provide more information – i.e., number of accidents, injuries, etc., and also other vendors.

After discussion among the Committee, City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Committee to take this proposal to the April 20, 2011, Council meeting.

Committee Chairman/Council Member Cleveland Stroud stated that this proposal will be presented to the Council at the April 20, 2011, Council meeting for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia I. Smith
City Clerk