



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 01, 2024 at 7:00 PM

THREADMILL COMPLEX

MINUTES

Present: Mayor, Council, & Directors

Absent: City Attorney, Scott Kimbrough

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation - Pastor Malcolm Lewis - Beacon of Light Church

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Add Items to Agenda

6 A - Gas Board Reappointments

Motion to add item made by Anderson, Seconded by Leverette.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

D. Employee Recognition – Bo Garrison – 25 years of service
Austell Gas – Roger Cook – 45 years of service

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

(No action required by Council – See Specific Department Director before a Meeting)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Bills

B. Approve Legal Bills

C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Motion to approve made by Myrick, Seconded by Anderson.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mrs. Ann Turner had several concerns:

1. What is the status of the engineering report for city hall? Mayor Clemons stated this had not been done yet.
2. If the Threadmill was at full capacity with tenants, would the millage rate still have to be raised? Mayor Clemons stated yes it would still have to be raised to sustain the city.
3. Has there been further discussion on moving offices back to the city hall building? Mayor Clemons stated not as of right now.

Mr. Derrick Caffé had several concerns:

1. Has a grant writer position been discussed for the city? Mayor Clemons stated it has been discussed and would benefit the city.
2. Are there any traffic calming measures for the city? Mr. Garrison stated if an area wanted speed bumps put in, a petition with 75% of the community must sign the petition and submit it to the Public Works Department, then the process would start to install speed bumps.
3. The APD Foundation website is live, and donations can be made there.
4. MSPLOST Vote - If this passes, what is the priority for the city? Mayor Clemons stated there are a significant number of projects on there that we would love to see happen first, but the county dictates the order of the projects. We have let the county know we want to see our projects happen in a timely manner.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE **Ollie Clemons**

A. Gas Board Reappointments

Below are the reappointments recommended for the Austell Gas System:

Alvin Poole - appointment will expire 7/31/2026

Sayward Masselter– appointment will expire 7/31/2026

Ray Thomas – appointment will expire 7/31/2025

It is the recommendation that the Council approve the reappointments of the Austell Gas Board members.

Motion to approve made by Anderson, Seconded by Leverette.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

7. FINANCE REPORT **Valerie Anderson, Chairperson** **Denise Lowe, Director**

A. Monthly Financial Statements

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION **Devon Myrick, Chairperson** **Elizabeth Young, Director**

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sandra Leverette, Chairperson
Scott Hamilton, Police Chief

A. Stats

B. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Smyrna & City of Austell - Central Square Technologies Software (Informational Only)

Chief Hamilton stated this is to have our service agreement and access to be transferred over to the City of Smyrna.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meredith Adams, Chairperson
Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Austell Run Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Lamar, Chairperson
Bo Garrison, Director

A. No Report

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

Devon Myrick, Chairperson
Darrell Weaver, Director

A. Juneteenth Weekend 6/14-6/15 (Informational Only)

The Parks and Recreation staff along with some of our Public Works staff worked side by side with the Cool Kid and Positive American Youth for our 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebrations. The weekend kicked off on Friday, June 14 at the Midnight Train hosted by Cool Kids in the Threadmill Complex. The celebration continued on Saturday, June 15 at Legion Field hosted by Positive American Youth. Both events were a success. The staff has received tons of positive feedback from both events. The Parks Department would like to thank our Public Works staff for their support in making these two events a success.

B. Threadmill Complex Boiler Room (Informational Only)

The Building Maintenance Department is diligently working to complete the boiler room repairs which started on June 10 and should be completed by the end of July.

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Melanie Elder, Chairperson
Darrell, Weaver, Director

A. June 2024 Code Enforcement Report

B. Extension of moratorium on new convenience stores and/or gas stations

As you may recall, in 2023 a one-year moratorium was approved applying to any newly proposed convenience stores and/or gas stations as staff evaluated existing zoning regulations to address concerns to mitigate potential nuisances for parcels within close proximity of residential communities and other sensitive areas. Staff is requesting to extend this moratorium one more year as proposed changes are being finalized for consideration.

Motion to approve made by Elder, Seconded by Lamar.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

14. HUMAN RESOURCES

Melanie Elder, Chairperson

Michelle Page, Director

A. No Report

15. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

16. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. No Report

Mrs. Leverette stated she attended the GMA conference recently and the city needs to look at getting a city flag in the future.

17. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Myrick, Seconded by Leverette.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Mayor

Odell Clemons Jr.

Date

8.12.2024

Attest

Elizabeth Young