



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 05, 2024 at 7:00 PM

THREADMILL COMPLEX

MINUTES

Present: Mayor, Council, Directors, & Rachel Yarbrough, Assistant Finance Director

Absent: Denise Lowe

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation - Pastor John Bailey - Gospel Nation Christian Fellowship Church
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Add Items to Agenda
- D. Employee Recognitions/Promotions
 - Recognitions:
 - Greg Etheridge – 30 years
 - Mitch Parrott – 15 years
 - Matt Landrum – 10 years
 - Promotions:
 - Matt Landrum – Promoted to Lieutenant
 - Travis McGhee – Promoted to Lieutenant
 - Chad Criss - Promoted to Captain

Mayor Clemons congratulated the Clarkdale Eagles Baseball Team on a great season.

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 Anderson, Seconded by Myrick.

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

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

LeRoy Tre Hutchins - Mr. Hutchins is on the Cobb County School Board Post 3 & updated Mayor & Council of his district.

Claudette Parker - Ms. Parker has concerns about how will the budget go forward. Mayor Clemons stated there are ongoing discussions regarding the budget.

Bo Trailer - Mr. Trailer asked if a dropbox for water bills had been discussed. Mayor Clemons stated it is a work in progress & still being considered.

Tim Adams - Mr. Adams has concerns regarding the budget and employee salaries.

Derrick Caffé - Mr. Caffé has concerns about the millage rate being denied and he did a comparison of surrounding cities millage rates.

Johnathon Foster - Mr. Foster has tax concerns.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

Ollie Clemons

A. Mr. Kimbrough stated as of now we are ahead of 2023.

7. FINANCE REPORT

Valerie Anderson, Chairperson

Denise Lowe, Director

A. Monthly Financial Report

B. Resolution for Douglas County TSPLOST

Motion to approve made by Anderson, Seconded by Leverette.

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

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Devon Myrick, Chairperson

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sandra Leverette, Chairperson

Scott Hamilton, Police Chief

A. Stats (Patrol & CIU)

B. Radio Surplus

Chief Hamilton is requesting to surplus the following radios:

Mike Ward, Cobb County 800 MHz Radio System Administrator, has notified the surrounding agencies of outdated radios within their respective agencies. The above-listed radios are early model radios with parts that are no longer in production and/or whose availability is low. They will lose maintenance support within the next two years. We are requesting approval to surplus and sell these radios, which will not only prevent future maintenance issues but also generate funds for potential upgrades. The above-listed radios will be sold on the government auction site (GovDeals).

Motion to approve made by Leverette, Seconded by Anderson.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

C. K9 Onyx Retirement - Informational Purposes Only

The Austell Police Department has begun conducting research for a new K9 from Hurricane Creek K9, Roopville, Georgia, in anticipation of retiring K9 Onyx soon. Our agency has a proven track record of successful collaboration with Hurricane Creek and has received a previous K9 from them.

While it's commonly known that eight or nine years old is usually the limit for a K9's career, it's important to remember that this is not absolute. Dogs, being resilient creatures, often hide their pain well, making it difficult to identify when they are having problems. We have recently become aware of some medical conditions concerning K9 Onyx, and we are committed to ensuring he receives the proper retirement when that time comes.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meredith Adams, Chairperson
Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. June 2024 Run Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Lamar, Chairperson
Bo Garrison, Director

A. 2024 Supplemental Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Information Only

The Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant awarded the City of Austell in the amount of \$123,706.23. This funding will be instrumental in aiding the City of Austell with Three (3) Solar Safety Pedestrian Crossing within city limits.

These Pedestrians Crossings will be located on:

1. Austell Powder Springs Rd (at the entrance of Legion Field Park)
2. Perkerson Mill Rd (by Austell Methodist Church)

3. Jefferson St (by Lamar building). It is in the interest of the City of Austell Public Works Department that pedestrian crossings are always safe and facilitate the flow of vehicular traffic.

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

Devon Myrick, Chairperson

Darrell Weaver, Director

- A. Request to purchase a new Kawasaki FX801V

The Parks Department is seeking to purchase a replacement mower for our 2014 EXMARK Lazer Z (Serial # LZS801KA604 Engine Model Kawasaki FX801V). We will replace it with a new Kawasaki FX801V. The old unit is also a Kawasaki FX801V. We will surplus the old mower via Gov Deals and ask that the funds be allocated towards the new purchase.

Vendor Quotes:

Douglasville Ace Hardware and Outdoor Power Equipment (**Current Vendor**)

6530 Church Street Douglasville, Ga 3134

\$13,359.00 Chosen Vendor

Taylor Outdoor Power Equipment

912 N. Tennessee St.

Cartersville, Ga 30120

\$13,359.00

Howard Brothers, INC

3616 Buford Highway

Duluth, Ga 30096

\$13,359.00

Motion to approve made by Myrick, Seconded by Lamar.

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

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Melanie Elder, Chairperson

Darrell Weaver, Director

- A. July 2024 Code Enforcement Report

- B. **Public Hearing: 2024-03 SLUP** request by Martin Altamirano for a Special Land Use Permit to allow for vehicle and truck storage located at 3006 Humphries Hill Road.

Mr. Kimbrough opened the public hearing and swore in the speakers. The applicant answered questions from the council. Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Pauline Woods spoke in opposition.

Application 2024-03 SLUP: Special Land Use Permit request by Martin Altamirano to allow for vehicle and truck storage located at 3006 Humphries Hill Road. The property is currently zoned GC, General Commercial.

Ms. Elder made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed.

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Motion to deny made by Elder, Seconded by Myrick.

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

- C. **Public Hearing: 2024-01R** request by Alan Pair to rezone approximately 1.66 acres located at 5355 Austell Road (Tax ID#19123000240) from R-15 (Single Family Residential) to GC (General Commercial).

Applicant withdrew his application.

- D. **Public Hearing: 2024-05 SLUP** request by Gavino Vargas Hernandez for a Special Land Use Permit to allow for a storefront church located at 10020 Veterans Memorial Highway.

Mr. Kimbrough opened the public hearing and swore in the applicant. No one spoke in opposition. The applicant answered questions from the council.

Ms. Elder made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. 6-0

Motion to deny made by Elder, Seconded by Myrick.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Myrick, Adams, Elder

Voting Nay: Leverette, Lamar

- E. **Public Hearing: 2024-06 SLUP** request by The Mosley Group, LLC (d/b/a Nfinite Soundz Atl) for a Special Land Use Permit to allow for the sales of used autos/motorcycles located at 5900 Maxham Road, Suite 9.

Mr. Kimbrough opened the public hearing and swore in the applicant. No one spoke in opposition. The applicant answered questions from the council.

Mr. Myrick made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. 6-0

Motion made to approve by Elder, Seconded by Lamar.

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

- F. **2024-04r & 2024-05A** request by Sweetwater Creek RV Assoc. LLC to rezone and annex approximately 5.79 acres located at 2711 Brook Forrest Road (Tax ID #02041820049 & 02041820053) Applicant has requested to table this item.

Motion made to table this item by Elder, Seconded by Lamar.

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

- G. **Public Hearing: 2024-07 SLUP** request by Sweetwater Creek RV Assoc. LLC for a Special Land Use Permit to continue operations as an RV park located at 2711 Brook Forrest Road. Applicant has requested to table this item.

Motion made to table this item by Elder, Seconded by Lamar.

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

- H. **Public Hearing: 2024-08 SLUP** request by Sweetwater Creek RV Assoc. LLC for a Special Land Use Permit to operate an RV park on a portion of property located at 6000 South Avenue. The property is currently zoned R-20 (Residential). Applicant has requested to table this item.

Motion made to table this item by Elder, Seconded by Lamar.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

I. Building Permit Fee Adjustment

Application 2024-08SLUP: Special Land Use Permit request by Sweetwater Creek RV Assoc, LLC. to operate an RV park on a portion of property located at 6000 South Avenue.

Staff recommends approval with the stipulations identified in the attached staff report.

Motion made to approve by Elder, Seconded by Anderson.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

J. BBQ Blues & Brews Alcohol Sales, Consumption & Containment Zone

This item has been withdrawn.

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

17. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn by Myrick, Seconded by Adams.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Mayor

Ollie Clemons Jr.

Attest

Elizabeth Young

Date

9.13.2024