



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM
THREADMILL COMPLEX
MINUTES

Present: Mayor, Council, Directors

Absent: Sandra Leverette & Elizabeth Young

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation - Pastor Malcolm Lewis - Beacon of Light Church
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Add Items to Agenda

Item 11 C - Cochran Street, Rosehill Street, Line Street, Walker Street, Cemetery Street (A & B), Wilson Street (A & B) - Milling & Paving

Motion to add item to the agenda made by Anderson, Seconded by Lamar.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

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

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Bo Traylor has concerns about the budget and does not think we should borrow from the reserves.

Claudette Parker has concerns about the budget, interest questions, & lights.

Denise Tucker has chosen Austell Elementary to be the recipient of monies given through Donors Choose.

Tim Adams is concerned about the budget & Police Department.

Randall Adams suggested Mayor Clemons drive a city Police car and remove his car allowance.

Ann Turner is concerned about uniforms, the number of officers, and the status of the City Hall building.

Koron Webb was presented with a proclamation on behalf of Rehoboth.

Elaine Armster spoke about Small Business Women's Month.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

Ollie Clemons

Mr. Kimbrough stated there is not much going on in the Gas System right now.

7. FINANCE REPORT

Valerie Anderson, Chairperson

Denise Lowe, Director

A. Monthly Financial Report

B. 2024-25 Budget Amendments

Councilmember Myrick had concerns about removing the merit raise without a significant bonus or incentive. Council agreed to approve the budget and revisit the bonus amount at a later date.

Motion to approve made by Anderson, Seconded by Elder.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Myrick, Elder

Voting Nay: Adams, Lamar

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Devon Myrick, Chairperson

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sandra Leverette, Chairperson

Scott Hamilton, Police Chief

A. Surplus Vehicle

Chief Hamilton is requesting to surplus the following vehicle:

2015 Chevrolet Cruz VIN 1G1PE5SB6F7278972 Mileage 105,539

The city shop inspected the 2015 Chevrolet Cruz. The repair cost on the Chevrolet Cruz would exceed \$1,400.00 to make it run again. Due to the high mileage and repair cost, the recommendation was for the police department to sell the vehicle. The Chevrolet Cruz will be sold on the government auction site (GovDeals).

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

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meredith Adams, Chairperson
Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Fire Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Lamar, Chairperson
Bo Garrison, Director

A. Public Works Fee Schedule Changes

On May 6, 2024, Georgia House Bill 461 was signed by Governor Kemp which identified a standardized means on deriving fee charged during the permit process. This new standardized fee structure is effective July 1, 2024. Public Works Department recommends approval of the attached fee schedule to be compliant with State Requirements.

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

B. 2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (Informational Purpose Only)

The Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant awarded the City of Austell the funds for milling and paving Cochran St., Rosehill St., Line St., Walker St., Cemetery St. (A & B), Wilson St. (A & B) with a 30% match that will come from 2016 SPLOST funds. the Public Works Department will grant the lowest bidder.

C. Cochran Street, Rosehill Street, Line Street, Walker Street, Cemetery Street (A & B), Wilson Street (A & B) Milling and Paving

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department to accept and approve the bidding of Georgia Paving Inc, in the amount of \$110,284.00 for Cochran Street, Rosehill Street, Line Street, Walker Street, Cemetery Street (A & B), Wilson Street (A & B) Milling and Paving.

Quotes received:

Bidder	Amount
Georgia Paving	\$110,284.00
Triple R Paving & Construction Inc.	\$131,527.56
Blount Construction Company	\$141,337.61

Bartow Paving Company Inc.	\$143,232.40
East Coast Grading Inc.	\$143,664.00
Brothers PKS Paving LLC	\$158,000.00
Atlanta Paving & Concrete Construction Inc.	\$209,200.00
Baldwin Paving Co. Inc.	\$266,500.00

The funds will come from SPLOST and LMIG accounts:
335-4200-64-1400 & 335-4200-54-1410

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

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT
Devon Myrick, Chairperson
Darrell Weaver, Director

A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Melanie Elder, Chairperson
Darrell, Weaver, Director

A. August 2024 Code Enforcement Report

B. Alcohol Privilege License

Below is an Alcohol Privilege license request received. The applicant has conducted and passed the required background checks by the Austell Police Department. Staff recommends approval of the request listed.

Joe's Bottle Shop (Smitalben Patel) 3034 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Austell

Motion to approve made by Elder, Seconded by Lamar
Voting Yea: Anderson, 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

17. ADJOURN

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

Mayor

Ollie Clemons Jr

Attest

E. J. Young

Date

12.9.2024