

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
CITY HALL BUILDING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

Present:

Mayor Ollie Clemons
Valerie Anderson
Melanie Elder
Devon Myrick
Sandra Leverette
Marlin Lamar
Meredith Adams

Absent: Natalie Poulk, Police Chief (I)

Also, present: Denise Lowe, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief; Randy Henson, Deputy Police Chief (I), Darrell Weaver, Community Affairs Director, Elizabeth Young, City Clerk(virtual) and Scott Kimbrough, Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clemons called the meeting to order, gave the invocation & led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clemons asked if anyone had items to add to the agenda. No items were added.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

(No Action Required by Council – See Specific Department Director before a Meeting.)

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills - \$3,380.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 3, 2022

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (6-0)

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mr. Jay Shreenath, attorney for King Caribbean, asked to speak to the council. Mr. Kimbrough made Mayor & Council aware that this litigation is under appeal with Cobb Supreme Court & there are to be no questions or discussion with Mr. Shreenath regarding this matter. Mr. Kimbrough stated if Mayor & Council want to discuss it further, they

would need to go into executive session after Mr. Shreenath has completed his statements. Mr. Shreenath stated he is here on behalf of King Caribbean and asking Mayor & Council to consider reinstating their business license. Mayor Clemons stated we are in a position where we cannot comment on this case & will not give any feedback relative to this case. Mr. Kimbrough stated that Mayor & Council went into executive session last week on this matter. Mr. Shreenath asked if his client could come before Mayor & Council to speak & Mayor Clemons stated no thank you.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR

Mr. Kimbrough stated everything is going well and we are about even as this same time last year.

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Denise Lowe, Finance Director

A. Financial Report

B. Contribution to Innovation Center from ARPA Funds (Informational Only)

The purpose is to inform the Council of upcoming contribution to the Austell Youth Innovation Center of \$100,000.

In August 2021, Council voted to allocate a portion of the ARPA monies to help respond to the Covid-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts. Four categories of eligible uses were mentioned, among them was to provide an opportunity to reach those in the community who have been most affected.

Through the Austell Youth Innovation Center, the city has an opportunity to have a substantial impact on those students affected by the Covid-19 public health emergency. Austell Youth Innovation Center is instrumental in providing tutoring and educational support for students who would not have had the opportunity otherwise. Therefore, the City will be distributing up to \$100,000 of ARPA funds to the Austell Youth Innovation Center.

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

MELANIE ELDER, CHAIRPERSON

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEVON MYRICK, CHAIRPERSON

Natalie Poulk, Police Chief (I)

A. Police Report

- B. Auto Mania Plaque
Auto Mania had to cancel due to scheduling conflicts.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON
Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

- A. Fire Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON
Bo Garrison, Director

- A. No Report

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

MEREDITH ADAMS, CHAIRPERSON
Darrell Weaver, Director

- A. City Holiday Decoration Removal (Parks – Informational Only)
Parks Staff has been busy through January taking down the City’s holiday decorations including the large Christmas tree, the trail of trees, light post lighting, downtown business lights and other holiday decorations. The Threadmill Complex decorations were also removed and stored for next season.
- B. Threadmill Complex Suite Renovations (Building Maintenance – Informational Only)
The Building Maintenance Staff has been busy working on remodeling the old restaurant space on the main floor of the complex to house the administrative offices for Parks & Recreation as well as support staff for the Community Affairs Office (Code Enforcement and Building Inspections). The remaining portion of this space will be converted into a conference room for Community Affairs/Parks & Recreation as well as any other departments needing the space.

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Darrell Weaver, Director

- A. Code Enforcement Report
- B. Privilege License Renewals
(See attached list)

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Privilege License Renewals. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)

C. 2022 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department that the Mayor and Council approve the acceptance of the Program Year 2022 CDBG Cobb County Subrecipient Agreement.

The 2022 CDBG Funds in the amount \$27,143.42 of will be used for continued park improvements.

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the 2022 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. (6-0)

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA Meeting

February 8, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Ben Robertson Community Center (Ballroom)
2753 Watts Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30144

16. ADJOURN

Mr. Myrick moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (6-0)

Ollie Clemons Jr.
Mayor

Elizabeth Young
Attest

3.10.2022
Date