

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017**

Present: Valerie Anderson
Kirsten Anderson
Ollie Clemons
Randy Green
Sandra Leverette
Scott Thomas

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Sandy Farmer, City Clerk; Randy Bowens, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Development Director; Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; and Bob Starrett, Police Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Clemons called the meeting to order and Pastor Tim Ridgeway gave the Invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if anyone had any items to add to the Agenda. Mr. Randy Green stated yes, please add Item 10.-C. Surplus of 1996 Fire Engine.

Mr. Scott Thomas moved to follow the recommendation to add Item 10C. - Surplus of 1996 Fire Engine. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).

Ms. Kirsten Anderson arrived at 7:10 P.M. to the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated he would like to present a Plaque and Pin to Captain Randy Henson for fifteen (15) years of service to the City of Austell. Mayor Pro Tem thanked Captain Henson for his service to the City of Austell.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION UPDATE

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$3,695.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 5, 2017

Ms. Valerie Anderson moved to follow the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

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5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Clemons asked if anyone would like to speak to the Council. Mr. Tony Chapman stated his name and stated he lives on Locust Lane. Mr. Chapman stated his wife works and she cannot sleep because of the fireworks noise.

It is so loud and they are shooting off fireworks at odd times. This cannot be tolerated and I need something done about this problem. I think the fireworks are coming from Pontiac Circle. I would certainly appreciate anything you can do. Mr. Kimbrough stated he would look into the Fireworks Ordinance.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the meeting and gas prices are flat right now due to the warm weather we are having now.

Mr. Kimbrough stated we have the following appointments for the Austell Natural Gas Board of Directors.

Grant Rainwater – Term Expires July 31, 2019
Brittany Rasmuson – Term Expires July 31, 2019
Robert McField - Term Expires July 31, 2019

Mr. Scott Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to approve The appointments of the Austell Natural Gas Board of Directors. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).

**7. FINANCE REPORT
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Soesbee, Director**

A. Financial Report

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Farmer, Director**

A. No Report

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9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

**OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report
- B. Code Enforcement Report
- C. Reception: 15 Year Plaque & Pin – Captain Randy Henson

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief**

- A. Fire Report
- B. Purchase of a LIFEPAC 15 Defibrillator/Monitor with SPLOST funds

Chief Maxwell stated the City of Austell Fire Department has received estimates for replacing our Cardiac Monitors that are used as a major part of Advanced Life Support care. The equipment and technology have been drastically changed and improved since the purchase of our current units, allowing for more advanced and faster care for a person having a cardiac emergency. The Austell Fire Department is requesting to purchase two Physio-Control LIFEPAC 15 units (one for each fire truck). By purchasing these units, our employees would have more up to date equipment to render care.

Estimate #1: B & E Medical Equipment: \$36,760.00

Estimate #2: Medix Supply: \$72,182.00

The Fire Department recommends approval of the proposed estimate by B & E Medical Equipment for the purchase of two Physio-Control LIFEPAC 15 Cardiac Monitor. Funding will come from the 2016 SPLOST funds for Fire Apparatus and Equipment.

Mr. Randy Green moved to follow the recommendation of the Fire Department to approve the Purchase of a LIFEPAC 15 Defibrillator Monitor with SPLOST funds. Seconded by Ms. Valerie Anderson. Motion passed (5-0).

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C. Surplus of 1996 Fire Engine

Chief Maxwell stated the City of Austell Fire Department is requesting we surplus our 1996 HME Fire Engine. The fire engine was taken out of service in 2012. The Parks Department has been using it since then to water grass and plants throughout the City. The Parks Department no longer has a need for the Fire Engine and we are wanting to surplus it while it is still in operating condition.

The Fire Department Committee is recommending the City works out an agreement with Faithful Guardian Training Center, in which they would receive the fire engine in exchange for continuing education and new training for Fire Department employees.

The Fire Department Agreement Proposal is as follows:

Faithful Guardian would receive our 1996 Quality HME Fire Engine along with miscellaneous equipment.

The City of Austell would receive:

- 1.) Certification and recertification for a period of 10 years for all fulltime Fire Department employees for multiple classes which is required by the State of Georgia (EX: A.C.L.S., P.A.L.S., and P.H.T.L.S.).
- 2.) Ten classes for City employees for either Certified Paramedic or Fire Fighter certification at no charge to the City or student.
(At no more than two (2) classes per year).
- 3.) Certification of two A.C.L.S. instructors

If at any time before the agreement is fulfilled, Faithful Guardian; no longer offers the classes needed, changes ownership, is no longer in business, or for any other reason can no longer keep the agreement, the City of Austell shall regain possession and ownership of the fire engine.

We feel this would be better for the City than our normal surplus process, due to the fact by exchanging it for services, the City will gain financially because of the value of the classes that will be offered to us compared to the potential sales price of the Fire Engine if sold. With this agreement, the City will receive in excess of \$50,000.00 in training over the next ten years.

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The Fire Department Committee recommends approval for the surplus of 1996 HME Fire Engine.

Mr. Randy Green moved to follow the recommendation of the Fire Department Committee to approve the Surplus of 1996 Fire Engine. Seconded by Mr. Scott Thomas. Motion passed (5-0).

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
RANDY BOWENS, Director**

A. Public Works Roof Replacement

Ms. Kirsten Anderson stated the purpose is to approve the replacement of the roof of the Public Works facility. On November 14, 2014, the voters of Cobb County approved a six-year Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax to fund capital improvement projects. The budget for transportation related improvements is \$3,969,828.00.

The roof on the Public Works building is the original roof that was built in 1972. After several attempts to repair areas of the roof, the time has come for a replacement. The scope of work will consist of removing the existing roof, replace with a new roof, and the installation of new gutters and downspouts for the building.

The following three bids were received.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Proposed Cost</u>
Worsham Contracting, Inc.	\$35,885.00
Harris Construction, LLC	\$38,000.00
Armadillo Construction, Inc.	\$40,320.00

Ms. Kirsten Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve and to award a contract to the lowest and most responsive bidder. Worsham Contracting, Inc. Funding will come from the Public Works Special Project Local Sales Tax Fund (335-4210-54-2500) in the amount of \$35,885.00. Seconded by Mr. Randy Green. Motion passed (5-0).

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A. Locust Lane Street Improvements

Ms. Kirsten Anderson stated the purpose is to approve street improvements on Locust Lane. As a result of the September 21, 2009 flood event, several homes were acquired and demolished as part of the City's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. To accommodate larger trucks owned by the City and Cobb County school buses, there is a need to construct a cul-de-sac at the end of the road.

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the creation of a 37.50 foot cul-de-sac on Locust Lane. Bollards along with signage, and curb and gutter will be placed around the cul-de-sac to avoid unauthorized vehicles. Construction costs are from our 2017 Transportation Improvements Contract. Funding will come from the Public Works Special Project Local Sales Tax Fund (335-4210-54-2500) in the amount of \$66,412.50. Seconded by Mr. Scott Thomas. Motion passed (5-0).

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Recreation and Park Rules

Mr. Thomas stated the Parks Department Committee recommends approval of additional recreation and park rules.

RECREATION AND PARK RULES

1. All City Parks shall be closed from 11:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M.
2. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in parks except by special permit.
3. All pets must be on a leash except in specially designated areas. Pet owners are responsible for disposal of pet waste.
4. It is unlawful to destroy or damage public property.
5. It is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle, mini-bike, or motorcycle within any City Park, except in areas designated for such use.
6. Skateboards are not allowed except in specifically authorized areas.
7. Any special use of a City Park requires permission from the City of Austell and appropriate permits.

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Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Department Committee to approve the Recreation and Park Rules. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).

B. Cleaning Fee

Mr. Scott Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Department Committee to add an additional cleaning fee charge of \$100.00 to the rental of the Collar Community Center for all renters. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).

13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Occupational Tax, Sign Permit, Building Permit Fees

Ms. Valerie Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to approve the new 2017 Occupational Tax Fee Schedule, Sign Permit Fee Schedule, and the Building Permit Fee Schedules. Seconded by Mr. Randy Green. Motion passed (5-0). (Please See Attached Schedules :).

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING

TIME:

LOCATION

AUGUST 15, 2017

6:30 P.M.

SOUTH COBB DINER

16. ADJOURN

Mr. Scott Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).