

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
CITY HALL BUILDING
MAY 1, 2023**

Present:

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

Also, present: Denise Lowe, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief; Scott Hamilton, Police Chief, Darrell Weaver, Community Affairs Director, Elizabeth Young, City Clerk and Scott Kimbrough, Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clemons called the meeting to order. Pastor Hooper gave the invocation & Mayor Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clemons asked if anyone had items to add to the agenda. Mrs. Anderson added item 13 E – 28.84 acres Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett Jr. Memorial Hwy. Property Sale

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to add item 13 E. Seconded by Ms. Leverette. Motion passed. (6-0)

Mayor Clemons congratulated Amanda Willbanks for 5 years of service and presented her with a pin.

Mayor Clemons congratulated Antonio Travitt for 20 years of service and presented him with a plaque and pin.

Mayor Clemons stated that Brandon Simpson could not be here tonight but congratulated him on 5 years of service.

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 - \$4,080.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 3, 2023

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mrs. Ann Turner stated that Legion Park looked good after the weekend's event.
Mr. Derek Caffé spoke regarding the value per acre analysis he compiled.
Mr. Gasden Stone spoke regarding gang violence.
Mrs. Natasha Dyer spoke regarding the quiet zone for the Railroad.
Mr. Tim Adams spoke regarding taxes.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR

Mr. Kimbrough stated we are down a little from last year but still in good shape.

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Denise Lowe, Finance Director

A. Financial Report

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

MELANIE ELDER, CHAIRPERSON

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEVON MYRICK, CHAIRPERSON

Scott Hamilton, Police Chief

A. Police Report

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Fire Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON
Bo Garrison, Director

A. Purchase of a New 2023 Gatormade Trailer

It is the recommendation of Public Works Department to accept and approve the purchase of a 2023 Gatormade 44,000 pounds trailer to haul Mustang, ME12002 excavator to be added to the Public Works Fleet.

Quote received:

- Gator Made, INC.: \$27,990.00

Other companies were asked to submit quotes that carry heavy equipment trailer, unfortunately only available were 20,000 pounds trailer because of lack of availability for bigger axles. Below is the list of the companies contacted:

- New Horizons
- Trailers Plus
- Trophy Trailers
- Big Tex Trailer World

Change of price includes delivery fee. The funds will come from SPLOST, 345-4200-54-2500

Mrs. Leverette made a recommendation to approve the purchase of the new 2023 Gatormade Trailer. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT
MEREDITH ADAMS, CHAIRPERSON
Darrell Weaver, Director

A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Darrell Weaver, Director

- A. Code Enforcement Report
B. 2950 Jefferson Street Rezoning
Staff received a rezoning request from MRP Old Post Austell, LLC to rezone

0.681 acres from R-15 (single family residential) to R-10 (single family residential) for the purpose of constructing three single family homes. Mr. Kimbrough opened the public hearing. No one spoke in opposition.

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to close the public hearing for the rezoning at 2950 Jefferson Street. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. (6-0)

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to approve the 2950 Jefferson Street rezoning. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. (6-0)

- C. 5010 Flint Hill Road – Special Land Use Permit
Applicant requested for this item to be tabled.

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to table 5010 Flint Hill Road. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. (5-1 Mr. Myrick)

- D. Austell Powder Springs Road Multi-Use Trail

As you may recall, the city has entered into an agreement with Cobb County and the City of Powder Springs to link downtown Austell with the Silver Comet Trail along Austell Powder Springs Road. Heath & Lineback, the planning firm who is conducting the study of how the trail will be designed, would like to update the Mayor and Council of progress to date and steps moving forward. Mr. Carlos Perez gave a powerpoint presentation of the multi-use trail.

- E. 28.84 Acres on Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett Jr. Memorial Hwy. Property Sale

The Community Affairs Department, at the direction of the Community Affairs Council Committee received three competitive proposals for the purchase and development of the City of Austell’s 28.84-acre site. Connect Virtual Kitchens LLC. proposes to purchase the 28.84-acre site for \$900,000 for the purpose of building a 37,200 square-foot Ghost Kitchen Center and a 15,000 square-foot daycare center. The 4.5 million investment in the site will generate 250+ jobs and will have less impact on the surrounding residential community than the other two proposals. It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to approve the sale and to authorize the mayor to execute.

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to approve the property sale of 28.84 acres. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

- A. Reapportionment Ordinance

Mr. Kimbrough stated the purpose of the ordinance is to adopt the new wards selected by the state reapportionment office.

Mrs. Anderson made a recommendation to approve the 2nd Reading of the Reapportionment Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Elder. Motion passed. (3-3 Mr. Lamar, Mrs. Leverette & Mrs. Adams opposed) Due to the vote being a tie, Mayor Clemons was called upon to vote and voted in favor of the motion, therefore the motion passed.

15. MAYOR’S REPORT

A. Mayor’s Reading Club

Mayor Clemons presented a proclamation to Ms. Kay Love on behalf of Georgia City Solutions.

16. ADJOURN

Mr. Myrick made a recommendation to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. (6-0)

Ollie Clemons, Jr.
Mayor
JUNE 6. 2023
Date

Elizabeth Young
Attest