

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Kirsten Anderson
Ollie Clemons
Randy Green
Virginia Reagan
Scott Thomas
Suzanne Thomason

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Carolyn Duncan, City Clerk; Sandra Farmer, Deputy City Clerk; General Administration; Randy Bowens, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Development Director; Bob Starrett, Police Chief; Tim Williams, Fire Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order. Pastor Tim Ridgeway of Austell First Baptist Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerkins asked the Council Members if they had any items to add to the Agenda. No one did.

Mayor Jerkins presented Sergeant Keith Fields of the Police Department with a ten (10) year Plaque and a ten (10) year pen. Mayor Jerkins thanked Sgt. Fields for his years of service and told him what a great job he has done over the last ten years.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$1,087.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 7, 2014

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

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5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone would like to speak to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Ann Turner stated she would like to speak to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Turner stated she had a simple question. The ditch in front of the house is gone and so far everything seems to be draining. But, we haven't had any torrential rains as of yet. What do I do with all the leaves and twigs that I have picked up in the yard as before I could put on the side of the bank. There was twig pickup one day a week and leave pickup another day. So where do I put them now, on the sidewalk and I really don't want to do that and there is only an area so wide. Mr. Bowens stated put them on the area behind the sidewalk. Ms. Turner thanked Mr. Bowens.

Ms. Trudie Causey stated her name and stated she had turned in a complaint on Primetime Collision on January 9, 2014. On February 14, 2014 Code Enforcement stated the complaint was complied and completed. I think you can see from these pictures that it's not being complied with. They have outside storage and they have numerous vehicles without tags and parked on grass. I think there are quite a few violations there. Mayor Jerkins asked which one is this. Ms. Causey stated it is Prime Time Collision and it sits on Broad Street and the back of it is on Joe Jerkins. It is absolutely an eye sore for that community down there. It states with Code Enforcement that this business has complied and I haven't seen anything that has been complied with. I have been watching it the last couple of months and it is truly ridiculous that this has been let go. Mayor Jerkins asked Chief Starrett if he knew anything about this. Chief Starrett stated he did not, but he would look into it tomorrow. Mayor Jerkins asked Ms. Causey if she wanted the pictures back. Ms. Causey stated no, she did not. Ms. Causey stated also, Sam's Tires and I know when I was on the Council we had a complaint about James Tire and Sam's Tires which became compliant. Now, Sam's Tires has a lot of tires outside again collecting water and summer is coming up and it is not fair for the residents behind them to have to worry about mosquitoes again. I think something needs to be done there. Mayor Jerkins stated to Chief Starrett to go down there and check it out. Ms. Causey stated I don't know if any of you have been down Austell Road but it is horrible. I just want to say Mr. Bowens crew does a fantastic job in the City. Good job Mr. Bowens. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Kirby Siglan introduced himself and stated he was with Greensweep Energy and I just wanted to introduce my company. We are a home energy audit provider and we work in compliance with Georgia Power. Any of your residents that own a home in Austell that would like to save money on their power bill let us come in and do an audit and there are rebates through Georgia Power and it is \$200.00 to \$400.00 for the audit.

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Georgia Power will pay it back to you and if you decide to do any upgrades to your home insulation or whatever it may be and if I come back and confirm the work was done properly you could get up to \$2000.00 of that expenditure back. We also provide services for small businesses. There are rebates up to \$25,000.00 per building per year based on lighting. It is such a great opportunity for all your residents. We check gas leaks and we check water heaters and make sure they are running efficiently, furnaces and we check the whole gamut of your home and we do an infrared test at the end to make sure your house is nice and tight. Ms. Anderson asked the name of your business. Mr. Siglan stated his business name is Greensweep Energy and I have paperwork to give out to everyone. Chief Starrett asked if this was Georgia Power and Greystone too. This is only offered through Georgia Power right now. Greystone does have certain rebates so I could guide you in the right way if you do wish to do an audit.

Mr. Green asked if he could ask a question about the collision center. Mayor Jerkins stated yes, you can. Mr. Green asked if it is possible if they are in the middle of the street working on their cars if Austell Police could tow the car. Give them a violation if in fact it is a violation to work on cars in the middle of the street. I know this has been a serious problem. I had heard it had been avoided. Chief Starrett stated that he and Mr. Graham had been down there and talk with them and he wasn't aware they were still doing it.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the gas meeting about two weeks ago. Nothing much going on this time of the year. The winter months were very good for the Gas Company and the City. We adopted the rate schedule applicable for this billing period which you have probably noticed has gone down a little bit as the demand across the country has go down.

**7. FINANCE REPORT
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Soesbee, Director**

A. Financial Report

B. Public Hearing 2014-15 Fiscal Year End Budget-Preliminary

Mr. Kimbrough stated at this time I will call for a Public Hearing in the matter of the first reading of 2014-15 Fiscal Year End Budget Preliminary and the second hearing will be on June 2, 2014 Council meeting. At this time I would like to open the Public Hearing for 2014-15 Preliminary Budget.

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Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had any questions of the Council Members with regard to the 2014-15 Preliminary Budget. Hearing none I entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Carolyn Duncan, Director**

- A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report
B. Code Enforcement Report

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Tim Williams, Fire Chief**

- A. Fire Report
B. New Gym Facility Update/Information Only

Chief Williams stated the gym is close to completion and actually ready except the equipment has not been delivered. There is a list of expenditures for your review. The material and labor has been thus far \$49,830.55. We have not paid Atlanta West Carpet and that is \$9,904.75. The equipment has been ordered and the complete package is \$25,000. Our Consumer Security is installing our security system and the cost is \$5,712.00. The Women's and Men's Lockers are \$1,934.97. Currently, our total is \$92,382.27. In addition, a fiber connection is required for our security system. We have asked Sync Global, to provide with a cost estimate for installation.

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A date for the opening of the City Gym has not been determined we are hopeful that our equipment will be delivered the week of May 12th. Also, we hope we can officially open the gym on May 15th which is our weigh-in date.

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Randy Bowens, Director**

- A. No Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT
SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

- A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

- A. Community Affairs Copier Lease

Mr. Clemons stated the Community Affairs Committee recommends approval of the attached quote from Douglasville Office Equipment for a Canon Image Runner copier. The lease is for purchase and the terms are monthly payments of \$291.00 for forty-eight (48) months. The lease is funded in the approved FY 2014 budget from line item 311-1565-52.2320.

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee to approve the Copier Lease. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

- B. Term Renewals for the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Variance Appeals

Mr. Clemons stated the Community Affairs Committee recommends approval of the following term renewals:

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<u>Planning and Zoning</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>New Expiration Date</u>
Bill Foster	2 Year	May 31, 2016
Sara Parker	2 Year	May 31, 2016
Diane Evans	2 Year	May 31, 2016
Don Foster	2 Year	May 31, 2016

Variance Board

Marlin Lamar	2 Year	May 31, 2016
Sandra Leverette	2 Year	May 31, 2016
Cindy Standard	2 Year	May 31, 2016

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation to approve the Term Renewals for the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Variance Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING
TIME: JUNE 10, 2014
6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: ACWORTH CITY HALL
Georgia Movie Industry

B. Energy Package for Caraustar

Mayor Jerkins stated I spoke with you last week about the Energy Package with Caraustar. This will consist of 3% discount for water and sewer. Also, 3% discount with the Gas System. The reason for this is because they will start buying more gas and stop using most of the coal. They will buy the gas and do away with the coal burning. This will help the Gas System a lot by selling more gas and help clean up the area here in Austell. We are offering to sell gas to them for a cheaper rate. This will work out better for the City of Austell. If you agree we need a motion to approve.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Energy Package for Caraustar. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

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16. ADJOURN

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).