

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**

Present:

Marlin Lamar
Valerie Anderson
Ollie Clemons
Sandra Leverette
Scott Thomas
Randy Green

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Bob Starrett, Police Chief

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Development Director; Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief, and Elizabeth Young, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons called the meeting to order and Reverend Joel Rodriguez gave the Invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if anyone needed to add items to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated he needed to add item 15A. Mrs. Leverette stated she needed to add item 8B. Mrs. Anderson stated she needed to add item 11C.

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve added items to the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

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 \$3,170.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting December 3, 2018

Mr. Lamar moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (5-0).

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

No one spoke.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE JOE JERKINS

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated there was no meeting in December.

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON Denise Soesbee, Finance Director

A. Financial Report

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON Elizabeth Young, Director

A. 2019 Election Qualifying Fees

According to the election laws of the State of Georgia (Reference O.C.G.A. §21-2-131), municipalities are required to publish the qualifying fees for each office in an election year.

Qualifying fees for nonpartisan municipal offices in Georgia are 3% of the previous year's gross salary for the office and are to be set and published no later than February 1st of each year in which there is a regular election. These fees will be published in the MDJ newspaper and posted on our website.

The qualifying fee for Mayor is \$1,080.00

The qualifying fee for Council Members is \$432.00

Mrs. Leverette made a motion to approve the 2019 Qualifying Fees. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

B. New Insurance for 2019

The city has officially changed insurance coverage from United Health Care to Aetna. The effective date for Aetna began January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Please see the total monthly premium calculations below.

Weekly/Monthly Premiums – Aetna Base 3000 Plan

<u>Employee Pays</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>City Pays</u>	<u>Total</u>
Employee \$10 per wk	\$43.33	\$823.81	\$867.14
Emp. + Sp \$140.08	\$607.01	\$1,127.27	\$1,734.28
Emp. + Ch \$139.06	\$602.59	\$1,046.26	\$1,648.85
Family \$180.19	\$780.82	\$1,820.60	\$2,601.42

Weekly/Monthly Premiums – Aetna Buy Up 2000 Plan

<u>Employee Pays</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>City Pays</u>	<u>Total</u>
Employee \$15 per wk	\$65.00	\$856.50	\$921.50
Emp. + Sp \$151.95	\$658.45	\$1,184.55	\$1,843.00
Emp. + Ch \$150.35	\$651.52	\$1,100.70	\$1,752.22
Family \$195.14	\$845.61	\$1,918.90	\$2,764.51

The city will still have in place the Health Reimbursement Account for inpatient/outpatient surgery for employees/spouse/children. It is the recommendation that Mayor and Council approve the Health Insurance change to Aetna.

Mrs. Leverette made a motion to approve the new insurance for 2019. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (5-0)

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON

Bob Starrett, Police Chief

- A. Police Report
- B. Privilege License for 2019

The Police Committee Requests Council to approve the following renewals, pending the payment for renewals for 2019.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the 2019 Privilege License. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (5-0)

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief

- A. Fire Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Bo Garrison, Director

A. 2000 Ford F-150 XL Donation

It is the recommendation of the Department of Public Works to approve the donation of the Vehicle Make Ford, Model F-150 XL, Color white, Year 2000, VIN number 1FTZX17291NA10479 to the City of Tchula in Holmes County in the State of Mississippi, as a gesture of good faith for the State of Mississippi. Mrs. Anderson stated Mayor Joe Vann of Tchula, Mississippi, use to live in Atlanta for 34 years. He sent an email asking if we would donate one of our vehicles since we would be getting new ones. He read the article in the AJC and still receives the paper. Our Public Works Department put some parts together to get a truck that is operable to donate to them.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the donation of the truck. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

B. Sherwood Street Manhole Replacement

It is the recommendation of Public Works Department to accept and approve the bidding of PKS Paving & Concrete Construction, as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the Manhole Replacement on Sherwood Street.

This project will include:

- Remove and dispose of existing failed concrete
- Remove and dispose of steel plate
- Supply and install new 12 x 6 concrete inlet and top with ring and cover.

The funds will be disbursed from the SPLOST account # 335-4200-54-1403 (Sidewalks).

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the Sherwood Street Manhole Replacement. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

C. Austell Streetscapes Ph.2

It is the recommendation of Public Works Department to accept and approve Austell Streetscape Phase 2- Added poles for the Parking Lot at Jefferson and Spring St.

This project will include:

- New City Standard Pole and LED Fixture on Existing Base - 2 poles @ \$5,100 EA for a total of \$10,200
- Installation of New Fountain, Anchor Bolts, and Lighting Assembly only where the existing Light poles are currently located - 2 Locations @ \$1,400 EA total of \$2,800

Total for adding lights to the Parking lot at Jefferson and Spring St. is \$13,000. The funds will be disbursed from the contingency funds.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the Sherwood Street Manhole Replacement. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

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

A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director

A. Code Enforcement Report

Mrs. Anderson asked Mr. Graham if there had been an update on the house on Bowden Street and Jefferson Street. Mr. Graham stated we have written citations on the property and sent it to the homeowner and we have sent the Blight Tax Letter. It will start being implemented if no action is done.

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Cobb Elections Request

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated Cobb Elections reached out to us regarding the elections in the future. It is confusing on their part when we have municipal elections in City Hall and county, state, and federal elections at the Community Center. This causes them to change their data base each time. They are requesting to change the municipal polling to match the county polling place at the Austell Community Center, 2625 Joe Jerkins Blvd.

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons for all elections to be held at the Austell Community Center. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (5-0)

16. ADJOURN

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