

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019**

Present:

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

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins

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 David Pearce 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. Mr. Kimbrough stated he needed to add item 14A.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve added items to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Green. 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 \$1,070.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 4, 2019

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

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mr. Bo Traylor stated he lived at 2412 Northview Drive. He is concerned about the semi-trucks coming into the neighborhood and what can be done about it. Mr. Traylor is asking if we can pass an ordinance that the semi-trucks coming through the city must have a commercial GPS to navigate them in the right direction and keep them out of the neighborhoods. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked Chief Starrett what could be done about this. Chief Starrett stated he was not aware of the problem, but he could have these areas patrolled more frequently to help stop this from happening. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated that we may need to put more signage up to help stop this issue. Mr. Kimbrough stated that he could check into an ordinance for this issue.

Mr. Howard & Jean Martin stated they live at 2520 Morningside Drive. They are also concerned about the semi-trucks coming into the neighborhood and about the safety of everyone because the trucks are having to back up a long distance from no where to turn around.

Mr. Ian Simpson stated he is with Lithia Springs Water Company. He is requesting a historic preservation for Frog Rock. Mr. Graham stated they have it on the schedule to start cleaning up around Frog Rock and take out some of the small trees. We will also be adding some rock around it to make it look better.

Mr. Carlos Bickers stated he lives near the Garrett Rd. property that is being sold and he is concerned about the buffer staying in place. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated at this time Taylor Mathis is looking for a suitable tenant and have gotten an extension through May to try and find a tenant. He also stated taking care of the residents is our main concern through this process and we have made it perfectly clear that maintaining the buffer is necessary.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

JOE JERKINS

Mr. Kimbrough stated in January 2019 there were 1,174,285 MMBTU'S that flowed through the system. In January 2018, there were 1,311,643 MMBTU's used. We are on track so far and everything is going well.

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON

Denise Soesbee, Finance Director

A. Financial Report

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. Cobb County Contract for Conduct of Election
We recommend that Cobb County Board of Elections conduct our 2019 election as they have done in the past.
Attached is a cost estimate from Cobb County.

Mrs. Leverette made a motion to approve the Conduct of Election. 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 Frog Rock Chevron
Matthew Bhakti has applied for a privilege license for the City of Austell. Background and fingerprinting were submitted. No negative returns shall prohibit the issuance of the license.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the privilege license. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (5-0)

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief

- A. Fire Report
- B. Year-end Fire Report
- C. Purchase of two (2) Toughbook 20 Computers
The City of Austell Fire Department has received estimates for replacing our computers that are used in our fire trucks. These computers play a vital role in the dispatch, response and documenting of the calls that the fire department run. The computers are carried on the fire trucks and to every call we respond to. The computers we request to purchase are “Tough Books” and are built to withstand more movement and harsher treatment than most computers. We are requesting 2 computers and 3 mounting brackets. The computers can be transferred to any truck that a mounting bracket is in. Below are the estimates:
 - 1. Mooringtech Inc. - \$3,095.00 each (Toughbook 20)
 - 2. POS Global. Com - \$4, 105.16 each (Toughbook 20)
 - 3. Walmart.com - \$3,524.35 each (Toughbook 20)

Mounting hardware and installation: Diversified Electronics: \$3,437.35

The Fire Department recommends approval of the proposed estimate by Mooringtech for 2 computers and Diversified Electronics for hardware and installation for a total of \$9,627.35. Funding will come from 100-3510-54.2500.

Mr. Lamar made a motion to approve the computers and hardware. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Bo Garrison, Director

A. Mill and Pave front road at Library

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve PKS Paving & Concrete Construction as the lowest bidder for Milling and Paving the front road (Threadmill Rd) at the Library in the Threadmill Complex.

Quotes	
PKS Paving & Construction	\$29,700
R&J Asphalt Paving Group	\$32,000
Stone Enterprises	\$50,600

The total of \$29,700 will be paid out of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds 100-335-4200.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the road paving. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (5-0)

B. Purchase of Petersen TL-3 Route Assistant Grapple Truck

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the purchase of a Peterson TL-3 Route Assistant Grapple Truck from Environmental Products Georgia. The total is \$180,923.00 and will be paid out of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds 100-335-4200.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the purchase of the grapple truck. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Parks Vehicles

The Parks Department recommends the approval to purchase two Chevrolet Colorado 2-wheel drive trucks with extended cab. The lowest bidder was Thornton Chevrolet for \$23,565.00 each.

We would also like to purchase one Chevrolet Colorado extended cab 4-wheel drive truck. The lowest bidder was Thornton Chevrolet for \$28,145.00.

The total for all three trucks will be \$75,275.00 and the money will come from 2016 SPLOST.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of the Parks Vehicles. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

B. Parks Turf Sprayer

The Parks Department recommends the approval to purchase one 300-gallon turf sprayer. The lowest bidder was Real Fleet Solutions for \$10,265.00 plus shipping. The money will come from 2016 SPLOST.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of the turf sprayer. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

C. Disc Golf Baskets

The Parks Department recommends the approval to purchase 12-disc golf baskets for Suggs Park in the amount of \$4,050.00. The money to purchase these will come from SPLOST.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of the Disc Golf Baskets. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

D. Annual Tree Lighting

The Parks Department request the annual Tree lighting to be moved from the first Friday in December to the first Saturday in December for an all-day event.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Tree Lighting. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Code Enforcement Report

B. PY 2019 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department that Mayor and Council approve the acceptance of the PY2019 CDBG Cobb County Subrecipient Agreement. The 2019 CDBG total is \$29,453.00 and will be used for a Public Facility Project to be determined.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (5-0)

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. Update Fine/Bond Fee Schedule for Municipal Court

Leann MacDougal, Chief Solicitor for Austell Municipal Court, has requested that the Bond/Fine schedule be amended for the offense of Disorderly Conduct. The current Bond/Fine schedule for Disorderly Conduct is as follows:

1st Offense - \$224.00
2nd Offense - \$438.00
3rd Offense - \$856.00

The proposed Bond/Fine schedule for the offense of Disorderly Conduct is as follows:

Each offense – Minimum of \$250.00 and a maximum of \$1,000.00.

It is the recommendation that the new Bond/Fine schedule for Disorderly Conduct be adopted.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the new Bond/Fine schedule. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (5-0)

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Quotes for Personnel Policy Revision

There was a committee formed last year to start the process of revising our Personnel Policy. We are at the point now that it must be reviewed by a law firm. We received 2 quotes from the following law firms:

Elarbee Thompson Law Firm - \$15,000.00

Freeman, Mathis, & Gary Law Firm - \$6,500.00

The quote from Freeman, Mathis, & Gary is considerably less & we have gotten a very good referral from Austell Gas.

The total of \$6,500.00 will be paid from the General Fund 100-1565-52.1200.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated the funds are for the attorney to do their part and get it to a final document that can be voted on. Once we have voted on the final document, it will be under our Human Resources Department.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the quote for the Personnel Policy Revision. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. 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. Anderson. Motion passed. (5-0)