

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019**

Present:

Valerie Anderson  
Ollie Clemons  
Scott Thomas  
Randy Green  
Sandra Leverette

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins, Marlin Lamar, Bob Starrett & Elizabeth Young

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 Kiona Warren, Deputy City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons called the meeting to order and Pastor Billy Hooper 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 asked Mrs. Anita Denney-Moore to come forward. He congratulated Anita for 35 years of service and presented her with a plaque and pin.

**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 \$1,725.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 1, 2019

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (4-0).*

**4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. CITIZENS REPORT**

Ms. Monica Delancy asked to speak. Ms. Delancy is from the Riverside community. She wanted to remind everyone this is teacher appreciation week.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE  
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated we have had 2 good years in a row. The gas system was recognized by the Public Service Commission for the volunteer work they did after the hurricanes hit in South Georgia. We are very proud of the gas system for the work they have done.

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

A. Financial Report

B. Public Hearing 2019-20 Preliminary Budget-1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons turned the meeting over to Mr. Kimbrough. Mr. Kimbrough called for a Public Hearing for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the budget. No one spoke. Mr. Kimbrough stated we need a motion to close the public hearing.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (4-0)*

C. Resolutions to Establish Georgia Fund 1 Accounts

The purpose is to increase interest revenue for the City's cash deposits, the Finance Committee would like to invest in the Georgia Fund 1 investment pool. The Georgia Fund 1 investment pool is managed in trust by the Office of the State Treasurer. They are rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's and are currently earning 2.44% on deposits. Their portfolio consists mostly of government backed securities and cash deposits. This fund is well established and has been available to multiple agencies for over 20 years. It is the recommendation to approve the resolutions to establish three accounts:

- 1) General Fund 2) AACIC and 3) 2016 SPLOST. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked our Finance Director, Denise Soesbee, if there is any more background on this. Ms. Soesbee stated this is a step up from the FDIC, this is very safe and well established.

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the Resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (4-0).*

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

A. No Report

## **9. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON**

**Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

A. Police Report

B. Alcohol Beverage License – South Cobb Diner

Matthew Hsiao has submitted an application to serve Malt Beverages and Wine for consumption on premises at South Cobb Diner, located on Love Street in Austell. A background check was conducted and no history on this person was found.

*Mr. Green made a motion to approve the alcohol license. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (4-0)*

## **10. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON**

**Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief**

A. Fire Report

## **11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**

**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. Mill & pave Grace Street – PKS

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve PKS Paving & Concrete Construction as the lowest bidder for Milling and Paving Grace Street. The total of \$29,900.00 will be paid of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds 335-4200-54-1400.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the paving of Grace Street. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (4-0)*

B. Roadway Striping of Jefferson Street – Highway Services

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve Highway Services as the lower bidder for roadway striping of Jefferson Street. The total of \$23,709.77 will be paid of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds 335-4200-54-1401. Mrs. Anderson asked Mr. Garrison will we be paving anything in the Babyland area later on. Mr. Garrison stated he wants to get Pine Street resurfaced first and then do more. Mrs. Leverette asked about Water Oaks Drive in Ph.1 & Ph. 2. Mr. Garrison stated he will take a look at it. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked Mr. Garrison if there is a list or number that he goes by with the streets and how they are graded and are they done in priority order. Mr. Garrison stated that is correct, with four being our worst and work our way up to one.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the striping of Jefferson Street. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (4-0)*

**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

**14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

A. No Report

**15. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. No Report

**16. ADJOURN**

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (4-0)*