

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**

Present:

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

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, Bob Starrett, Police Chief and Elizabeth Young, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons turned the meeting over to our city attorney, Scott Kimbrough. Mr. Kimbrough stated Mayor Pro Tem Clemons would be sworn in as Mayor tonight. Mr. Kimbrough asked Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to stand & Mr. Kimbrough swore him with the oath of office as Mayor for the rest of Mayor Jerkins term, which ends this year.

Mayor Clemons called the meeting to order and Reverend Cindy Conner gave the Invocation and Mayor Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clemons asked if anyone needed to add items to the agenda. No one added items to the agenda. Mayor Clemons presented a 5 years of service pin to Patrick Nellis & thanked him for his hard work & dedication. Mayor Clemons presented a 15 years of service plaque & pin to Cleveland Seaborn & thanked him for his hard work & dedication. Mayor Clemons presented a 20 years of service plaque & pin to Bo Garrison & thanked him for his hard work & dedication. Mayor Clemons presented a 25 years of service plaque & pin to Jim Graham & thanked him for his hard work & dedication.

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 \$2,820.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 3, 2019

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

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mr. Harvey Bostic stated he lives on Joe Jerkins Blvd and stated he has a noise complaint coming from Carustar. He stated the noise was bad at all hours of the night. Mr. Graham stated he would check into this & may have Code Enforcement work nights to help resolve the problem.

Ms. Monica Delancy is from the Riverside community & thanked Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Leverette for representing the City at some events.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR

Mr. Kimbrough stated the gas prices are right on track as last year & gas prices are low so they are purchasing gas now for the fall.

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON

Denise Soesbee, Finance Director

A. Financial Report

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. Personnel Policy Revisions

The City of Austell has revised its personnel policies that apply to employees of the City. A copy of the revised Personnel Policies is attached, and you should review this document carefully and become familiar with its contents.

The City has given a good deal of thought to implementing the Personnel Policies and feels they are in the best interest of both the City and our employees. We have added some new policies and removed other policies from the guidance of Freeman Mathis & Gary Law Firm.

It is the recommendation of the General Administration Department to approve the revisions to the Personnel Policy.

Mrs. Leverette made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy Revisions. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON

Bob Starrett, Police Chief

A. Police Report

B. Privilege License-El Galaxy Sports Bar & Grill

Mr. Green stated Mr. Germain Estrada has applied for a business license for beer & wine. He is opening El Galaxy Sports Bar & Grill at 5055 Austell Road. A criminal history & fingerprints have been submitted and no history is found to stop the licensing process.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the Privilege License. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. 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. No Report

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

Mayor Clemons stated according to our charter, I assume the role as Mayor to complete the term for the next 6 months. As having served as Mayor Pro Tem, it is fitting and in order to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem should someone need to step in in my stay. I have had this conversation with Councilwoman Valerie Anderson, she has agreed & consented to serve in that role, so I will appoint her effective now to finish out the year.

16. ADJOURN

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