

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
THREADMILL COMPLEX
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Present:

Mayor Ollie Clemons
Valerie Anderson
Melanie Elder
Devon Myrick
Marlin Lamar
Sandra Leverette
Randy Green

Also, present: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Denise Lowe, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief; Bob Starrett, Police Chief; Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director; and Elizabeth Young, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clemons called the meeting to order, gave the invocation & led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clemons asked if anyone needed to add items to the agenda. Mr. Green stated he needed to add 9A, Dillon's Privilege License & 9B, Citgo Privilege License. Mayor Clemons stated he needed to add 15A, Youth Mentoring Proposal.

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to add items 9A, 9B & 15A to the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (6-0)

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 - \$2,977.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting August 3, 2020

Mrs. Leverette moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (6-0)

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR**

- A. Mr. Kimbrough stated rates are stagnant as of right now & we are not far off from last year.

**7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT
VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Lowe, Finance Director**

- A. Financial Report

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
MELANIE ELDER, CHAIRPERSON
Elizabeth Young, Director**

- A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report
- B. Dillon's Privilege License
The Police Department has received a request for a privilege license from Aaron Dillon located at 2710 Jefferson Street, the business name is Dillon's. The license request is for consumption on premises of malt beverages, wine and spirituous liquor. A background check on Aaron Dillon revealed no criminal background to deny this application and was conducted by Deputy Chief Poulk.

Mr. Green moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the privilege license. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (6-0)

- C. Citgo Privilege License
The Police Department has received a request for a privilege license from Salima Virani, located at 2954 Veterans Memorial Hwy., the business name is Citgo. The license request is for package retail of malt beverages, wine & an amusement machine. A background check revealed no criminal background to deny this application and was conducted by Deputy Chief Poulk. Mr. Myrick asked how many amusement machines there were going to be. Chief Starrett was going to check with Mr. Virani. Mr. Kimbrough stated we could approve the license contingent on the amusement machine ordinance.

Mr. Green moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the privilege license with the contingency of the amusement machine ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (6-0)

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON

Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Fire Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON

Bo Garrison, Director

A. Shannon Drive Project

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department to accept and approve the bidding of R&S Concrete, as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$51,395.00 for the sidewalk and handrail located on Shannon Drive.

This project will include:

- Sidewalk including remove and pour back
- Remove wood timber and saw cut pavement
- Footing including reinforcement
- Wall (slope paving) 170' x 3' x 10"
- Handrail 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel round tube

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

Quotes:

Chambers and Sons Paving Services, LLC handrail)	\$70,000.00 + \$15,300.00 (for
R&S Concrete	\$51,395.00

Mrs. Leverette moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Shannon Drive Project. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (6-0)

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

DEVON MYRICK, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Legion Field Equipment

The Parks Department request approval to surplus bleachers, score boards and baseball fencing from Legion Field. The equipment will be listed on govdeals.com

until sold. Removing the surplus material will allow the parks department staff to better maintain the greenspace and prepare the site for inclusion in the future Austell Master Park Plan.

Mr. Myrick moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Legion Field Equipment. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (6-0)

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Code Enforcement Report

B. Matthew Chandy Annexation

The Community Affairs Department received an application from Matthew Chandy to annex 2337 and 2347 Clay Road into the City. Mrs. Anderson turned it over to Mr. Kimbrough for a public hearing. Mr. Kimbrough asked Mr. Chandy to come forward & swore him in. Mr. Chandy stated he owns the properties & would like to annex them into the city. Mr. Kimbrough stated this was presented in August & Chief Merritt was going to do an inspection of the property. Chief Merritt stated we looked at the building and looked at everything and it has major improvements from last time. There are a few minor things to be addressed. Chief Merritt spoke with Mr. Chandy about the minor things & said he could wait to do those when the annexation was approved. He stated if the annexation gets approved tonight, we are suppose to meet him tomorrow to get everything cleaned up so he can get his C/O. Mrs. Anderson asked Mr. Chandy what he plans to put on the properties. Mr. Chandy stated he is going to rent out the spaces. Mr. Myrick asked if Mr. Chandy plans on maintaining the property & keeping the grass cut. Mr. Chandy stated yes he would.

Mr. Green moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (6-0)

The Community Affairs department recommends the approval of the request.

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the annexation. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Youth Innovation Proposal

COVID-19 has brought about many changes and identified many shortfalls. One of the shortfalls is the digital divide that is unfortunately a part of many family's lives. The Austell Youth Innovation Center has been formed to assist with the graduation rate of students in the Austell Community. There has been a significant measure of success even in the short term before COVID. Now presented with the current times we are in, the Austell Youth Innovation Center has submitted a proposal (See Attached) to help in a way that is much needed today.

My recommendation is to assist with this current need with approval of up to \$10,000 for the computers (10), headsets and necessary power cords. Also, to have the opportunity to serve the community in person the funds will be needed to support the facilitator and snacks. These expenses will be covered with funds from the AACIC with the Committee's approval.

Mr. Myrick moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Youth Innovation Proposal. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (6-0)

16. ADJOURN

Mr. Myrick moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (6-0)



Mayor



Attest



Date