

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
CITY HALL BUILDING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

Present:

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

Absent: Randy Green

Also, present: Scott Kimbrough, Attorney, Denise Lowe, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief; Natalie Poulk, Police Chief (A), Darrell Weaver, 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 had items to add to the agenda. Mayor Clemons added item 15 B – A.A.C.I.C. Request for Funds.

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to add item 15B. 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.)

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills - \$3,572.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting October 4, 2021

*Mr. Lamar 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**

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE**

**OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR**

Mr. Kimbrough stated this October has been better than last October. We are going in a positive direction & getting gas in the ground.

**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**

**Natalie Poulk, Police Chief (A)**

A. Police Report

B. Administrative Vehicles

Due to the age of our current Police administrative vehicles, our department is in need of 2 new vehicles. These will be paid for by S.P.L.O.S.T. The previous administrative vehicles are outdated & would cause the city to spend unnecessary funds due to maintenance & upkeep.

*Mr. Myrick moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the 2 new administrative vehicles. Seconded by Ms. Elder. Motion passed. (5-0)*

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON**

**Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief**

A. Fire Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON**

**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. No Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**DEVON MYRICK, CHAIRPERSON**

**Darrell Weaver, Director**

- A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**

**Darrell Weaver, Director**

- A. Code Enforcement Report
- B. P&Z Epic Homes, LLC

Staff had received a rezoning request from Epic Homes, LLC to rezone 29.89 acres from RR and LI to PUD for the purpose of a residential subdivision comprising approximately 100 lots. The applicant had already reduced the overall number of proposed lots to lessen the impact to the surrounding community; however, during the due diligence phase, an environmental assessment was conducted that revealed the need to conduct a Phase II assessment on a portion of the property. The applicant asked to table this request to ensure that the project reflected what would be developed and not return for revisions at a later date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission did have a public hearing on this request at their October 11, 2021 meeting due to it being advertised, though there was no discussion regarding this request. Once the applicant is ready to proceed, the request will be re-advertised and have another public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration. At this time, there is no plan for the Mayor and Council to consider. Please let us know if you have any questions.

- C. Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Article VII-Charitable Solicitation

Staff is requesting to extend the Charitable Solicitation moratorium by thirty (30) days to complete the amendments and have a complete review by the City Attorney.

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

**14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

- A. No Report

**15. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Easter Holiday

In the past, the city has closed at 3:00pm on Good Friday. I would like to give the employees the whole day off and make this a holiday beginning in 2022.

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Easter Holiday. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (5-0)*

B. A.A.C.I.C. Request for Funds

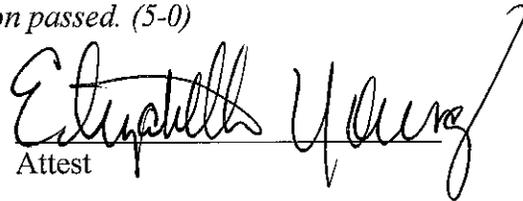
Attached is the A.A.C.I.C. request for funds from our annual committee meeting.

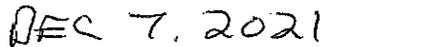
*Mr. Lamar moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the A.A.C.I.C. Request for Funds. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (5-0)*

**16. ADJOURN**

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Date