

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Kirsten Anderson
Valerie Anderson
Ollie Clemons
Randy Green
Sandra Leverette
Scott Thomas

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Sandra Farmer, City Clerk; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Randy Bowens, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director; Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief; and Bob Starrett, Police Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order and Pastor Tim Ridgeway gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had any items to add to the Agenda. No one added any items to the Agenda.

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 \$1,402.50
- C. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016
- D. Minutes – Public Hearing – 07-28-2016
- E. Minutes – Public Hearing & Special Called Meeting – 08-17-2016

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation from Mayor Jerkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sandra Leverette. Motion passed (6-0).

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone would like to speak to the Mayor and Council. No one spoke.

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**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the meeting. It was usual business and the adoption of the new rate schedule for this billing period. The rates are still flat as they have been for quite a while now. We are still hoping and praying for a good cold winter without any snow. To get us back to where we are accustomed to being, revenue wise anyway. As I mentioned last time they did the Active Shooter Simulation. They are in the front office and they had Austell Police Department and Austell Fire Department involved. It really went well and so glad they could do something like that.

**7. FINANCE REPORT
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Soesbee, Director**

A. Financial Report

B. Information Only

1. Adopt 2016 Millage Rate – 3.060

Mr. Clemons stated this item was approved and adopted at the Special Called Meeting on August 17, 2016.

C. Downtown Restaurant

Mr. Clemons stated to the Council you have a Restaurant Estimate in front of you and you will see a list of items that are needed for the restaurant that totals \$229,338.00. At this time I would like to turn the meeting over to Mayor Jerkins.

Mayor Jerkins stated this is an estimated list of items, (please see attached list). If you look at the bottom of the page you will see Sewer Development which \$36,000.00 and this goes to the County for hookup on sewer. It is very expensive to get a restaurant started. The funds listed will be for the restaurant. What we need to do is take the money out of the General Funds for now and when we have the meeting for the Railroad Interest funds in November (A.A.C.I.C.) we will ask the Council to vote and transfer the monies back into the General Funds. General Funds cannot afford to spend this money. We need to get the restaurant going and we already have a signed agreement on the restaurant. At some point they stated they would like to buy from us once they get established. It will take us awhile because we just have received the plans and how they want to do it. The money is allocated for this restaurant. We are looking at two to three months by the time we get everything fixed.

Restaurant Estimate

Plumbing	\$28,200.00
HVAC	\$17,000.00
Electric	\$12,000.00
Gas	\$5,200.00
Glass	\$8,978.00
Framing & Sheetrock	\$32,730.00
Ceiling	\$14,000.00
Floor Finish	\$31,230.00
Paint	\$9,000.00
Wood Work	\$10,000.00
Grease Trap	\$7,500.00
Sewer Development	\$36,000.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$17,500.00</u>
Total: \$229,338.00	

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We have to cut the floor out and we have to do new plumbing and run new wire and air-conditioning. We also have to do a grease trap in there and it is a lot to do. I think it will be a great thing for Austell because they do a big business. I think it will draw a lot of people to Austell and it will be good once we get everything finished. Mayor Jerkins stated we need a motion to approve the monies to be taken out of General Fund to do the work. In November we will take from the Railroad monies and put back in the General Fund after we have the A.A.C.I.C. meeting.

Ms. Valerie Anderson asked Mayor Jerkins if West Cobb Diner was interested in buying the property from the City of Austell. Mayor Jerkins stated, yes, they are interested in buying the property once they get their business established. Mayor Jerkins stated we would like to sell the property to them because they will do a good business.

Ms. Kirsten Anderson asked, she thought when the City sold property they had to put out for bid to everyone. Mayor Jerkins stated you can do that but you can turn it over to a real estate company and you can get more money for the property than to bid it out. We will have to go through a process because we haven't made any kind of agreement as of yet and if you turn it over to a real estate company and let them handle it we would make more money.

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Downtown Restaurant in order to complete the restaurant we would take \$229,338.00 out of our General Fund and we will replace that money from our A.A.C.I.C. funds in the meeting that will take place in November. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Farmer, Director**

A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

A. Police Report

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B. Code Enforcement Report

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief

A. Fire Report

B. Fire Training Center Classroom Budget

Mr. Green stated he would like to turn this over to Fire Chief Maxwell. Chief Maxwell stated attached (please see attached) is an itemized list for the training center expenses. Pauling County has given us a mobile classroom. It is 28' X 52". We will move it and set it up. We will install water lines and water tap and install sewer lines for the bathrooms. We will have to replace the floor covering and run power from the nearest pole to the classroom and training center. The project should not exceed \$12,000.00. The above will be paid for by S.P.L.O.S.T. funds. This will help us on our ISO rating and drop our insurance. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had any questions. Ms. Kirsten Anderson asked if this money would be coming from the General Fund. Mayor Jerkins stated it will be coming from S.P.L.O.S.T.

Mr. Green moved to follow the recommendation of the Fire Chief to approve the Fire Training Center Classroom Budget. Seconded by Ms. Valerie Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Randy Bowens, Director

1. Discussion and Recommendation:

A. Correction to July 11, 2016 SPLOST Project Approval

Ms. Anderson stated the purpose is to correct the funding source for a previously approved request.

On July 11, 2016, the Spring Street and Village on the Park Resurfacing projects were approved. However, the funding source listed for this project was incorrect. The original agenda memorandum stated funds would come from the Public Works General Fund (100-4210-54-2500).

Itemized List for Training Center Expenses:

- Classroom Trailer, moving, and set up
- Underpinning of trailer
- Installing water lines and water tap
- Installing sewer lines and sewer tap
- Install restrooms in building
- Replace floor covering
- Running power from nearest pole to classroom and training center

The above items will be paid for by S.P.L.O.S.T. funds.
Project not to exceed \$12,000.00

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The correct funding source should be from the Public Works Special Project Local Sales Tax Fund (100-4210-54-2500).

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to correct the following funding source:

Approved Funding Source: Public Works General Fund (100-4210-54-2500)

Corrected Funding Source: Public Works Special Project Locals Sales Tax Fund (100-4210-54-2500). Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

B. 2015 Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance Amendment

Ms. Anderson stated the purpose is to adopt the 2015 amendments to the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, by ordinance.

The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission have revised the erosion and sedimentation control ordinance to reflect the 2015 amendments to the Georgia Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act. As a local issuing authority, the City of Austell is required to adopt the revised ordinance by December 31, 2016. Updates consist of changes to Section 5-48 (Exemptions) and Section

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to adopt the amendments to the City of Austell's Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Valerie Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

C. Bowden Street Stormwater Improvements

Ms. Anderson stated the purpose is to improve stormwater drainage along Bowden Street from Cemetery Street to Center Street. For many years, there has been a need to correct stormwater runoff issues on Bowden Street. To correct these issues, header curbing, adjustments to existing driveways, reconstruction of stormwater infrastructure, and adding flumes where needed.

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve a construction contract to The Corbett Group. Funding will come from the Public Works Special Project Local Sales Tax Fund (100-4210-54-2500) in an amount not to exceed (18,940.00). Seconded by Mr. Clemons. Motion passed (6-0).

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**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT
SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

A. Purchase of Bleachers

Mr. Thomas stated the Parks Committee recommends the purchase of 4 sets of bleachers. The ones that are in the park now have become very dangerous. The items were out for bid through US Committees with Game Time being the lowest bidder.

The bleachers will be placed at Collar Park and used primarily for special events. The cost is not to exceed \$12,964.00 and will come from 2016 SPLOST, Account number 335/6210 54.2500.

Ms. Valerie Anderson asked if the bleachers could be moved. Mr. Graham stated yes, they can be moved.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Committee to approve the Purchase of Bleachers. Seconded by Ms. Leverette. Motion passed (6-0).

B. Threadmill Entrance Sign

Mr. Thomas stated the Parks Committee recommends approval to redo the marquee sign to the entrance of the Threadmill. The new construction of the sign will include the top of the sign, new lighting and removable panels.

The reconstruction of the sign will be done by Jeff Cross and the total cost will be \$10,800.00.

Mr. Clemons asked if the funds would come from the 2016 SPLOST. Mr. Thomas stated, yes.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Committee to approve the Threadmill Entrance Sign. Seconded by Ms. Kirsten Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

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**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

A. No Report

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING	October 11, 2016
TIME:	6:30 P.M.
LOCATION:	Powder Springs Cultural Center 4181 Atlanta Street Powder Springs, GA 30127

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had anything else to discuss. Ms. Kirsten Anderson stated she would like to mention Ms. Valerie Anderson had been involved in helping the flood victims in Louisiana. The event was held at Home Depot and it was very successful. I would just like to thank Ms. Anderson for her efforts. Ms. Valerie Anderson stated there will be another convoy taking another tractor trailer down filled with items if you would like to help and I will be part of that this weekend.

16. ADJOURN

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kirsten Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).