

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins  
Kirsten Anderson  
Ollie Clemons  
Randy Green  
Virginia Reagan  
Scott Thomas  
Suzanne Thomason

Absent: Scott Kimbrough  
Denise Soesbee

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Also present were: Hylton Dupree, City Attorney; Carolyn Duncan, City Clerk; Sandra Farmer, Deputy City Clerk; General Administration; Randy Bowens, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director; Bob Starrett, Police Chief; and Tim Williams, Fire Chief.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order, Pastor John R. Bailey gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerkins presented Fire Captain Chris Bianchi with a plaque and pin for his thirty (30) years of service. He thanked Captain Bianchi for his loyalty and told him what a great job he has done for the City of Austell. Mayor Jerkins stated it is good to have employees to stay with the City that long. Mayor Jerkins presented a Plaque and a Pin to Police Sergeant Derek Horton for his service of ten (10) years and thanked him for his service and his hard work. Mayor Jerkins presented Police Officer David Corvin with a Plaque and a Pin and thanked him for his ten (10) years of service and stated what a great job he had done for the City of Austell.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE**

(No Action Required by Council – See Specific Department Director before Meeting.)

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$1,000.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting March 2, 2015

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

**4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

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**5. CITIZENS REPORT**

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

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE  
JOE JERKINS**

Mayor Jerkins stated Mr. Kimbrough and Ollie Clemons attended the meeting. Mayor Jerkins stated the gas prices are staying stable. They have sold about as much gas this year as they did last year. Everything is going good for the Gas System.

**7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON  
Denise Soesbee, Director**

- A. Financial Report
- B. Purchase of Computer Equipment

Ms. Reagan stated the purpose is to approve a purchase of internal computer system upgrades to financial management, budgeting, project tracking, and asset management; two computer servers to house the software; and other related components.

The current computer system supporting financial management, budgeting, project tracking, and asset management needs to be upgraded to accommodate cost allocation and reporting requirements to various agencies. Our current system does not have the capabilities to create and track such costs.

Request for Proposals were received as follows:

<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Edmunds and Associates	\$ 87,504.50
SmartFusion	\$109,383.00
BSA	\$141,605.00

Funding is readily available and will come from the approved 2016 SPLOST referendum in an amount not to exceed \$168,826.00.

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*Ms. Reagan moved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee to award the purchase of financial management software to Edmunds and Associates, two computer servers to Intandem, LLC, and other related components in an amount not to exceed \$168,828.00. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).*

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION  
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON  
Carolyn Duncan, Director**

**A. Set Qualifying Dates – August 31, 2015 – September 2, 2015**

Ms. Anderson stated the qualifying time set by the State of Georgia for the 2015 elections is the week of August 31, through September 4<sup>th</sup>. Municipalities are required to designate no less than three consecutive days during that week for qualifying, and General Administration recommends Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> as dates to qualify for seats on the Austell City Council.

Also specified are the hours for qualifying. On Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, through Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Clerk's office will be open for qualifying between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The specified lunch break will be from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. on those days, so that individuals may qualify from 8:30 a.m. until Noon and then from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

*Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the General Administration Committee to approve the Qualifying Dates starting on August 31, 2015 through September 2, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

**B. Contract with Cobb County to Conduct Austell City Election**

*Ms. Anderson recommended to the Mayor and Council that the Cobb County Board of Elections conducted our 2015 Election. As you recall, we worked with them for the 2013 election. Please see the attached costs. Seconded by Mr. Clemons. Motion passed (6-0).*

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON  
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

**A. Police Report**

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- B. Code Enforcement Report
- C. Reception – Plaque& Pin – Sgt. Derek Horton - 10 Yrs.  
Officer David Corvin – 10 Yrs.

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT  
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON  
Tim Williams, Fire Chief**

- A. Fire Report
- B. Proposed Code of Ordinances Amendments  
Mr. Green stated he would like to turn this over to Chief Williams.

Chief Williams stated the City of Austell Fire Department asks approval of Mayor and City Council for the attached proposed amendments to the City of Austell Code of Ordinances. 2012 International Fire Code, and the 2012 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code. The amendments will serve to better the Fire Prevention and protection to the citizens that we serve. The amendments will also aid in the possible enhancement of our Insurance Service Organization's (ISO) Fire rating within our city limits. The amendments are as follows:

- Code of Austell, Georgia, Chapter 12 “Fire Prevention and Protection”, Article 1 “In General”, Section 12-4, “Fire Lanes; authority to prevent blocking of private ways and alleys”.
- Code of Austell, Georgia, Chapter 12 “Fire Prevention and Protection”, Article 1 “In General” Section 12-15, “Fires or Barbeques on Balconies or Patios”.
- Code of Austell, Georgia, Chapter 12 “Fire Prevention and Protection”, Article 1 “In General”, Section 12-16, Hazardous Materials Routes”.
- 2012 International Fire Code, Section 5601.1.3 Fireworks. The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.

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- 2012 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, regulating and governing the mitigation of hazard to life and property from the intrusion of fire from wildland exposures, fire from adjacent structures and prevention of structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels in the City of Austell.

*Mr. Green moved to follow the recommendation of the Fire Committee to approve the Proposed Code of Ordinances Amendments. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

Chief Williams stated he would like to also mention tonight to everyone about the Run/Walk with the Mayor 5K on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:00 A.M. We would really like to see a great turnout. Mayor Jerkins stated at Legion Field. Chief Williams stated, yes, sir at Legion Park.

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON  
Randy Bowens, Director**

**A. Contract Approval for Procurement of Professional Services for Water System Hydraulic Modeling**

Ms. Anderson stated the purpose is to approve a contract for procurement of professional services for water system hydraulic modeling. At the March 2, 2015, the City Council authorized Public Works staff to solicit qualified engineering firms to receive proposals relating to hydraulic modeling of the City of Austell's water system.

The City of Austell is required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District to complete certain tasks to remain compliant with permits, including the development of a model of its water system. The purpose of a hydraulic model is to illustrate the effects of changing demand and climactic conditions on our water distribution system, predicting pressures, identifying bottlenecks, and demonstrates the effectiveness of proposed solutions. By testing different alternatives and using the existing system to full advantage, models help minimize the cost of improvements. Additionally, this would assist the City of Austell Fire and Emergency Services Department in maintaining its current 4 ISO rating and to help lower that rating in the future.

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**Request for Proposals were received as follows:**

<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Engineered Horizons	\$51,055.00†
TetraTech	\$73,030.00†
Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc.	\$73,935.00†
River 2 Tap, Inc.	\$128,250.00‡

† Does not include funding for software.

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Funding will come from the Fiscal Year 2015 Water Fund budget in an amount not to exceed \$66,055.00. This total includes a contingency amount for the purchase of the software that will run the hydraulic model.

*Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to award a contract to the most responsive proposer, Engineered Horizons, in an amount not to exceed \$66,055.00. Further, it is the recommendation to authorize necessary signatures on contracts and other related projects by City staff. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).*

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

- A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON  
Jim Graham, Director**

- A. Special Land Use Permit Application from Newton Business Park, Inc. for property located at 2471 Veterans Memorial Highway

Mr. Clemons stated the Department of Community Affairs has received a request from Newton Business Park, Inc. for a Special Land Use Permit on property located at 2471 Veterans Memorial Highway, in LL27, Parcel 26 of the 18<sup>th</sup> District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section of Cobb County.

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The Special Land Use Permit will allow Newton Business Park, Inc. to install equipment in new customer owned vehicles on the above mentioned property in its current zoning of General Commercial.

Mr. Clemons stated he would like to turn this over to our City Attorney, Mr. Hylton Dupree. Mr. Dupree asked if the applicant was present. Mr. Larry Van Emelen introduced himself and stated he was the Branch Manager, in Texas. Mr. Van Emelen stated basically, what we will using this piece of property for is we get new vehicles in there and right now we are doing USIC utility vehicles. We install the GPS in them and the strobe lights and put the graphics on them and radio equipment, safety kits, and fire extinguishers. When we get enough they bring a car carrier and haul them away to a customer. The vehicles are already owned by the utility company. There are no sales involved. Basically, what they wanted to do initially before we made the mistake of doing this and not doing enough investigation they were going to bring in sixty to eighty vehicles at a time. We would do five to seven a day and haul them away. We have no access to the main highway and we didn't put a gate there. Everything will come through our existing property through the lot and through our building back and then leave. We have cleaned everything up and we have put led lightning in the parking lot and we are installing a fence which we shouldn't have because I didn't know we were not supposed to have a chain link fence there. We made a proposal and to put a decorative wrought iron fence in its place across the front of the property. The fence is actually made out of fiberglass and we are more than willing to do that to make it look good. We have cleaned up the property and gotten rid of the low spots where it used to flood in the back and we had mosquitoes back there when the restaurant owned it. We did all that and got rid of the septic tanks and we will keep up the landscaping on the property. Basically, we want to hire more people to get more business. So far, we have held back on hiring anyone and we have used the property with limits as we have had maybe fifteen or twenty vehicles at a time until we get this approved. We are trying to cooperate as much as we can. Mr. Dupree asked if the Council had any questions.

Mayor Jerkins asked what the sizes of the vehicles are. Mr. Van Emelen stated pickup trucks and right now we are doing the Chevrolet Colorado's the new midsize pickup truck. The biggest vehicle we will have in there is a Dodge 2500 pickup trucks and the four wheel drives for utilities and some Ford F250's. Those will be the biggest vehicles we have in there. Mr. Green asked if they were all new vehicles. Mr. Van Emelen stated yes, they are all new vehicles right out of the train yard. They are all white and everything we get in there is white.

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We keep everything in there neat and basically we are trying to make our business grow. Mr. Clemons asked Mr. Van Emelen if he checked the zoning before he moved into the property. Mr. Van Emelen stated unfortunately I wasn't involved in the purchase. It was purchased through our corporate office in Texas and obviously I don't think they did. Personally, I thought it was all zoned the same and I wasn't there to question it. Mayor Jerkins stated it is two different zoning issues. The property you are in is zoned light industrial and the other behind you is general commercial which is a different zoning. It is not really zoned for the business you have there because it is zoned general commercial like a regular business. It is a different business than what general commercial would be. Mr. Van Emelen stated in his opinion and I think when anyone drives around it looks a lot better now than when we purchased it. The falling down building was on there and we cleaned all that up. Mayor Jerkins stated it will not stay like that when you park all the vehicles out there because it looks like a used car lot. Mr. Van Emelen stated when the vehicles get there off the truck the only difference is when looking at them visually from brand new trucks there will be graphics on them for USIC utilities and a strobe light on the top for utilities and then they haul them away. It is a fairly good cycle of maybe ten days of vehicles there. When they get two loads which is fourteen trucks they haul them away. We drop them off on the side street and we are never on the highway. Our only other choice at this point and I know it is our fault that our corporate company didn't check into this further. Even with the fence I didn't know you were not allowed to put chain link fences up there. I assumed the chain link fence company would have looked into the zoning issues but it should have been our responsibility. Our choices now are if this all falls through after this investment we would just have to move I guess and sell our building I don't know. I guess we are at your mercy.

Ms. Anderson asked how many people you employ. Mr. Van Emelen asked, our entire company or just here? Ms. Anderson stated just here. Mr. Van Emelen stated right now it's five and we will probably go up to ten once we get going here. Ms. Anderson asked and where do most of those employees come from? Mr. Van Emelen stated they are all local. Ms. Anderson asked if any of them are from the City of Austell are do you know. Mr. Van Emelen stated our newest employee is from Austell. Mr. Green asked Mr. Graham what is the compliance on this? Mr. Graham stated it goes totally against the land use for that area. Even though, I know they realize they should have checked with us first which we wouldn't have allowed this to go on, and in our efforts to try and clean up and it is really hard for us to do. I am the one who told Mr. Van Emelen to ask for a Land Use Permit and let the Mayor and Council make a decision.



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I told him from my position we are against it. We can't, in clear conscience, allow someone come in to light industrial use on General Commercial on Veterans Memorial Highway. We are progressively moving to clean up the City and this goes against it. Even though they are moving vehicles and they have done a great job of cleaning up the place and I appreciate all they have done, but we in clear conscience in zoning can't recommend approval on this. Ms. Anderson stated this is still cars on Veterans Memorial Highway and I think for years we are all in agreement we have too many. Mr. Graham stated yes, we do even though he doesn't sell vehicles it looks that way from Veterans Memorial Highway and we are trying to get rid of some them. I would like to help him in a way but I don't see how we can. Mr. Van Emelen stated the vehicles we purchased are already owned. I don't understand how it could look like a used place if everything in there is brand new and will be moved at some point. Ms. Anderson stated well it is kind of redundant because it is another lot full of cars. Ms. Anderson asked if we had vehicle storage in the City. Mr. Graham stated, no not in General Commercial. Mr. Van Emelen stated but we are not storage. Ms. Anderson stated but you don't turn them over in twenty-four hours. Mr. Van Emelen, no we don't in twenty-four hours. Ms. Anderson asked Mr. Van Emelen so you said they are there from ten to fifteen days. Mr. Van Emelen stated, some of them might be that long I am not sure. We do five vehicles a day and deliver seven vehicles a day at a time. I don't think we would ever fill the lot all the way to the fence in the front. You could probably put three hundred cars in there if you parked them correctly. What I am doing now is trying to hide everything behind the fence. I am trying not to intrude and over step my boundaries but we are in the situation now if this doesn't work we will have to fold up and move. Mr. Clemons stated he heard what you are saying but you are going against the current land use with what you are doing. This could have been avoided and I know you said you didn't know whose responsibility this would have fell on had the due diligence been done before you got the property. It is not that we are against your business or anything like that. But, in the current direction you are trying to go in you are actually going against that and could have avoided getting to this point. I don't know if you knew that Planning and Zoning has met. Were you in attendance of that meeting? Mr. Van Van Emelen stated he didn't know anything about the meeting. They just put me in charge of getting the contractors and getting things done there which I did the best I could. Isn't there any way we could get a temporary variance on this. If someone opposes it couldn't we be on a trial basis. You will have another vacant building over there. Mr. Graham stated a special land use permit is only good for two years more or less if they decided to approve the variance.

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I really didn't know what to do in this case and that is why we decided to go with the Special Land Use Permit. Mr. Green stated there is only one thing about that property there is no sewer on that property. There cannot be a retail business on that property unless there is a sewer. If we turn him totally down and I am not saying either way but if we do turn him down it will sit there vacant. Mr. Graham stated that is a possibility and of course Sweetwater Inn was there for a number of years too. Mr. Green stated yes, and they were on septic tank too and basically grandfathered in. Mr. Green asked Mr. Graham don't you have to have so much acreage before you can have a septic tank. Mr. Graham stated, yes, you do but it is over a half acre. Mr. Green stated well, the last thing we need is another septic tank. Mr. Graham stated no we don't but it is strictly up to you as to how you would like to proceed with this. The gentleman has been very nice and he understood he made a mistake. If you decide to do it I would not do it for any long term. Mr. Green asked if this would be possible. Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Graham what he would have to do to comply. Mayor Jerkins stated it is two different zones. Mr. Graham stated if it is zoned general commercial and not light industrial it requires a gravel lot or to be paved. This would be a decision for Mr. Van Emelen to put more money into if we are not going to allow no more than two years if that is the decision. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Van Emelen to repeat what he talked about the iron fence. Mr. Van Emelen stated the fence is actually made of fiberglass and it looks like wrought iron. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Van Emelen if the fence had been installed. Mr. Van Emelen stated no, not yet. The fence you never have to paint it and it will not rust. Mayor Jerkins stated he would like to suggest something. If we allow you to stay there you need to have a nice fence and plant some cypress trees on the fence on the other side of it to cover all that. Mr. Van Emelen stated we can do that. Mayor Jerkins stated I am not saying do it, but if you consider to do something if we agree to let you stay there. Make it where you cannot see all the vehicles. You can use the Leland Cypress trees because they grow fast. If you plant the trees and then do some decorative landscaping with some flowers between the fence and the trees and make it look like something and if you are willing to spend money to make it attractive along the highway. Mr. Van Emelen asked what if I had a landscaper come out before you approve me. Mayor Jerkins stated this is what I am suggesting if you are going to do it to make it attractive on Veterans Memorial Highway. It will look good instead of seeing all the trucks. Mr. Green asked so if Mr. Van Emelen comes back with a side plan for us to review and then make a decision. Mayor Jerkins stated or either you can approve on my approval or mine and Mr. Graham's approval. If you wish to do that then you will not have to come back to another public hearing.

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You can see the plans and if you do not like it you don't have to approve it. If you want to make it subject to mine and Mr. Graham's approval and bring to each one of you and decide what to do and then vote on it. I think this will be the best thing and Mr. Van Emelen can work on making it look attractive and I think this will solve the problem. Mr. Clemons asked Mayor Jerkins if we can do this with the current zoning. Mayor Jerkins stated to Mr. Clemons you can do whatever you want too. Mr. Graham stated if the Mayor and Council decide to do this I recommend no longer than two years and that will give him that long to find another site. Since he has gone to this expense already but we do not want to see anything like this permanently. If someone comes in and wants that property bad enough they will find a way to do whatever is necessary. Mayor Jerkins stated if he keeps the landscape up and the trees are there and it looks attractive I don't see a problem with it. But, if we do it for two years then we can go back and look at again. Mr. Graham stated we are willing to do whatever Mayor and Council would like to do. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Van Emelen if this something they are willing to do. Mr. Van Emelen stated yes sir, very much so. Mayor Jerkins stated well, we want it to look attractive and stay that way and someone will have to keep it up. We want things to look better not worse. Mr. Van Emelen agreed with Mayor Jerkins. Mr. Van Emelen stated he would get a landscaper to draw up some plans and submit to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else had any questions. No one did.

*Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).*

*Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins based on the discussion to approve the Land Use Permit for two (2) years with the landscaping conditions that have been outlined in this meeting. Subject to the approval of Mayor Jerkins and Mr. Graham. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).*

**B. Special Land Use Permit stipulations modifications for property located at 2989 Humphries Hill Road**

Mr. Clemons stated the Department of Community Affairs has received a request from 2989 Humphries Hill Road., LLC to modify the stipulations for the Special Land Use Permit on property located at 2989 Humphries Hill Road.

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The Special Land Use Permit allows Reserve Alloys, LLC a division of 2989 Humphries Hill Rd., LLC to perform aluminum/scrap metal recycling. Below is a list of the requested modifications to SLUP 01 -2011:

1. Allow for temporary storage/staging of inbound and outbound recyclable items in the back and along the side of the complex while awaiting processing/shipping.
2. Allow for temporary outdoor storage of inbound and outbound non-palletized bulk items on designated and concreted/paved areas in the back and side of the complex while awaiting processing/shipping.
3. Authorization to accept and recycle pre-processed, baled UBC containers, such as aluminum cans, from primary recycler and temporary bale storage outdoors while awaiting processing.

The Department of Community and Stormwater Management recommend the Mayor and Council approve the requested modifications with the attached conditions.

Modification (1) and (2):

**a. Conditions:**

- i.** Store materials indoors, if feasible
- ii.** Store material on paved or impervious surfaces
- iii.** Protect materials stored outside from rainfall and wind
- iv.** Store materials in containers and cover materials with a fixed roof or a temporary covering made of polyethylene, polypropylene, or hypalon.
- v.** Keep covers in place at all times when material is not being worked or handled.
- vi.** Keep all outdoor storage containers in good condition free of leaks

Modifications (3):

**b. Conditions**

- i.** Keep storage areas clean.
- ii.** Sweep and maintain routes to and from storage

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*Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of Community Affairs and Stormwater Management to approve the requested modifications with the attached conditions. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).*

Mr. Green asked is all of that well hidden? Mr. Graham stated it is from Humphries Hill but not from the railroad across the track. Mayor Jerkins stated he would like to see some kind of real roof they can put this under instead of tarps. I think it is not clear as to what you are saying. Mr. Graham stated you know those railroad containers that are stored in there with a tractor trailer and these are something that doesn't leak. This was Stormwater's main concern and please look at the pictures we have provided. Mayor Jerkins stated he did not like the tarps. The way everything is piled up I think this is not the way to have something outside. I think it should be under a roof, a good shed roof. It doesn't have to have walls on the sides of it but it should have a good roof to put the stuff under it. I think you will be made to leave if you have the tarps out there and you will have water running off and it will get in the storm drains. I think you need to make sure they understand it has to be under a roof. Mr. Clemons asked Mr. Graham if this was addressed when he went out there. Mr. Clemons stated I think you did say where the tarps were there was some run off. Mr. Graham stated Ms. Roberts and Craig Carpenter went out there and they took these pictures and after they saw the site this is their recommendations. Mr. Carpenter being Stormwater and this was his recommendation. I agree with the Mayor it really needs to be some kind of covered shelter. Mayor Jerkins stated something besides a tarp. Mr. Graham stated we just dealt with East Meets West on this same issue. Mr. Green stated another thing it is visible from the other side and it would be nice to have it covered from any roadways. Mr. Graham stated it is visible from Railroad Avenue but not from Humphries Hill Road. Ms. Reagan stated you are saying Railroad Avenue where is that? Mr. Graham stated it's the gravel road that goes up to the tracks. Ms. Reagan asked if this was, a through road. Mr. Graham stated, yes, it is. Mr. Clemons asked Mr. Graham on condition four for modification one and two it did say store materials in containers and cover materials with a fixed roof. Is this not what Mayor Jerkins is asking for? Mr. Graham stated basically it is because this was our recommendation for a container to be sealed and it doesn't leak but a roof is even better. Mr. Green stated with all the chewed up metal they will not be able to put in containers or bales. They really need a roof to cover the whole area. Mayor Jerkins stated if you are going to do it make sure they understand that. Mayor Jerkins asked the gentleman in the audience if he represented the company.

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Mr. Don Stropko introduced himself and stated he was the health and safety operation manager for the company. He said some of the material we are talking about I think we are a little confused about the roof covering. Much of what we are dealing with is large pieces of metal. There are some areas on the side where there is finer materials and would be subject to local run off. However, a lot of what we deal with is siding and gutters and large pieces which will not accumulate water and run off. We handled a lot of different stuff. I think from some of the smaller items, that are the concern with runoff and makes more sense. A lot of what we handle is large things and I don't think they will be a problem with wind or water runoff. I am talking about pieces of large siding. Some of things we have is bales of aluminum cans. We are receiving those and they are baled. There is very little material coming off of that anymore. It has already been drained and received and baled at another facility. Mr. Green asked so it has been washed. Mr. Stropko stated I am not sure it has been washed. It has been collected and recycled. Mr. Green stated it would be good if that was under a roof if you are sure of that. Mr. Stropko stated we didn't realize this was an issue so we have banded everything and have taken care of it. We have cut back on the shipments coming in. With the cans we can do some shielding or roofing with them. Some of the finer material that you saw on the side of the building does need covering of some kind. Those bigger pieces of material you saw are a different type of animal. It doesn't present the same type of environmental exposure as the other material. The other thing I wanted to mention we did engage a third party consultant and we have a Stormwater plan in place. We have done some grading and soil samples. We will continue to work with the consultant and make sure we are within our benchmark parameters. I know scrap yards have a certain image, but we truly are not dismantling cars or anything like that. We are dealing with liquids in that fashion. The electronic side is inside. Mr. Green stated the big pieces are not a problem but the aluminum cans and such as that need to be under a roof so it want be washed through. Because like you said you are not sure they washed these cans. Mr. Graham asked about the car radiators you have. Mr. Stropko stated the radiators are emptied and baled before they come to us. Mayor Jerkins stated the bad thing about not putting it under a roof like gutters, they stay there and water gets in them and causes mosquitoes. The same thing with the containers when water gets in them and it ends up creating a mosquito problem. This is why I feel like it needs a roof, a solid roof to put all this under the roof. Mr. Stropko stated we have added the roof to the side and it has been very effective. Mayor Jerkins stated I think it all should be under a roof. Mr. Green asked metal awnings or roof to keep the water from running. Mr. Stropko stated we can create some burmes to keep water from running off into these areas.

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This is another measure we can take as well. You had mentioned you are replacing your computers and we can recycle those components. Ms. Anderson asked if we could change number four of those conditions to not include the temporary covering made of polyethylene, polypropylene, or hypalon and put in a fixed roof. Mayor Jerkins stated we need to go with a fixed roof and stay with that. Mr. Green stated a metal roof will be cheaper. Mayor Jerkins stated as long as it is a roof. Mr. Stropko asked if the Mayor and Council could define what materials would be stored under the roof. Mr. Green stated if it is ground up it definitely needs to be under the roof area. Mayor Jerkins stated all of it needs to be under the roof. Mr. Stropko stated it is on the ground now and we have paved the back of the facility and put a bunch of concrete in. We have graded and cleared for some stormwater control. So now we have a nice concreted area and we will bring a load and dump it there. Size it and introduce it into the plant and this is what we do with the big stuff and it sits out back versus the cans that are baled. Mr. Green stated I think now I am concerned about mosquitoes collecting in the pools in the metal. Mr. Stropko stated I really don't think you will see that condition. The material is mangled up and it is not sitting there no more than a day or two. There is a constant movement of that material. I really don't see where we would have that condition of holding the water like that. I thought you were talking about containers to store stuff. It will not be sitting very long a couple of days at the most. Mr. Clemons asked, what are the possibilities of covering everything with a roof. Mr. Stropko stated you are talking about a half an acre and it's not practical. It is sensible that we could do something along the side of the building where we have already started on that. We could have some isolated areas for the temporary staging. The large stuff we get in, I have just never thought about putting a roof over that stuff in the back of that complex area. Mayor Jerkins stated if you dump it out and move it in a day or two or get it inside on the big stuff but I can't understand it laying there plied up for weeks. The other needs to be under a roof the fine stuff you have should be. Mr. Stropko asked if the Mayor and Council could define those materials that need to go under a roof. Mayor Jerkins stated everything needs to be under a roof except the big material which needs to be moved in a couple of days. We will work you this way and see how this proposal works out.

*Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of the Mayor and Council and based on the discussion we have had. To Mr. Stropko, I am hoping everything is clear and concise for you because there will be inspections to make sure you are in compliance.*

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*The recommendation is to approve the modifications with the conditions that we have stated and with the conditions and concerns the Mayor has that everything needs to be under a roof except the big material. Also, it needs to be moved in a timely manner and not left sitting out and especially, the loose material sitting on the ground. Secoded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).*

**14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

A. No Report

**15. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. CMA MEETING  
LOCATION:  
TIME:

APRIL 14, 2015  
KENNESAW, GA  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Jerkins stated Chief Williams has mailed fifteen letters for five properties. Ms. Duncan has prepared the ads to run in the paper starting Friday and they have to be in the paper for four consecutive weeks. At the Council Meeting in May we will have five hearings. The other thing I wanted to talk about, in a couple of days there will be a movie company coming in and making a movie. They are renting the Community Center from us from April 8, through April 13, 2015. They already have permission to film on Board Street. I will sign the agreement with them to let them use the Community Center and they are paying the City of Austell for this. They will also use the old jail and although you do not have to vote on this I wanted to make sure everyone is o.k. with this. Does anyone have any questions regarding this? They will put everything back and in order when they leave. Mr. Green asked Mayor Jerkins if he was going to be in the movie. Mayor Jerkins stated, no. he was not. He thought the movie was going to be about Alvin and the Chipmunks. Mr. Graham stated it is the sequel to Alvin and the Chipmunks Part Four. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had anything else to be discussed. Ms. Anderson stated there will be a Public Works Committee Meeting on April 15, 2015 @ 2:30 P.M. Also, I would like to make a comment and thank you to our Mayor and General Administration, Carolyn Duncan and Sandy Farmer. Tonight on channel two, Clark Howard, the subject was Telemedicine and how efficient it is and how much money it saves. I think we have had the Telemedicine for over two years now and I think you do a wonderful job putting our employees first and I thought it was very nice that we are way ahead of the ball on this. I have used it and I love it and thank you so much for looking out for all of our City employees.



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Mayor Jerkins stated the Austell Gas System is using it also. They have a hundred and fifteen employees and it is being used a lot more than people think it is.

Ms. Duncan, City Clerk, asked the Council to please let her know by Friday, April 10, 2015 if they would attend the CMA Meeting.

Mr. Clemons stated he would like to mention the Flex Bus. The flyers went out in the water bills and all the residents have received them. The bus has started and it's live and as a matter of fact we saw it on the move last week. Mr. Graham, Randy Bowens and I are going for a spin this week. There is a public meeting to continue to make the community aware that it is running and it is available for their use. The Public meeting will be on April 15, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

**16. ADJOURN**

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