

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

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

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order. Reverend Michael Martin gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone would like to add items to the Agenda. No one did.

Mayor Jerkins presented Trey Williams with a five year pin and thanked him for his service and hard work 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 \$6,044.03
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 1, 2015

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Clemons. 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.

Mr. Jeffery Hughes introduced himself and stated he was asked at the last minute to come speak to the Mayor and Council.

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I am here representing Georgia Health and Wellness. We are requesting to use Collar Park on September 19, 2015 for the event. Mr. Graham stated it is on the Agenda tonight. Mr. Hughes stated we are formally requesting the use of Collar Park to use on September 19, 2015. The brochure is Joining Hands on Wellness Day. Basically, the purpose is to make wellness awareness to the community. This is a free event to introduce to the community for the purpose of wellness and why it is important. The event will consist of free give-a-ways, workshops, games, face painting, bouncy equipment, educational information and petting zoos and more. Our partners in this are Social Concepts, Sweetwater Mission, Connecting Generations Cobb Community Alliance which is formerly the Cobb Task Force and Austell Task Force. I just wanted to come out and give you some information. Also, I hope you all have received your e-mails. Ms. Anderson stated she was excited about the road race. Mr. Hughes stated he forgot to mention the 5K road race. We really appreciated your support last year.

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the Council. Ms. Debora Johnson introduced herself and stated she was with the Austell Task Force. I was here last at the meeting and requesting some assistance for the after school jam for the Austell Task Force. Mayor Jerkins stated we sent a check. Ms. Duncan stated the check has already been sent. Ms. Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mayor Jerkins stated he attended the meeting. The gas prices have come down some. They are selling a lot of gas and Caraustar is buying a lot of gas. They had two bids and the bids will be opened in the next couple of days.

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

A. Financial Report

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

A. No Report

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

- A. Police Report
- B. Code Enforcement Report
- C. Five Year Pin – Trey Williams

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief**

- A. Fire Report

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

- 1. Recommendation and Approval:
 - A. S.P.L.O.S.T. Sidewalk Projects
Ms. Anderson stated the purpose is to award a contract for the installation of new sidewalks identified below.

<u>Street</u>	<u>The Corbett Group</u>	<u>DAF Concrete</u>
Sweetwater Valley Road (from Greystone Place to Clay Road)	\$48,518.00	\$55,700.00
Washington Street Extension (from Fessenden Ave. to Cul-de-Sac)	\$37,442.00	\$80,946.00
Austell-Powder Springs Road –Phase II (from Legion Park to Owens Drive)	\$92,556.00	\$135,842.00
20% Contingency	\$35,703.20	\$54,497.60
Project Total	\$214,219.20	\$326,985.60

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Ms. Anderson stated there was two bids submitted for this project. The Corbett Group was \$214,219.20 and the DAF Concrete was \$326,985.60.

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to award the following projects to the lowest and most responsive proposer. The Corbett Group. The funding will come from the Special Local Option Sales Tax in an estimated amount not to exceed \$214,219.20. A 20% contingency has been included in the overall cost to accommodate any unforeseen circumstances. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

B. S.P.L.O.S.T. Rehabilitation and Resurfacing Projects

Ms. Anderson stated the purpose is to award a contract for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of streets identified below.

The Department staff met with contractors for the installation of new sidewalk projects at various locations throughout the City. The scope of work will include milling, asphalt overlay and leveling, shoulder widening/replacement, and crown elevation.

The following price proposals were received:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Cruse Paving, Inc.</u>
Rosehill Street (from Veterans Memorial Highway to Medlock Avenue)	\$12,109.78
Walker Street – Phase II (from Love Street to Spring Street)	\$10,973.47
Washington Street Extension (from Fessenden Avenue to Cul-de-Sac)	\$23,963.43
20% Contingency	\$ 9,409.34
Project Total	\$56,456.02

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to award a contract to the lowest and most responsive proposer, Cruse Paving, Inc. Funding will come from the Special Option Sales Tax in an estimated amount not to exceed \$56,456.02.

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A 20% contingency has been included in the overall cost to accommodate any unforeseen circumstances. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

2. For Information Only:

C. Unsafe Structure Demolition Update

Ms. Anderson stated at the May 5, 2015 City Council meeting, City Council authorized the demolition of certain structures within the City of Austell under the Unsafe Abatement Code of Ordinance.

To date, the following structures have been demolished:

1138 Pontiac Circle
2080 Sanders Drive
2090 Sanders Drive

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON

Jim Graham, Director

A. Purchase of new Kioti Tractor

Mr. Thomas stated the Parks Committee recommends approval of purchase of a new Kioti CK30 4WD Tractor with attachments in an amount not to exceed \$17,683.00. The equipment is budgeted for in FY 2016 line item 100-6210-54.2500. The Parks Department received three estimates, attached for your review, and recommend the purchase be made from Franklin Tractor.

Ms. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Committee to approve the purchase of a new Kioti Tractor. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

B. Social Concepts and Development request for use of the Collar Park

Mr. Thomas stated the City of Austell Parks Committee has request from Social Concepts and Development to use Collar Park and Collar Community Center for their Wellness Day Event to take place on September 19, 2015 at no charge.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Committee to approve the use of Collar Park and Community Center to Social Concepts and Development for their Wellness Day Event on September 19, 2015 at no charge. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

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C. Parks Maintenance Facility Project – Phase I

Mr. Thomas stated the City of Austell Parks Committee recommends approval of the parks maintenance facility project – Phase I. The Parks maintenance facility is an approved S.P.L.O.S.T. Project. Phase I of the project is site work. The site work needs to be completed before the installation of the Threadmill Water Line; therefore, the Parks Committee recommends approval for Loyalty Enterprises, Inc. to complete the site work in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00. An estimate from Loyalty Enterprises, Inc. is attached for your review. The project will be paid for using S.P.L.O.S.T. funds.

Ms. Reagan asked Mr. Graham if this was going to be at the Barn facility. Mr. Graham stated no, it was going to be behind the Threadmill.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Parks Committee to approve the Parks Maintenance Facility Project – Phase I. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion approved (6-0).

13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

A. Change to City of Austell Code of Ordinances

Mr. Clemons stated the Community Affairs Committee recommends the attached amendments be made to the City of Austell Code of Ordinances.

The amendments provide for nuisance abatement as it pertains to property. The change will also repeal the existing “Unsafe Building Abatement of 1985” from within the code.

The City of Austell Planning and Zoning Board met on June 23, 2015 to review the proposed amendments. The board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend the approval of the proposed amendments.

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of the Community affairs Committee to approve the Change to City of Austell Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

B. Planning and Zoning Reappointments

Mr. Clemons stated he Community Affairs Committee recommends approval of the following term renewable:

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<u>Planning and Zoning</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Melissa Demelo	2 Year	May 31, 2017
Julie Lemaster	2 Year	May 31, 2017
Curtis Stanfield	2 Year	May 31, 2017

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee to approve the Planning and Zoning Reappointments. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

C. Variance Board Appointments

Mr. Clemons stated the Community Affairs Committee recommends approval of the following term renewals for the Variance Board:

<u>Variance Board</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Ann Turner	2 Year	May 31, 2017
Cindy Standard	2 Year	May 31, 2017

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee to approve the Variance Board Appointments. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

Mr. Clemons stated we will look at the new appointments for vacant seats on the Variance Board at the next Council Meeting on August 3, 2015.

14. ATTORNEY- DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING
LOCATION:

September 8, 2015
Hosted by Cobb Public
Cobb Health Dept. @ Cobb County
Health Department
6:30 P.M.

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- B. Reappointments for Gas Board Members – Dennis Perrin
Jan Floyd
Grant Rainwater

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Reappointments for Gas Board Members to serve for 2 Year terms. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Jerkins called for an Executive Session meeting for the purpose of discussing a land matter.

Ms. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Executive Session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

The Mayor and Council returned after a brief meeting and Mayor Jerkins stated no vote was taken.

16. ADJOURN

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