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Mayor Jerkins stated, no, because it is the railroad's property and we do have signs posted before you get to the crossing. Mr. Bowens stated the markings are due to be refurbished soon and this will help somewhat. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Tracie Watkins stated she would like to speak. She stated she had been told by C.A.M.P. the street which was to be named Caleb's Way was going to be changed to Caleb's Park and wanted to know why. Mayor Jerkins stated he knew nothing about this and it was false information. Ms. Boyd stated the family would have been notified if any changes had been made. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the Mayor and Council. No one did.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE  
JOE JERKINS**

Mayor Jerkins stated Scott Kimbrough attended the meeting and regular business was discussed.

**7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
BEVERLY JAMES BOYD, CHAIRPERSON  
Denise Soesbee, Director**

A. Financial Report

B. 2008-09 Final Budget Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Ms. Boyd stated to please find attached a copy of the 2008-09 Final Budget for your review. This document will be presented to Council for vote at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting which is tonight. The City's entire budget increased from \$11,766,797 to \$12,522,851 which is a difference of \$756,054. This increase budget proposal includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. We have included a 3% cost of living increase for all employees in this proposal. The cost of living increase would be effective as of July 1, 2008 and would cost approximately \$125,000 city wide. There have been no positions added for the 2009 fiscal year.
2. Included are all principal and interest for bond payments due as per the most recent CAFR schedule.

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This budget proposal also includes installment payments for vehicles purchased in FY2008 for Police, Fire and Public Works.

3. We are waiting to hear from our health care provider for the increase in premiums for FY2009. For this proposal, we have included a 10% increase from the 2007-08 budgeted premiums.
4. We have included amounts required to be transferred from the General Fund for excess Threadmill Complex expenditures of \$247,663 and amounts required to be transferred from the General fund for excess E-911 expenditures of \$291,086.
5. The SPLOST fund (325) increased the overall budget by \$449,439. These funds represent carryover balances from previous years to be used for future DOT, resurfacing and sidewalks capital projects.
6. Our 2008-09 liability insurance estimates from GMA have been reduced by approximately \$40,000.
7. Due to rising gasoline prices we increased our fuel budget by \$41,700. This is a 44% increase from the 2007-08 budgets.
8. In the Water fund, monies are dedicated to removing the remaining pump stations.

Please review the attached budget and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms. Boyd stated at this time she would like to turn the meeting over to Mr. Kimbrough, City Attorney, for a Public Hearing. Mr. Kimbrough stated he would like to open the Public Hearing for the second reading of the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget. Are there any questions or concerns in reference to the budget from the council or citizens. Hearing none, I would like to close the public hearing for the 2008-09 Final Budget -2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

*Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the 2008-09 Final Budget Reading. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

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

- A. No Report

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

- A. Police Report  
B. Code Enforcement Report  
C. Wrecker Fees

Ms. Reagan stated she had received the proposed wrecker fees and this has been tabled until July 7, 2008 Council Meeting.

*Ms. Reagan moved to follow the recommendation of the Police Committee to table the Wrecker Fees until July 7, 2008 Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).*

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SCOT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON  
Tim Williams, Fire Chief**

- A. Fire Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
DAVID "BO" TRAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON  
Randy Bowens, Director**

- A. 2007 Annual Water Quality Report  
Mr. Traylor stated attached for your review is the Annual Water Quality Report for year ending 2007 that will be distributed to all water customers, as well as those residents living in mobile home parks, apartments, etc., that do not receive a water bill.

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This report must be distributed prior to July 1, of each year. The estimated cost of printing and mailing will be \$2,500.00. Funding will come from the Water Department (505/4440); account number 52.3400 (Printing and Binding) for printing.

*Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the 2007 Annual Water Quality Report. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

**B. Georgia Environmental Protection Division Audit**

Mr. Traylor stated the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has been tasked with enforcing the requirements of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's three plans: (1) Watershed Management Plan, (2) Long Term Wastewater Management Plan, and (3) Water Supply Management Plan. In order to establish each community's level of compliance with these three plans, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division performs an audit of that community, involving the following steps:

1. Attend a pre-audit meeting with Georgia Environmental Protection to discuss the requirements of the audit checklist.
2. Complete audit checklist and gather compliance documentation.
3. Send ordinances to Georgia Environmental Protection Division in advance of audit for review and approval.
4. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division will be onsite during the month of October 2008 to perform the audit and to review other compliance documentation.
5. Upon completion of the audit, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division will hold an exit interview to go over the findings of their audit.
6. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division will send a formal letter with comments. Once received, we will address any comments, gather any additional compliance documentation, and schedule a second audit review.

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7. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division will either approve our checklist at that point or go through one more round of review.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has mandated that all District communities pass this audit prior to issuance or renewal of any stormwater permits or water withdrawals permits; the City of Austell must have both permits. In addition, District communities cannot be considered for loans through Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority unless the audit has been passed.

The Public Works Department has received two proposals to assist the City staff in completion of the audit process. Copies of both proposals are attached for your review:

Fox Environmental, LLC	\$6,300.00
Keck and Wood, Inc.	\$18,500.00

*Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve and accept the proposal from the low bidder, Fox Environmental, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$6,300.00. Funds will come from the 2009 fiscal year budget, departments 4320 (Stormwater Management) and 4440 (Water Distribution), account number 52.1300 (Technical). Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON**

Jim Graham, Director

- A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**BEVERLY JAMES BOYD, CHAIRPERSON**

Jim Graham, Director

- A. Douglas County SPLOST and Revenue Bond Funds

Ms. Boyd stated the Douglas County Board of Commissioners has notified the City of Austell stating there is a balance of approximately \$73,088.00

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in unspent SPLOST and Revenue Bond proceeds available to be requisitioned by the City.

The Board of Commissioners first required authorization to move these funds from the Land Acquisition account to a new Trail Project account.

The Community Affairs Committee recommends this authorization by Mayor and Council to sign this contract and move the money for the Trail Project.

*Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to authorize and sign this contract by Mayor and Council for the Trail Project. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

**B. Artist Contract**

Ms. Boyd stated we are all familiar with Mr. Bob Quinn's work. He did the artwork which is the bronze logo in the City's courtroom. We have been very pleased with his work in the past.

*Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of the Community Development Committee to waive the 3-bid process and ask Mr. Bob Quinn to do our bronze work for our new park we are developing over by the bank. The cost for this bronze work will be \$50,000.00. I have investigated the cost and some of the prices are as high as \$250,000.00 for this work. Because he is a local citizen he has given us a tremendous deal. We will be signing a contract for \$50,000.00 and when he signs the contract we will give him \$5,000.00 and only a \$1,000.00 a month until he goes to the foundry for this project at which time we will give him \$15,000.00. When the project is finished we will pay him the remainder of the money. I would like to add to waive the three bid process and give me the authority to sign the contract with Mr. Robert R. Quinn to do the bronze work for the new development park. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*

**14. CITY ATTORNEY – DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

**A. No Report**

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15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA

DATE:	June 10, 2008
TIME:	6:30 P.M.
LOCATION:	Acworth Summer Cookout

16. ADJOURN

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