

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Kirsten Anderson
Beverly James Boyd
Randy Green
Virginia Reagan
Scott Thomas
David "Bo" Traylor

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Austell City Council was held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall.

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, 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; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Tim Williams, Fire Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order. Pastor Doc Frady gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jerkins asked if any Council Member would like to add items to the Agenda. Mayor Jerkins stated he would like to add 15C. – Executive Session. Mr. Traylor stated 11C. – should be Addendum to Solid Waste Disposal.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the correction of Item 11C. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Jerkins presented Ms. Beverly Boyd with a plaque and stated Ms. Boyd has been on the council since 1997 and she has always been involved in politics. Ms. Boyd's daddy was Mayor for several years and on the council for twenty something years. Of course my family and her family have been very close. We always have Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners together and have been doing this for forty years or more. We go back a long time and Beverly is dear to my heart. She was the Vice-Chairman for the CMA, Cobb Municipal Association, and we have a meeting once every month. There are six cities in Cobb and we host once a year and Ms. Boyd always takes care of us. She decorates for these occasions and it is always first class and no city has out done us. The food is always great and we will not be able to replace her. She has been the Mayor Pro-Tem for several years, helped me and very much involved. She was the Finance Chairman and the Community Affairs Chairman.

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Mr. Jim Whitaker our Auditor is here tonight and Beverly has worked very closely with me on the Finances and the City Funds. Ms. Boyd has always been right with me to help me. She has done a terrific job in both departments. She redecorated the City Hall and re-worked the Community Center inside and really did a fantastic job and it looks really good. She designed the roof and the sign on the grocery store and had a lot of input on the store. The Streetscape, Ms. Boyd worked days and days and days working with the Streetscape. The Streetscape is the downtown area, all the paving, the brick work, and she was involved in that, and I said days but really it was months. She spent lots and lots of time making sure everything looked good. The design of the gazebo and the restrooms in Collar Park where we have the Christmas Tree Lighting Beverly is responsible for that. She designed and made sure it was the best Christmas we ever had. It was real good and everybody was pleased with it and everybody did a good job. It is fantastic the things she has done for the City. The Christmas tree lighting and all the lights for the City she has been very much involved in. The Mayor's Park over here and it's not my park it's all the Mayor's. It's on the corner and that will be dedicated on December 17, 2009. Ms. Boyd has spent months and months on that and it is fantastic. It is one of the best landscapes and I don't know how she has done all this. The library was going to move out of the city and she helped and got involved. The county was going to move it and we got it moved to the Threadmill.

They were going to close it here in Austell and move it to Mableton and she was very much involved to move it to the Threadmill Complex. The Austell Post Office was going to leave and go out to Maxham Road and Ms. Boyd worked real hard on that project and the City ended up buying that property and leasing it to the Post Office for thirty (30) years and then it goes back to the City of Austell. We did this to keep the Post Office here in Austell. The biggest thing is the Threadmill Complex and I am sure all of you have seen the Threadmill and all the designing and decorating Ms. Boyd has done. Some of you have been in my office and have seen how nice it looks. Our Court Room, I have people who have bragged on the Court Room. Even people who have to come to Court for traffic violations say boy, ya'll have a nice Court Room. I can't really say all she has done for the City of Austell because there are lots and lots more but I did want to mention just a few things she has accomplished. She is really going to be missed and we will really regret her leaving. She has worked so hard and done so much for us over the years. Mayor Jerkins read the inscription on the plaque and presented it to Ms. Boyd. Ms. Boyd stated it was the prettiest plaque she had ever seen. I will truly treasure this and it is gorgeous. Mayor Jerkins presented Ms. Boyd with a City of Austell diamond stud pin for her years as Council Member. Ms. Boyd stated first of all Mayor Jerkins has given me too much credit. If it were not for his leadership and the Council's support none of things he mentioned would have been possible.

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Once they approved it would not have been possible for Beverly Boyd to accomplish anything without our fine employees. One person cannot do anything it takes a team. The City of Austell has put together the best team I have ever had the opportunity to work with. I have been involved in Austell and the South Cobb Community for over fifty (50) years and trying to get what is most important for us.

The most rewarding thing I have ever done and had the opportunity to do in those fifty plus years was serving the people I love and working with the employees each and every one of them. In fact, the Council has always been supportive. I cannot tell you the sweet memories I will have and will share with my children. It will not change because we have great people on the Council and great people coming up. People can be replaced and the Mayor and Council will do a fine job. The employees are what make this City move. It is with great leadership and we have never had one better than what we have now. Many of things the Mayor mentioned have been done without tax dollars. Not one dime of city tax dollars has been spent on an awful lot of this. Because, this man negotiated with Norfolk-Southern after they carried us to the Supreme Court and we were ordered to negotiate he negotiated a five million dollar settlement that the citizens of Austell received. The Mayor set it up in a fund that we could only spend the interest to better Austell. This is how we have accomplished the many things for the City of Austell without raising taxes or to sell bonds or do whatever because of this man's leadership and his vision. I feel honored to have had the opportunity not only to feel like he's mine since I have known him since he was twelve years old but to have the honor to serve under him and with him. Thank you so much.

Mr. Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director stated out of the thirteen years you have served twelve of these years as our Chairman. They have been memorable. We would like to present to you this token of our appreciation. Mr. Graham read the inscription on the statue and presented it to Ms. Boyd.

Ms. Soesbee, Finance Director presented Ms. Boyd with a gift and thanked her for her love and support and her help over the years.

Ms. Boyd stated one thing she would like to mention she served as the Fire Department Chairman two to four years. I learned an awful lot about the Fire Department. I would like to say that Chief Williams is a great organizer. He runs a good ship as each one of you do.

Ms. Boyd thanked everyone and told everyone how special they were to her.

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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 \$1,336.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting November 2, 2009

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

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone would like to speak to the council. No one spoke. Mayor Jerkins stated he would like to give an update. We have hired Treasure Rogers or we will vote on this tonight. We discussed this at pre-agenda and all the council members were o.k. with hiring him. Mr. Rogers will be leading the buy-out program. This is his profession and he will be involved in this. We will hire him and he will take care of this and basically it has to be turned in by the 19th of January 2010. All of you that are interested in getting your home bought out we will need your names so that he can contact you. You may give the information to Jim Graham's office at the Threadmill. Or if you want to write it down and submit to Randy Bowens or Jim Graham then we will give to Mr. Rogers. Then you will be contacted by Mr. Rogers. Some of the other things, we have some volunteers coming in January and February from all over the United States. We will be furnishing rooms for them while they are here. They will be professionals and they will do all kinds of work. We have forty-five coming in January and I have talked to some more that will be coming from Nebraska in February. We will have a lot of help to put some of the houses back together. If any of you have money to buy sheetrock or any kind of material they will be doing the labor free. In some cases they already have material donated. The ones that are low income and do not have the funds to buy the material we will put together the material and the free labor. We have a lot of good people coming in from all over the United States to come and help. This is all the update that I have. If some of you would like to ask a question I will be glad to try to answer for you. No one had any questions.

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**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the meeting and we went over a couple of things. We adopted the gas rate schedule applicable to this billing period. With the cold weather coming in it did go up a little bit but not that much. Also, the year- end audit was presented and the Austell Gas System is financially good shape. Mr. Rob Register the Manager, has done a wonderful job in maintaining the financials and the company.

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

A. Financial Report

Ms. Boyd stated the financials were presented to you last week at pre-agenda. Are there any questions on the financials. No one had any questions.

B. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Ms. Boyd introduced Mr. Jimmy Whitaker to present the audit. Ms. Boyd also thanked Mr. Whitaker for the \$2500.00 donation his company gave to the City of Austell for the flood victims. Mr. Whitaker stated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 we have completed your audit and I would like for you to go over a few schedules and charts. Mr. Whitaker presented and reviewed the audit with the Mayor and Council. (Please see attached.) Mr. Whitaker asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Carolyn Duncan, Director**

A. 2010 Calendar & City Directory

Mr. Green stated if you have any changes or corrections please notify Carolyn Duncan. Ms. Duncan asked the Council to please review it and call her with any changes or corrections.

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

DAVID "BO" TRAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief

- A. Police Report
- B. Code Enforcement Report

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON
Tim Williams, Fire Chief

- A. Fire Report
- B. Unsafe Abatement Update

Mr. Thomas stated he would like to turn this over to Chief Williams. Chief Williams stated he had updated the information from last week at pre-agenda. I was instructed by Ms. Boyd to put a historical timeline at the end of each property.

The property located at 5575 Old Marietta Road

The Austell City voted to give the property owner, Mr. Bill Braswell, a six month period of time to repair this home from fire damage. The Council stated the structure must be repaired to meet all applicable building codes.

At the completion of six months, repairs to the structure were not complete and building codes were not met. Mr. Braswell was summoned to appear before the Council for a second hearing on this matter at the September 14th City Council Meeting.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, Mr. Braswell was given a 90 day extension to complete all repairs to the structure. In addition, the windows were to be repaired over the following two week period. Also, Mr. Braswell should report to Council at each meeting.

As of today, there is evidence that several windows have been replaced. We will continue to monitor the progress and update the council.

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History: Original Abatement Hearing.....March 2, 2009
City Council granted six months to complete repairs.
Second Abatement Hearing.....September 14, 2009
City Council granted 90 day extension for repairs to be completed.
On December 14, 2009 all repairs to the structure should be complete
by order of the City Council.

2442 Brooks Drive

At the June City Council Meeting, the property owner, Mr. David "Bo" Traylor, was given a three month extension (90 days) of time by the Austell City Council to take action to remove the structure from the property.

In speaking with Mr. Traylor, GEMA/FEMA has confirmed receipt of the required written documentation which was needed in order to resolve this issue. GEMA/FEMA has advised that processing and review of the case will take an additional thirty days to sixty days.

At the September Council Meeting, Mr. Traylor requested an additional extension of time to completely resolve this issue. The Council voted to give another 90 day extension.

History: Original Abatement Hearing.....March 2, 2009
City Council granted 90 days to demolish the structure
At the June 1, 2009 City Council Meeting, Mr. Traylor was granted an additional 90 days to demolish the structure by City Council.
At the September 14, 2009 City Council Meeting, Mr. Traylor was granted an additional 90 days to demolish the structure by City Council.
On December 14, 2009 the demolition and removal of the structure should be completed by order of City Council.

5706 Mulberry Street

The property owner, Mr. Charles M. Perry, was given six months to complete renovations on this structure. Mr. Perry was remanded to report to Fire Chief Williams by the first of each month on what progress has been made towards completion. Prior to the hearing, the roof was replaced.

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Mr. Perry appeared at the November City Council Meeting for a second hearing concerning this matter. The Council granted Mr. Perry a six month extension to complete the property renovation.

History: Original Abatement.....May 4, 2009
City Council granted six months to complete repairs.
Second Abatement Hearing.....November 2, 2009
City Council granted an additional six months to complete all repairs.
On May 3, 2010, all repairs to the structure should be completed by order of the City Council.

6064 Pine Street

The property owner, Lynda White Williams, was given 60 days to repair and replace the roof of the structure. Also, an added on portion to the side of the structure was to be removed within the 60 day period. The City Council approved a total of six months to complete renovations bringing the structure to all code(s) compliance.

The roof has not been replaced. Some work has been done to the added on portion. In speaking with Mrs. Williams this past July, she advised the contractor had not made very much progress towards the required repairs. There has been progress in cleaning up around the property.

History: Original Abatement Hearing.....July 6, 2009
City Council granted six months to complete all repairs.
On January 4, 2010, Ms. Williams should have completed repairs to the structure per order of the City Council. If not, reasons for the delay should be presented to the City Council.

5157 Lakeview Court

The property owner, Eric Eugene Key, failed to appear at the City Council meeting. The Council voted to demolish the structure due to its dilapidated condition. They ask that our City attorney, Mr. Scott Kimbrough, send Mr. Key a certified letter informing him of the City Council's decision. Mr. Key has failed to respond to this letter.

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At the October Council Meeting, Mr. Kimbrough advised Council that a title search was complete on the property and verified that Mr. Key was the owner. No further action has been taken on behalf of the City.

History: Original Abatement Hearing.....July 6, 2009

Ms. Boyd stated she would like to thank Chief Williams for adding the historical dates on all the properties. Ms. Boyd stated she would like to bring to the other Council Members that she had spoken with the City Attorney, Scott Kimbrough and I have been wondering what we could do to force some of these property owners to cleanup there unkempt property. Mr. Kimbrough has informed me it is considered a nuisance. Ms. Boyd asked Mr. Kimbrough to share with the Council what he had already shared with her about taking them before a Judge and a fine and possibly jail time. We do have some things in our ordinances that we can get tough with these people who are not taking care of their property. At this time I would like to turn it over to Mr. Kimbrough.

Mr. Kimbrough stated Ms. Boyd had asked him to look into this and let everyone know what is available to the City as far as punishment for someone not keeping their property up properly. In the Austell, City Charter we are given the authority to impose penalties for violating the code of ordinances for the City of Austell. One of those ordinances has to do with unkempt property. The Municipal Court System has the ability to not only fine but imprison or incarcerate people who violate the Code of Ordinance for up to six months. That is set forth in the Charter and basically what has to happen, is just like any other criminal activity. They have to be cited for it and given a ticket by the Code Enforcement and then they would go before the Municipal Court and punishment is handed out. So, we do have some teeth not only financial teeth but also imprisonment or incarceration teeth in the Charter. This is backed by the Code of Ordinance as well. Everyone is put on notice about this because of the fact that one unkempt property is one of the types of nuisances that can't exist that can require the issuance of a citation. This is in our Ordinances and it is also on our website, City of Austell website under the Code Enforcement section which specially addresses certain types of ordinances that are enforced. And in that our structures and any structure that has a broken window, deteriorated paint or stucco or in a state of disrepair is considered a public nuisance.

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We have already built into the Charter and the Code of Ordinances strict punishment for a violation of these ordinances and nuisance being one of them. Additionally, we have the support of the State Legislator in O.C.G.A., Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 41-2-1-17 and this specifically sets out the procedure for a municipality or county follow to take care of these nuisances. And that allows for the demolition of the property if the owner does not bring that property up to code. If you have been at the meetings before, we have given people multiple opportunities to bring their property up to code. If that is not done according to the State statute as well as our own unsafe building abatement we have the ability to impose a lien upon that property. For the cost of the demolition and any other costs associated with the demolition by the city. But further, it goes on to state the city has the ability to collect upon those liens just like we would collect on a property tax, however, we do not have to wait a year as we have to do with unpaid property tax to take any action. We can take that immediately upon the City performing the work and incurring expenses and so we not only have the ability to put a lien on the property but to collect in every other way the city has the ability to collect for unpaid taxes. Ms. Boyd stated she had spoken with the Mayor about this and had permission to talk to the Attorney about this. The Mayor and I have some great concerns about these people going off and leaving their property and then letting their property foreclose and the mortgage people leaving the property sitting there. As much concern as we have about that we are much concerned about the people we keep giving them chance after chance to bring their unkempt properties up. So now the Council knows we have the ability and too some of these properties we do not want to put a lien on them. We don't want to clean them off because we may not ever collect the money. So I think the best avenue for us to take in the future would be to take these people before the Judge and if they don't do what the Judge says do then put them in jail. This gives this Council some teeth to work forward. We have had this on books the whole time and we have never taken advantage of it. I encourage you, even though I am not going to be here to not keep putting up with this. Something has got to be done. We will really be in a mess now that we have had this horrible flood. I can understand why some of the people go off and leave it but we can't let these mortgage companies get by with leaving these moldy and infested properties in the middle of some properties that have been restored and bring down our community. Ms. Boyd thanked Mr. Kimbrough for the information and thanked Mr. Thomas for his support.

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C. Employee Christmas Package

Mr. Thomas stated the Christmas Package to Include:

Bids for Christmas Meals:

- Pasta Bella.....\$1,080.00
- Dolly’s Farmhouse.....\$1,100.00
- Hoch’s Tasty Catering.....\$1,200.00

Christmas Bonus: All full time employees will receive a Christmas bonus. The bonus amount will be calculated based on the length of service with the city using the following formula:

1 to 180 Days = 50%
180 + Days = 100%

- Six (6) employees at 50% (\$75.00) = \$ 450.00
- Ninety-three (93) employees at 100% (\$150.00) = \$13,950.00
- Possible addition of four new employees @ \$75.00= \$ 300.00

TOTAL =\$14,700.00

D. Employee Gift Program.....TOTAL = \$ 2,000.00

E. Floral Table Arrangements.....TOTAL = \$ 150.00

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE\$17,930.00

With Council approval, the total amount of the proposal will be \$17,930.00, using the lowest bid for our Christmas meal. The funds will come from the current budget 100/1110, line item 52.3900.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Fire Department committee to approve the lowest bid Pasta Bella \$1,080.00. Seconded by Ms. Boyd. Motion passed (6-0).

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F. New Firefighting Turnout Gear

Mr. Thomas stated in hopes of duplicating last year's grant reward for firefighting turnout gear, we submitted a grant request to Local Government Risk Management Services as part of the Georgia Municipal Association's Safety and Liability Grant Program. Our request outlined the need to upgrade our turnout gear for the remaining members of the department in an effort to further enhance the safety of fire personnel. In July, we received notification that our grant request had been approved for 50% of the total cost up to \$6,000.00. These funds will actually cover almost half of the total cost for the gear.

The previous nine sets approved from last year's grant were purchased from NAFECO Incorporated. In an effort to match the turnout gear purchased a year ago, we recommend that our remaining sets be purchased from NAFECO. The cost per set of gear is \$1,450.00 adding to a total purchase of \$13,050.00. With your approval, this purchase would come from the current Fire Department budget line item 54.2500. When the grant funds are received, the Fire budget will be reimbursed.

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of the Fire Department to approve the New Firefighter Turnout Gear. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**DAVOD "BO" TRAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON
Randy Bowens, Director**

A. Adoption of 2010 Water Rate Schedule

Mr. Traylor stated it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to adopt the following water rate increases as proposed by Keck and Wood, Inc. to become effective January 1, 2010. The governmental contractual water rate would be increased by 10.5 percent, or 21 cents, per 1,000 gallons.

The City's revenue bond ordinance requires the system income generate debt service, operations and maintenance costs, plus debt service coverage of 20 percent. Considering the coverage factor, water rates would be adjusted upward 25 cents per 1,000 gallons to recognize the latest changes to Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's rates.

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Inside City:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 2,000 gallons (minimum bill)	\$6.02	\$6.52
2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	\$3.08	\$3.33
7,001 gallons to 15,000 gallons	\$3.71	\$3.96
15,001 gallons to 50,000 gallons	\$5.61	\$5.86
50,001 gallons and above	\$9.41	\$9.66

Outside City:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 2,000 gallons (minimum bill)	\$6.52	\$7.02
2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	\$3.33	\$3.58
7,001 gallons to 15,000 gallons	\$4.02	\$4.27
15,001 gallons to 50,000 gallons	\$6.11	\$6.36
50,001 gallons and above	\$9.91	\$10.16

Austell Box Board Corporation:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 2,000 gallons (minimum bill)	\$6.02	\$6.52
2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons	\$3.08	\$3.33
7,001 gallons to 15,000 gallons	\$3.71	\$3.96
15,001 gallons and above	\$5.61	\$5.86

The rate schedule above is based on the required Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan's three-tiered rate structure. The purpose of this structure is to encourage water conservation.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the Adoption of 2010 Water Rate Schedule. Seconded by Ms. Regan. Motion passed (6-0).

B. Adoption of 2010 Wastewater Rate Schedule

Mr. Traylor stated it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to adopt the following wastewater rate increases as proposed by Keck and Wood, Inc. to become effective January 1, 2010.

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The governmental contractual wastewater rate would be increased by 4 percent per 1,000 gallons. Therefore, the proposed rates would be adjusted upward 15 cents per 1,000.

The City's revenue bond ordinance requires the system income generate debt service operations and maintenance costs, plus debt service coverage of 20 percent. Considering the coverage factor, wastewater rates would be adjusted upward an additional 18 cents per 1,000 gallons to recognize the latest changes to Cobb County Water System's rates.

	Current	Proposed
Inside City (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$5.49	\$5.67
Outside City (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$5.75	\$5.93
Austell Box Board Corporation	\$5.49	\$5.67

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the Adoption of 2010 Wastewater Rate Schedule. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

C. Addendum to Solid Waste Disposal Contract

Mr. Traylor stated the Public Works Committee would like to recommend approval of the attached Solid Waste Disposal Agreement for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2010 and expiring on December 31, 2010. The disposal rate per ton will remain the same as we currently pay at \$37.00 plus environmental and fuel rates.

Further, the Committee recommends authorization to execute the agreement by Mayor Joe Jerkins.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the Addendum to Solid Waste Disposal Contract. Seconded by Ms. Boyd. Motion passed (6-0).

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director

- A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRMAN
Jim Graham, Director

- A. No Report

14. CITY ATTORNEY – DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

- A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. CMA MEETING

DATE: December 8, 2009
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Marietta – Host – Holiday Dinner

- B. Treasure Rogers – Consultant – Flood Plain Management

Mayor Jerkins stated the hiring of Treasure Rogers, Consultant of Flood Plain Management was discussed at pre-agenda. We need to approve his contract.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve a contract not to exceed \$21,700.00 for Treasure Rogers Jr., President of Flood Plain Management Services, Inc. to work on flood management and the buyout program. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

- C. A.A.C.I.C. Grant

Mayor Jerkins stated a meeting was held last Tuesday with the A.A.C.I.C. Committee. We need one hundred five thousand dollars taken out from the A.A.C.I.C. money.

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Sixty thousand to finish up the parks, and we did Collar Park gazebo and when you total them up we ended up, and we put some extra in there because we have some more expense. This will take care of the parks. I want to give Garrett Middle School \$5,000.00 for the Truancy Board. I would like to give \$40,000.00 to help some people for Christmas. The proposal is to let four schools and Clarkdale is non-existing anymore. It will be South Cobb High School, Austell Elementary, Austell Primary and Garrett Middle School and let each school pick ten family's and give \$500.00 to each one. The Board is to pick one family each and the Council Member's are to pick one family each to help. We do have some extra money in the fund for some other things we need to come up with. The total package is \$105,000.00. Each one of you need to do a family and make sure it is someone who needs it. The schools will be picking forty families and of course each one of you can pick one.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of the A.A.C.I.C. Committee to approve the money \$105,000.00 to finish the parks and help the needy families for Christmas and all you stated above. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Boyd stated she would like to make an announcement. We will be having the dedication for the Mayor's Memorial Park on December 17, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. We would love for any of you to be there. It is on the corner of Love Street and Veterans Memorial Highway.

D. Executive Session

Mayor Jerkins stated we need a motion to go into Executive Session.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

16. ADJOURN