

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019**

Present:

Valerie Anderson  
Ollie Clemons  
Scott Thomas  
Randy Green  
Sandra Leverette  
Marlin Lamar

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins

Also present were: Hylton Dupree, City Attorney; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Development Director; Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief, Bob Starrett, Police Chief and Elizabeth Young, City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel Rodriguez gave the Invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if anyone needed to add items to the agenda. No one added items to the agenda.

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

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

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$3,872.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting May 6, 2019

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).*

**4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. CITIZENS REPORT**

Ms. Brandell Allison stated she lives in Deerfield Creek Subdivision and is concerned about the lot just outside of the neighborhood. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked Mr. Garrison if he knew about it and he stated the property is not owned by the city. Mr.

Graham stated after researching it, the property is still owned by the Home Owners Association of Deerfield Creek Subdivision and we cannot get onto someone else's property to cut.

## **6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE**

### **JOE JERKINS**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated the gas prices are about the same right now.

#### **A. Re-Appointment of Austell Natural Gas Members**

Grant Rainwater - Term Expires July 31, 2021

Robert McField - Term Expires July 31, 2021

Brittney Rasmuson - Term Expires July 31, 2021

*Mr. Thomas made a motion to re-appoint the Gas Board Members. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (5-0)*

## **7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON**

#### **Denise Soesbee, Finance Director**

#### **A. Financial Report**

#### **B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing 2019-20 Final Budget Reading**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons turned the meeting over to Mr. Dupree. Mr. Dupree called for a Public Hearing for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget. Mr. Dupree asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the budget. No one spoke. Mr. Dupree stated we need a motion to close the public hearing.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (5-0)*

Mrs. Anderson stated we need to table the budget because of questions on it. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if Mrs. Anderson would like to ask our Finance Director the questions. She stated yes. Mrs. Anderson stated on page 15 we have it listed as inmates but a few pages back we have custody of prisoners. Ms. Soesbee stated the custody of the prisoners is the jail which is a function of the Police Department and the inmates is a function of the street department for street maintenance. Mrs. Anderson asked about the one for highways and streets. Ms. Soesbee stated this one is for the admin salaries of the street department. We break them up, so we can identify that portion. Mrs. Leverette stated she had a question on page 8 where it says insurance other than employee. Ms. Soesbee stated this is the general liability insurance. Mrs. Leverette stated the gym facility salary is \$31,000 and who is getting paid that amount. Ms. Soesbee stated there are 3 part time people getting paid from that and they are all part time.

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the 2019-20 Final Budget Reading. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion approved. (5-0)*

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Elizabeth Young, Director**

A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

A. Police Report

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief**

A. Fire Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. No Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Jim Graham, Director**

A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

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

A. Code Enforcement Report

B. New Variance Members

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to add Brandell Allison and Melanie Maria Elder as new variance board members.

*Mr. Green made a motion to approve the new variance members. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (5-0)*

C. Improvements to front of Threadmill

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to have landscaping and irrigation installed on both sides of the entrance to the Threadmill Complex. The proposal shall not exceed \$78,000.00. Attached is a copy of the description and proposal of each project. The money for both projects will come from the 2016 SPLOST budget.

*Mr. Green made a motion to approve the improvements to the Threadmill. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)*

**14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

A. No Report

**15. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. CMA Meeting  
June 11, 2019 @ 6:30 pm  
Acworth Community Center  
4361 Cherokee Street  
Acworth, GA 30101

**16. ADJOURN**

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)*