

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019**

Present:

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

Absent: Scott Kimbrough

Also present were: 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 Clemons called the meeting to order and Pastor John Bailey gave the Invocation and Mayor Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clemons asked if anyone needed to add items to the agenda. Mrs. Anderson added item 11A John Street & Scott Drive Pump Station Elimination. Mayor Clemons stated we need a motion to add item 11A to the agenda.

Mr. Lamar moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to add item 11A to the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)

Mayor Clemons presented a 20 years of service plaque and pin to Deputy Chief Natalie Poulk & thanked her for her hard work & dedication. Mayor Clemons presented a 25 years of service plaque & pin to Fire Fighter Greg Etheridge & thanked him for his hard work & dedication. Mayor Clemons asked Fire Fighter Tim Dobbs to come forward. Mr. Dobbs asked Ms. Myers with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and Beth & Bobby Bar to come forward. Mr. Dobbs stated the Fire Department does this several times a year to help raise money for the MDA. This year we raised \$5,003. Ms. Myers stated she wanted to thank Austell Fire Department for keeping everyone safe. It really makes such a difference to take the time out of your schedules to get out there in the weather to make this happen. Mayor Clemons stated he is very happy our Fire Dept. takes the time to go out and go above and beyond. He congratulated the Fire Dept. as a whole and thanked them for all their support of the MDA.

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 \$1,717.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting July 1, 2019

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

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mr. Ronnie Land stated he lives at 2486 Brooks Drive. He thanked everyone for what they have done to improve the downtown area. He is concerned about neighborhoods going downhill. He stated the Code Enforcement doesn't seem to have enough resources & this needs to be checked into. He is concerned about code violations that no one is addressing. Mayor Clemons stated he spoke with Mr. Graham about these concerns earlier today. Code Enforcement is actively doing more and there is always room for improvement, and we are working toward that. Mayor Clemons stated he appreciates Mr. Lands concerns for the city.

Ms. Sharon Woodgett lives behind the Circle K on Austell Road. She is concerned about them tearing up Layla Street and it remaining that way for 3 weeks. She stated they had to go a different way to get to Austell Road. She emailed Bo Garrison & thanked him for responding to her. Ms. Woodgett stated that within a few days after communicating with Mr. Garrison, they put down a base so now they could drive on it. She stated her next concern is the traffic light at Austell Road & Layla Street does not have a left turn signal. Mayor Clemons stated that is a convoluted boundary line there. He stated the Circle K is ours, Layla Street is not, and portions of Austell Road belong to us & portions belong to unincorporated Cobb. He stated we do police that area & we are concerned about this as well. He stated we will try to encourage Cobb County to do what needs to be done to benefit the citizens that are not inside the city. Ms. Woodgett stated she was going to be contacting Jim Graham about annexing her property into the city. Mr. Graham stated that Austell Road is a state highway, so they must go through the state to get changes made as well. He stated he will see what we can do to help with the situation.

Ms. Monica Delancy is from the Riverside community. She thanked Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Leverette for representing the City at some local events.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR

Mayor Clemons stated he attended the gas meeting and prices on gas are down now and they are buying gas to store up.

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON

Denise Soesbee, Finance Director

A. Financial Report

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. John St. and Scott Dr. Pump Station Elimination

It is the recommendation of the Department of Public Works to approve funding for an Environmental Consultant to assist the city with the core sampling of the pump station elimination route. This will keep us in compliance with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The cost for this service will be no more than \$5,000.00. This will be charged to the Sewer Improvement Program budget 505-4350-52.1200 and 20 core samples at the cost of \$1,000.00 each for a total of \$20,000.00 to come from 505-4350-54.1400.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the pump station elimination. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)

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. Labor Day Beer Sales

The Community Affairs Department recommends the approval of beer consumption sold by a licensed vendor within the boundaries of Spring Street and Love Street. The event will be held by the Austell Business Association on August 31, 2019.

The beer may only be purchased and consumed on the property mentioned above and must be in a plastic or paper cup.

Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (5-0)

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. CMA Meeting
August 13, 2019
City of Kennesaw @ Smith Gilbert Gardens
2382 Pine Mountain Road

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

16. ADJOURN

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