

MINUTES OF
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, CITY HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009
@ 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Florence, Councilmen Arnold, Craig, Hodge, Tallent and Swanson, City Attorney Womack, City Manager Arnold, City Clerk Anderson and news media.

ABSENT: none

Mayor Florence called the meeting to order.
Councilman Arnold gave the invocation.
Mayor Florence led the pledge to the American flag.

APPROVE MINUTES

Councilman Arnold made motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular meeting as published and distributed. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Florence presented Paul Vaughn with the employee of the month certificate for the month of December 2008.

GFOA PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Mayor Florence presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City Clerk Brenda Anderson.

SHANNON MCCONNELL – LIQUOR BY THE DRINK

Mr. McConnell told the council that a couple of restaurant owners had asked him about the status of liquor by the drink. The council will have an answer by the February council meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BEBE HEISKELL

Mrs. Heiskell addressed the council regarding the County's use of a downtown parking lot between East Villanow and Withers St. Councilman Swanson made motion to allow the County to use the parking lot and the County will help provide maintenance and upkeep of the lot. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

LECIA EUBANKS

Lecia Eubanks introduced Tim York, new Library Manager.

Mayor Florence asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilman Hodge made motion that Councilman Swanson be appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Swanson abstained.

Mayor Florence appointed the following committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Swanson

Councilman Craig

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Councilman Tallent

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilman Arnold

Councilman Hodge

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Hodge

COOSA VALLEY RDC COMMITTEE

Councilman Craig

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRIC CITIES OF GEORGIA PARTICIPANT SERVICE CONTRACT

Councilman Arnold made motion to enter into Participant Services Contract with Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

MOBILE COLLECTOR LITE PORTABLE MOUNT QUOTES

Councilman Hodge made motion to purchase a Mobile Collector Lite Kit from United Utilities Inc. at a cost of \$9,100.00. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (SPLOST funds)

SANITATION DEPARTMENT FRONT LOADER DUMPSTER QUOTES

Councilman Arnold made motion to purchase 31 Front Loader Dumpsters from Lewis Steel Company at a cost of \$19,509.00. White's Sanitation will credit \$12,875.00 on rear loader dumpsters. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATION FEES

Councilman Tallent made motion to approve the subdivision regulation fees as presented by Rod Robertson. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

STREAM BUFFER REMEDIATION PLAN CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Councilman Hodge made motion to enter into contract amendment with BWSC to perform professional services for Stream Buffer Remediation Plan at an estimated cost of \$7,500.00. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

GMA CABLE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Tabled

TBS COMPUTER UPGRADE PROPOSAL

Councilman Tallent made motion to upgrade City Hall's computer & hardware system. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (SPLOST funds)

GMA –GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Councilman Tallent made motion to participate in **Georgia Cities Week, April 19-25**. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

AMERITAS GROUP –ANNUAL DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Councilman Arnold made motion to renew the City's dental coverage with Ameritas with no increase from last year's policy. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ONLINE UTILITY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Councilman Arnold made motion to enter into Subscriber Service Agreement with Online Information Services, Inc. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

STEVENSON & PALMER- DOWNTOWN STREETScape PHASE 2 CONTRACT

Councilman Tallent made motion to approve Engineering Contract with Stevenson & Palmer for Phase 2 work on the TE Project subject to changes being made as presented by City Attorney Womack. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

KAREN SANFORD PROPERTY REQUEST

The Council asked City Attorney Womack to draw up a lease agreement which will be presented to Ms. Sanford to sign.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

Councilman Tallent made motion to purchase nine 40 foot shipping containers at a cost of \$16,675.00 for the purpose of building a fire training facility on the city's property off the by-pass. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (SPLOST funds)

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO VEHICLES

Councilman Tallent made motion to purchase two 2008 Chevrolet Impalas from Jackson Chevrolet plus equipment package for the two cars at a total cost of \$33,500.00. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (SPLOST funds)

CHATTOOGA ACADEMY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Arnold made motion to appoint the following to the Chattooga Academy Advisory Board:

David Boyle
David Cameron
Connie Forester
Belva Gilbert

Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Councilman Swanson made motion to reappoint Judy Meeks to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission with her term to expire on December 31, 2011. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

MAIN STREET DEPARTMENT-REQUEST TO SURPLUS ITEMS FROM CHATTOOGA ACADEMY

Councilman Swanson made motion to declare the following items be listed as surplus from Chattooga Academy:

6 light fixtures
1 five panel door

Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Councilman Swanson made motion to increase the amount the City pays toward the Library's utilities by \$6,000.00. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Swanson made motion to get a proposal on a net and poles for the driving range. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Swanson thanked everyone involved in the Amazing Christmas Light Display.

Councilman Craig thanked Patti Scott for the success of the Amazing Christmas Light Display.

Councilman Hodge thanked everyone involved in the Amazing Christmas Light Display. Councilman Hodge asked that the City set aside \$1,000,000.00 of the SPLOST funds for recreation projects. The City Manager will get figures together and present them at the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Arnold thanked everyone involved in the Amazing Christmas Light Display. He stated that he had received a lot of positive feedback from the public.

Councilman Tallent thanked everyone involved in the Amazing Christmas Light Display and is looking forward to next years display.

City Manager Arnold stated that the Veterans Group was looking for a meeting place. Patti Scott stated she has an empty room available at Lowell Green which they can use 2-3 times per month.

Mayor Florence thanked the visitors for attending the meeting. Mayor Florence asked for motions to appoint the following to serve on committees:

Councilman Swanson made motion to appoint Renee Stapleton to the LaFayette Housing Authority Board her term to expire in June 2009. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Swanson made motion to appoint Denise Carson to the Walker County Health Department Board. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Florence stated that the dedication for the new clubhouse would be February 7, 2009 at 11:00 am.

There being no further business, Mayor Florence declared the meeting adjourned.

This _____, day of _____, 2009.

Mayor

City Clerk