

MINUTES OF MAYOR  
& COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010  
@ 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Florence, Councilmen Arnold, Craig, Hodge, Swanson and Tallent, Assistant City Attorney Gottlieb, City Manager Arnold, City Clerk Snyder 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 Craig made motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 regular meeting as published and distributed. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**PARADE FLOAT WINNERS**

Mayor Florence presented checks to the following winners in the Christmas Parade:

**CHURCH/INDIVIDUAL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place –Dancers at Heart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place –Mount Zion Baptist Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Corinth Baptist Church

**BUSINESS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Bank of LaFayette
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-S&L Carpet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Fred's Discount Store

Mayor Florence thanked everyone that participated in and came by to watch the parade.

**YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Florence presented the following employees with Years of Service plaques:

**10 Years:** Wendell Young, Jan Bridges.

**20 Years:** Storey McKnight.

**30 Years:** Sue Underwood, Wesley Steele.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Mayor Florence presented City Clerk Snyder with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2009 from GFOA.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Councilman Arnold made motion to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the Walker County Board of Education stating the Board of Education will convey to the City real property that joins the City's property at the old LaFayette High School. The City shall provide to the Board in-kind services, tap-ons, water, labor and/or materials for the new k-8 elementary school to be constructed. In-kind services not to exceed \$5,000.00. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BRENT BIGHAM WATER LINE REQUEST**

Councilman Arnold made motion to take possession of the water line at Blue Mountain Airpark per request from Brent Bigham at no cost to the city. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **SWEITZER ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR: INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT PROGRAM AND SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Councilman Arnold made motion to enter into contract with Sweitzer Engineering for Industrial Waste Surcharge Program and Pretreatment Cost Recovery Program not to exceed \$3,000.00 and Biosolids Annual Report and Annual U.S.E.P.A. Sludge Report not to exceed \$4,000.00. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **2011 WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL**

Councilman Tallent made motion to approve annual premium for Workers Compensation Insurance at a cost of \$323,907.00 from GMA. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **EMPLOYEE BONUSES**

Councilman Tallent made motion to approve employee bonuses as presented by City Manager Arnold. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **AUDITORS REQUEST TO CLOSE BANK ACCOUNT**

Councilman Swanson made motion to authorize City Clerk Snyder to close a bank account at Bank of LaFayette and transfer funds to the General Fund. Councilman Hodge seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**EMPLOYEE TERMINATION HEARING –ROBERT TATE**

Mr. Ted Salter representing Robert Tate addressed the Mayor & Council on the termination of Mr. Tate. Mr. Tate spoke on his behalf, also several others spoke for Mr. Tate. Chief Tommy Freeman told why Mr. Tate was terminated.

Mayor Florence asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilman Arnold made motion to enter into executive session. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion.

After the executive session Councilman Arnold made motion to overturn the termination of Mr. Tate. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2.

**REPORTS**

Councilman Swanson expressed his concern about several streets in the city that need paving. He asked the other Councilmen to contact Senator Mullis and Representative Jay Neal to see if they could help get the streets paved sooner.

Councilman Swanson also commended the Fire & Police Department for the Shop with a Cop Program they do each year.

Councilman Arnold thanked the city employees for the good job they do and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Tallent stated that the Toys for Tots Program was a big success this year.

Mayor Florence announced that LaFayette placed in several areas in “Best of Walker County” contest.

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

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Mayor

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City Clerk