

MINUTES OF  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 @ 6:15 PM

Present: Mayor Florence, Councilmen Arnold, Craig, Swanson and Tallent, Assistant City Attorney Gottlieb, City Clerk Snyder and news media.

Absent: City Manager Arnold.

Mayor Florence called the meeting to order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNUAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Bill Bennett representing Worksite RX the city's current insurance carrier, presented information on quotes he had received on insurance renewal. Mr. Bennett stated that the city had a good year last year and expenses were down 3%. Councilman Swanson made motion to renew insurance with Worksite RX with no increase in premiums. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**2011 AMENDED BUDGET**

Councilman Arnold made motion to adopt 2011 amended budget as presented to Mayor and Council by City Manager Arnold. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**2012 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Councilman Swanson made motion to adopt 2012 budget in the amount of \$21,329,000 as presented to Mayor and Council by City Manager Arnold. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Florence announced the Mayor and Council had chosen a new City Manager –Mr. Frank Etheridge. Mr. Etheridge was formerly the City Administrator of Pembroke, Ga. Mr. Etheridge is scheduled to start in LaFayette on October 10,' 2011.

Mayor Florence read a letter of resignation from City Manager Johnnie Arnold. Mr. Arnold will resign effective October 10, 2011. Councilman Arnold made motion to accept Mr. Arnold's resignation. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Florence told the Council that all the City's checking accounts require two signatures. Councilman Swanson made motion to authorize Mayor Florence to sign any paper work necessary giving him the authority to sign checks either when the City Manager or City Clerk is not available. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:32 Councilman Tallent made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion.

At 7:10 Mayor and Council came back into regular session. As a result of the executive session Councilman Tallent made motion to create an IT position and place Scott Underwood in the position. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk