

MINUTES OF MAYOR  
& COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010  
@ 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Florence, Councilmen Craig, Hodge and Tallent, Assistant City Attorney Gottlieb, City Manager Arnold, City Clerk Snyder and news media.

ABSENT: Councilmen Arnold and Swanson.

Mayor Florence called the meeting to order.

Mayor Florence gave the invocation.

Mayor Florence led the pledge to the American flag.

Councilman Hodge made motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 regular meeting and the March 29, 2010 Special Called Meeting as published and distributed. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

**VISITORS \$ GUESTS**

**LAMAR BOND- PROBLEM WITH TREE IN HIS YARD AT 904 GILBERT LANE**

Mr. Lamar Bond told the Council that a tree was leaning in his yard and was in danger of either falling on the power lines or his residence. He asked that the city either cut the tree or move the power pole. City Attorney Gottlieb stated that if the tree is on private property it is the homeowner's responsibility to have it removed. The Council asked Kevin Jones and City Manager Arnold to check to see if the tree is on the right-of-way and to see if the pole could be moved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

none

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WITHDRAWAL PERMIT**

Councilman Tallent made motion to enter into a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Sweitzer Engineering for Lee School Road Water Treatment Plant and Big Springs Water Treatment Plant. The cost is not to exceed \$12,750.00 unless otherwise authorized in writing. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ROCK SPRING WATER PUMP STATION**

Councilman Hodge made motion to award low bidder, Willow Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$567,700.00 (GEFA funds) for Water System Improvements –Rock Spring Water Pump Station. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**POST AERATION GRANT**

Councilman Tallent made motion to solicit contractor bids before accepting the Post Aeration Grant. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**AUDIT**

Councilman Tallent made motion to approve the 2009 audit as presented by Williamson & Co. CPA. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL TO CLOSE TWO (2) BANK ACCOUNTS**

Councilman Tallent made motion to close two bank accounts that are no longer used and transfer the money to the General Fund. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MAGNOLIA STREET REPAIRS PROJECT**

Tabled.

**SIGN ORDINANCE-VIOLATION APPEAL & REVISION CONSIDERATION FORM CJ'S SOUTHERN TRADITIONS RESTAURANT**

The issue with CJ's Restaurant had been resolved before the meeting took place. The Council asked City Attorney Gottlieb to go over the requested changes in the sign ordinance.

**PUBLIC SAFETY –CHANGE ORDER REQUEST TO REPLACE CONCRETE IN PARKING GARAGE**

Councilman Hodge made motion to accept low bid of \$3,308.70 (SPLOST funds) from Kenneth Maples & Sons Construction Company to tear up and replace concrete in parking garage at the Public Safety Building. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**QUOTE FOR BLEACHERS AT SOFTBALL COMPLEX**

Councilman Hodge made motion to accept bid from BSN for 8 bleachers at a cost of \$3,425.98 each. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**FIELD EQUIPMENT FOR SOFTBALL COMPLEX**

Councilman Hodge made motion to accept bid from BSN for equipment needed to complete the new fields at Lowell Green softball complex. The cost of the equipment is \$2,456.76. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**GOLF COURSE BATTERY QUOTES**

Tabled.

**DRAINAGE TILE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mayor Florence told Mr. Hannah that the city would sell the school system the drainage tile but would not donate it to the Middle School.

**CHATTOOGA ACADEMY SIGN QUOTE**

Councilman Craig made motion to re-bid the sign for Chattooga Academy (only one bid was submitted) Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**GHOST WALK**

Councilman Tallent made motion to allow the Ghost Walk on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM with each participant signing a waiver. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**GEORGIA CITIES WEEK RESOLUTION**

Councilman Tallent made motion to approve the Georgia Cities Week Resolution, April 18-24 2010. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS**

*Councilman Hodge* reminded everyone about the Spring/Summer Sports Parade to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

*Councilman Tallent* congratulated Kevin Jones and Vanessa Gilliam on their recent promotions.

*City Manager Arnold* requested an executive session to discuss real estate.

*Mayor Florence* thanked Vanessa for the good job done during the cemetery clean up.

At 9:15 pm Councilman Tallent made motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

There being no further business, Mayor Florence declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Mayor

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City Clerk