

MINUTES OF MAYOR  
& COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010  
@ 7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilman Craig.

Mayor Florence called the meeting to order.

Councilman Arnold gave the invocation.

Mayor Florence led the pledge to the American flag.

Councilman Arnold made motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010 regular meeting and June 1, 2010 special called meeting as published and distributed. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**VISITORS & GUESTS**

**PLAQUE PRESENTATIONS**

On behalf of the City Mayor Florence presented plaques to the following state champion wrestlers: Preston McCalmon, Seth Taylor and Justin Ownby (not present). Mayor Florence also recognized P J Shields who won the 2009 state golf title.

**KEY KOUKAS –BEER & WINE**

Mr. Koukas asked the Council to reconsider the sale of beer and wine at restaurants inside the City. He told of the hardship restaurant owners are having now and believes the sale of beer and wine would help their business. Also, Mr. Santiago spoke about how the sale of beer and wine would help his business.

Councilman Hodge made motion to allow the sale of beer and wine at restaurants inside the city, once all rules and ordinances are drawn up. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1.

A work session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 6:15 pm.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ANNUAL RENEWAL**

Mr. Lee Dendy and Mr. Brett Hooker both addressed the council regarding their insurance packages. No action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Florence read a letter from Ms. Karen Loughridge, recognizing two city employees for their brave actions taken while passing by her house. The two employees Wade Forrest and Charles Robinson noticed smoke coming from Ms. Loughridge garage and stopped to help.

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE PAYROLL –DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Tabled.

**GOLF CARTS LOAD TESTING**

Councilman Tallent made motion to purchase 108 batteries for existing golf carts at \$75.00 per battery. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REZONING REQUEST –PROPERTY OWNED BY TABITHA RUSSELL**

Codes Director Rod Robertson suggested amending the zoning ordinance to allow for conditional use instead of rezoning the property.

Councilman Swanson made motion to rezone property at 502 N. Main St. from O-1 to B-2 for a period of three months. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 -NORTH WALKER COUNTY WATER PROJECT**

Councilman Arnold made a motion for approval of Change Order No. 2 for the pipeline construction contract with K. M. Davis Contracting Co., Inc. on the North Walker County Water Mains project, Divisions II & III. The Change Order adds 40 linear ft. of 16-inch steel casing bored in place under Old Highway 27 and 55 linear feet of 12 inch steel casing bored in place under Pin Oak Dr. The increase in Contract Price will be \$17,150.00. The change order was recommended by Sweitzer Engineering, Inc. because the Walker County Road Department will not allow the roads to be open cut in locations where bored casings are feasible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hodge. Motion carried 4-0.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 -NORTH WALKER COUNTY WATER PROJECT**

Councilman Arnold made a motion for approval of Change Order No. 3 for the pipeline construction contract with K. M. Davis Contracting Co., Inc. on the North Walker County Water Mains project, Divisions II & III. The Change Order adds 60 days to the Contract Time and no increase in Contract Price. The change order was recommended by Sweitzer Engineering, Inc. to allow the Contractor to sub-let Division III of the work to the pipeline construction firm which has just completed Division I of the project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hodge. Motion carried 4-0.

**GEFA FUNDING REQUEST**

Councilman Arnold made motion to authorize Mayor Florence to sign an application with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) for loan funds for the City's Post Aeration Facility project at the wastewater treatment plant. The City has been awarded a \$300,000.00 Energy Conservation grant for the project and Sweitzer Engineering, Inc. has recommended applying for a \$500,000.00 GEFA/SRF loan for the additional funds needed for the project. The

loan will be at 3% interest rate for a 20 year term and requires a 2% closing fee. Bids for construction of the Post Aeration Facility will be opened on July 1, 2010. Councilman Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT APPROVAL**

Councilman Arnold made motion to approve the Annual Water Quality Report for 2009 as presented. Councilman Tallent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **MEAG POWER ANNUAL ELECTION VOTING & ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATES**

Councilman Tallent made motion to appoint Councilman Arnold as alternate voting delegate for the 2010 MEAG Power Annual Election. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Councilman Tallent made motion to pay GMA membership dues for year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$3,082.76. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR FEMA FLOOD DAMAGE**

Tabled.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION FOR HISTORICAL DISTRICT GUIDELINES**

Councilman Tallent made motion to adopt a Resolution with Ga. DNR agreeing to the terms of the contract for a state grant in the amount of \$9,000.00. Also authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **K-9 MARCO**

Councilman Tallent made motion to surplus Marco and give him to Sgt. Randy Hicks. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **SWIMMING AT QUEEN CITY LAKE**

No action taken.

#### **REPORTS**

Councilman Swanson asked Chief Freeman to look into the possibility of getting several trustees from the County to help out the City with mowing.

Councilman Swanson mentioned that Codes Director Rod Robertson is now working on getting a property cleaned up on N. Circle Dr.

City Manager Arnold recommended that the City participate in an advertizing program with MGAG. Councilman Arnold made motion to participate in the Advertizing Program with the Gas Authority. Councilman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Florence reminded everyone that the Freedom Festival is July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilman Hodge made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion.

As a result of the Executive Session, Councilman Swanson made motion to create a position of Assistant Clubhouse Manager and appoint Ched Jackson to the position with a pay increase to begin in October. Councilman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, Mayor Florence declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

This \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Mayor

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City Clerk