

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:03 p.m. on June 15, 2011, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills; Council Members Chris Bowen, Gerald Hinesley, Marty Jones and Cleveland Stroud. Council Member Vince Evans was absent.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member Gerald Hinesley.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor’s Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone, and recognized Steven Bailey from Boy Scout Troop 447 who is earning his Communications Merit Badge.

Citizen’s Communication – Mrs. Bessie M. Gardner addressed the Council regarding an explanation of her tax bill.

Agenda Revisions – There were no agenda revisions.

Minutes – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011, regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Chris Bowen, Gerald Hinesley, Marty Jones and Cleveland Stroud voted aye. Council Member Vince Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

1. Lieutenant Sherry Arnold was recognized for her recent graduation from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command Program. Chief of Police Gene Wilson stated that Lieutenant Arnold is the first officer from the Conyers Police Department to graduate from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command Program.

Old Business:

1. **Public hearing: Ordinance No. 841 of the proposed annual budget for the City of Conyers Fiscal Year 2011-2012.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented Ordinance No. 841 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.
There was no one wishing to address the Council.
Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.
No action was necessary to be taken at this time.
2. **Public hearing: Second reading of Ordinance No. 842 Amending the Charter of the City of Conyers to Reapportion the Election Districts; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.** Assistant City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck presented Ordinance No. 842 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.
Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.
Mrs. Bessie Gardner addressed the Council and stated that she was against the redistricting as it is now. She stated that she would prefer that District 2 be made into two separate districts to serve the interest of the public more equitably.
Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.
Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 842 Amending the Charter of the City of Conyers to Reapportion the Election Districts; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing: Request approval to adopt Resolution No. 594 authorizing the continued imposition and collection of a ‘911’ charge in the amount of \$1.50 per month on wireless telecommunications connections within the City of Conyers.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented Resolution No. 594 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Chief Operating Officer David Spann asked for Council’s approval of Resolution No. 594. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve Resolution No. 594 authorizing the continued imposition and collection of a “911” charge in the amount of \$1.50 per month on wireless telecommunications connections within the City of Conyers. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Public hearing: Request approval to adopt Resolution No. 595 authorizing the continued imposition and collection of a ‘911’ charge in the amount of \$1.50 per month per exchange access facility.** Chief Operating Officer David Spann presented Resolution No. 595 to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Chief Operating Officer David Spann asked for Council’s approval of Resolution No. 595. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to approve Resolution No. 595 authorizing the continued imposition and collection of a “911” charge in the amount of \$1.50 per month per exchange access facility. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Members Bowen, Hinesley, Jones and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. **Request approval of an Agreement By and Between the City of Conyers and Rockdale County for the Conduct of the City of Conyers’ General Municipal Election on November 8, 2011.** Assistant City Attorney Carrie Bootcheck presented the Agreement to the Council and asked for Council’s approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve an Agreement By and Between the City of Conyers and Rockdale County for the Conduct of the City of Conyers’ General Municipal Election on November 8, 2011. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. Council Member Bowen, Hinesley, Jones and Stroud voted aye. Council Member Evans was absent. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/Big Haynes Creek Nature Center Committee*, reported that the new interpretive station and signs are going in at the Nature Center.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report at this time.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee*, reported that the DDA had given Jorge Flores a 45-day agreement to conduct a feasibility study which began June 8, 2011, regarding the Bumper Building at 941 Main Street. Council Member Jones also stated that a box plant will be moving into Conyers.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, was absent.

City Manager's Update – Chief Operating Officer David Spann addressed the Council and reminded them of the called Council meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Manager's office. He also reminded them of the filming to take place in Olde Town on Monday, June 20, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. COO Spann reminded everyone of O. T. Adams' visitation Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Scot Ward Funeral Home and funeral service on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at Scot Ward Funeral Home.

Executive Session – Chief Operating Officer David Spann stated there was no need for an executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk



Randal S. Mills, Mayor