

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on April 15, 2015, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills, Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley and Cleveland Stroud.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member John Fountain.

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

Mayor’s Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens’ Communication – Mary Blount, owner of Escentually Yours, a gift boutique, located at 924 Center Street in Olde Town Conyers, addressed the council with concerns about the film industry and its impact on the economic success of Olde Town businesses.

Agenda Revisions: City Manager Tony Lucas indicated that a proclamation recognition proclaiming April as “Safe Digging Month” would be added to the agenda under recognitions.

Minutes – Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions: Mayor Mills presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 12-18 National Telecommunicators Week and recognized the communications operators from the Communications/9-1-1 Center present.

Mayor Mills also presented a proclamation to Joseph Martin of the Georgia Utility Coordinating Council declaring the month of April “Safe Digging Month” in Conyers.

Debra Curry (Communications) was recognized for five years of service to the city.

Jil Goodson (Georgia International Horse Park) was recognized for 25 years of service to the city.

New Business:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. Request to approve Ordinance No. 983, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Conyers, Georgia Chapter 7 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, so as to amend Section 8-7-41 D, Downtown District, to insert Sign Company as a special use in downtown center subareas; to provide additional criteria for such development and uses; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; for other purposes; and waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 983.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

There was no one in attendance who wished to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 983 and waive the second reading. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Intergovernmental Agreement to purchase from Rockdale County 6” Pixel Resolution Digital Orthophotography for the entire city limits of Conyers, Georgia in accordance with Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B.” The total purchase amount is \$4,031.12.** Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve the purchase of the digital orthophotography from Rockdale County. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, congratulated the Conyers Main Street Program on earning national accreditation.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that there would be economic development announcements coming soon from the Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council. He also reported that the Downtown Development Authority was considering reviving the façade grant program and researching the possibility of a new mural in Olde Town Conyers.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that the Conyers Police Department was the recipient of 150 overdose emergency injectors and had also received a medication disposal unit from CVS Pharmacy that was placed in the lobby of the police department for the public's use.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee* reported that the Ragnar Trail Relay was a success with over 2,000 participants at the Horse Park the past weekend. He also said there are three horse shows and a dog show taking place at the GIHP this coming weekend.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, stated that the Railroad Street project is continuing slowly due to weather delays.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas reiterated the importance of the overdose emergency injectors the police department received. He reminded the council of the upcoming Taste of Conyers and Conyers Car Show on Saturday, May 2 in Olde Town Conyers. He also reported that Masters Week at Cherokee Run Golf Club was a success with over 600 rounds played, and that at the Easter Sunday brunch from the previous week, over 240 were served.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas said there was a need for executive session regarding potential litigation. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Edwards, Deputy City Clerk