

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2009, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, Georgia.

**Roll Call** – Present: Mayor Randal Mills; Council Members Chris Bowen, Vince Evans, Gerald Hinesley, Marty Jones, and Cleveland Stroud.

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

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

**Mayor's Welcome** – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

**Citizens' Communication:**

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

**Agenda Revisions** – Director David Spann addressed the Council and asked that Recognition Item #2 be removed due to the absence of Christopher Moon who was to be recognized for 5 years of service to the City and the Conyers Police Department. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to remove Recognition Item #2 from the agenda. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Minutes:**

1. A motion was made by Council Member Marty Jones to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2009, regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Recognition:**

1. Mayor Mills presented a proclamation to Judge Nancy Bills declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**New Business:**

1. **Ratify Resolution for Designation of Applicant's Agent, which is required in order for GEMA to be able to make payment to the City for flood damage** – Director of the Georgia International Horse Park Jennifer Bexley presented the resolution to the Council. Director Bexley explained that this is necessary for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act. She further stated that Director of Finance Isabel Rogers is designated as the agent on behalf of the City of Conyers.

Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the ratification of the Resolution for Designation of Applicant's Agent. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Appointment of Karen Benton to the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission for a three-year term retroactive from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012** – Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to appoint Karen Benton to the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission for a three-year term retroactive from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012 to the Council. Council Member Hinesley made a motion to approve the appointment of Karen Benton to the Conyers/Rockdale Planning Commission for a three-year term retroactive from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012. Council Member Marty Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye.

3. **Committee Reports**

- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Transportation Committee*, stated that the Milstead Avenue project is progressing well, but due to the enormous amount of rain the work had to be delayed and the completion date has now been moved to November. He also stated that the public painting of the mural at 1162 West Avenue was held on October 8 and was well received with approximately 125 citizens participating in the painting.
- Council Member Marty Jones, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee*, reported that the cost estimate is in for Rockdale County's Judicial Center and that the location is still being discussed; however, he feels that Olde Town is the best site.

- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, stated a \$230,000 COPS grant had been approved. He also commended Trish Woodward for receiving the 2009 Director of the Year at the Georgia Emergency Communications Conference which was a joint conference of both the Georgia Chapters of Public Safety Communications Officials and the National Emergency Number Association. Council Member Stroud also stated that Chief of Police David Cathcart had recently attended the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) Conference in Denver, Colorado.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *Utilities/Stormwater/BHCNC Committee*, stated that because of the rain there was flood damage at the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center, but that funds to repair the damage have been requested from FEMA under the Disaster Relief Act. He also stated that stormwater damage was minimal in the City.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Co-Chairman of the *Arts Committee* stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

City Manager's Update – There was no City Manager's update.

Executive Session – Director David Spann stated there was a need for an Executive Session to include Jennifer Bexley, Director of the Georgia International Horse Park, to discuss potential litigation and the purchase and sale of real estate. Council Member Marty Jones made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation and the purchase and sale of real estate and include Jennifer Bexley, Director of the Georgia International Horse Park. Council Member Chris Bowen seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

  
Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk