

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 16, 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 Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens' Comments – There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions – City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Council to add as agenda item #7 regarding the appointment of Lana Lane as City Clerk.

Minutes:

Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. 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.

Recognitions:

Chief of Police Gene Wilson addressed the Council and presented the Reaccreditation Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. to the Conyers Police Department.

Old Business:

1. **First amendment to the SPLOST Agreement between the City of Conyers and Rockdale County for the purpose of levying and collecting a one percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects and identifying those projects for the City of Conyers and Rockdale County. The original amendment was dated October 1, 2015.** Chief Financial Officer Isabel presented the First Amendment to the SPLOST Agreement to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the SPLOST Agreement between the City of Conyers and Rockdale County. 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.

New Business:

1. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Conyers (CITY) and Rockdale County for the installation of the Olde Town Conyers Trail at Pine Log Park.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
2. **Addendum to contract with the Commission on Accreditation for the Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the Addendum to contract with the Commission on Accreditation for the Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve and 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.
3. **Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Conyers and the Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia for Tax Refund Intercept Program participation.** Chief of Police Gene Wilson presented the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Conyers and the Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia for Tax Refund Intercept Program to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve and Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
4. **Application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises licenses (David Cammarata – Ruby Tuesday, Inc. #2673 – 1714 Highway 138, Conyers, GA 30013).** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council stating that all background checks have been done and no violations were found and made a motion to approve. 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.

5. Application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises licenses (Akbar Punjani – A-Square C Store, Inc. d/b/a Chevron Food Mart – 1776). Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council stating that all background checks have been done and no violations were found and made a motion to approve. 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.
6. Application for a beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises licenses (Isabell Luize Williams – Rare Hospitality International, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse #5362 – 1294 Iris Drive, S.W., Conyers, GA 30094). Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council stating that all background checks have been done and no violations were found and made a motion to approve. 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.
7. (Agenda Revision) Request approval of the appointment of Lana Lane as City Clerk of the City of Conyers effective January 1, 2016. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the appointment of Lana Lane as City Clerk of the City of Conyers effective January 1, 2016. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that the City's Christmas party and parade held December 4th and 5th were very successful. He also reported that the DDA is accepting grant applications for façade upgrades in Olde Town businesses.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, gave kudos to the Conyers Police Department for receiving CALEA reaccreditation.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, stated that Cherokee Run is going good and that the GIHP is getting ready to start their winter projects.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, had nothing to report.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that the Unique Venues Magazine voted the GIHP as the Best Outdoor Event Space. He also reported the K-9 Eddie and his handler, Sergeant Myra Scruggs, found an elderly lady in the woods from Rockdale Healthcare. He reminded everyone of the Christmas Party on December 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Cherokee Run. He also reminded everyone that the City will be closed on December 24 & 25, 2015 for Christmas holidays.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there was no need for an executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:

 Lana R. Lane, City Clerk