

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. on January 21, 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 Welcome** – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone and recognized Mr. Jeff Riley the new Mayor of Mansfield.

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

**Agenda Revisions** – There were no agenda revisions.

**Minutes** – Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 regularly scheduled City 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.

Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 State of the City address. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

1. The following individuals were recognized by CPD Chief Gene Wilson and received a Felony Apprehension Commendation: Sergeant Jarrett Norton, Sergeant Bill Connell, Officer Brian Kirby, Corporal Shyra Hardwick, and Corporal Jerahmy Williams.
2. The following individuals were recognized by CPD Chief Gene Wilson and received the Chief's Commendation: Sergeant Jay Archer, Officer Chase Bagwell, K-9 Officer John Bobo, and former Reserve Officer Craig Cannon.
3. Special recognition was given to K-9 Officer John Bobo and K-9 Brody who recently passed away.
4. The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the City: Charles Drake (Public Works & Transportation) – 10 years; K-9 Officer Myra Scruggs – CPD – 10 years; and Major Mike Waters – CPD – 25 years.

**New Business:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING. Request to approve Ordinance No. 976, 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 8-7-44, GV, Gateway Village District to insert trade fixtures and utility trailers, equipment and supplies as principal uses permitted by-right in the urban village subarea and to amend various provisions for outdoor storage in the urban village subarea; to amend Section 8-7-96, non-conforming uses and structures; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Ron Ayers, representing Rockland Cargo, addressed the Council in favor of the request.

Mr. Philip Lehman, representing Discover Point Church, addressed the Council in favor of the request.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Council Member Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 973. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. After discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to table the request until the first meeting in February. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Request to approve bid submitted by United Maintenance, Inc. for Heating and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance & Service for the City of Conyers Government Complex, Cherokee Run, GIHP, Welcome Center, Veal Street**

- Community Center, and Public Works and Transportation. Bid amount requested for approval is \$3,085.00 for quarterly maintenance. The normal hourly rate for repairs is \$91. The overtime hourly rate is \$115. Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve. 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.
3. Request approval of Resolution No. 625 setting the qualifying fees for Council Members for District 2, Post 2, for District 3, and for District 4 for the November 3, 2015 General Election. City Attorney Michael Waldrop presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 625. 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.
4. Request for Mayor and Council to approve Corrected Right-of-Way Deed for sidewalks located at The Corner Market located at Flat Shoals and Parker Roads. Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request and made a motion to approve. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members voted aye. Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. Request for Mayor and Council to approve an Amendment No. 1 to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Conyers (CITY) and Rockdale County dated October 21, 2012 relative to the widening of Sigman Road beginning at Lester Road and ending at the Dogwood Connector. With this Amendment the CITY agrees to reimburse Rockdale County but not to exceed an additional \$1,000,000 for Preliminary Engineering, Environmental Right-of-Way and Construction. The CITY shall only provide Right-of-Way and Construction funds provided the 2016 SPLOST referendum is passed. Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve. Council Member Cleveland Stroud 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 and wine consumption on premise license – (DeNyne Williams – Taste of the Trucks, LLC d/b/a Just Loaf'n – 1410 Klondike Road, Suite C – Conyers, GA 30094). Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found; 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.
7. Appointment of Scott Hartsell to the Conyers Main Street Board for a two-year term (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016). City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to appoint Scott Hartsell to the Conyers Main Street Board for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the appointment. 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.
8. Appointment of Alec Smith to the Conyers Main Street Board for a one-year term (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015). City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to appoint Alec Smith to the Conyers Main Street Board for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the appointment. 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.
9. Re-appointment of LaRuth Stowe to the Board of Commissioners of the Conyers Housing Authority for a five-year term (September 11, 2014 – September 11, 2019). City Manager Tony Lucas presented the request to re-appoint LaRuth Stowe to the Board of Directors of the Conyers Housing Authority for a five-year term beginning September 11, 2014 and ending September 11, 2019, and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Chris Bowen made a motion to approve the re-appointment. 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.

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, reported that several officers and civilians from the Conyers Police Department attended the Walk of Heroes Rally in Appreciation for Law Enforcement. He also reported that Congressman Hank Johnson, Georgia State Patrol Sergeant Tracy English, and Rockdale County Sheriff Eric Levett were among the speakers; as well as Conyers Police Chief Gene Wilson and Sergeant Peggy Franklin.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that Mayor Mills was re-elected as Chairman of the Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council.
- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing new to report.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and commended the Conyers Police Explorers and Chief Wilson on the Explorer program. He also commended K-9 Officer John Bobo.

**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 8:15 p.m.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

